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It is already October but Delhiites are still sweating their heart out with humidity levels oscillating between 53 and 82 per cent. The maximum temperature on Monday was recorded at 36.1 degree Celsius, two notches above normal, while the minimum temperature settled at 27.6 degree Celsius, six notches above normal for this time of the year.

There were light showers in some parts of Delhi and there are similar prediction for Tuesday too when the maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be 36 and 28 degrees respectively. As humid weather continues, medical experts say the threat of viral fever continues.

Already, the national capital has witnessed a rise of 43 per cent in the cases of chikungunya in last one week. As many as 5,293 people have been affected with chikungunya in the city, with 15 death reported.

Out of the total cases recorded till October 1, over 500 have been reported in areas falling under the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC).

Nearly 3,700 cases were reported in Delhi till September 24, according to South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC), which tabulates the data for vector-borne disease cases in Delhi on behalf of all the civic bodies here.

Among the three corporations, 515 cases in areas under the NDMC, 498 under the SDMC and 172 under the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) have been reported this season.

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In 2006 over 13 lakh cases of chikungunya were reported. At least 19,617 people have been affected by chikungunya across the country till September 25, with 10,334 in Karnataka and 1,187 in Maharashtra, according to NVBDCP.

Dengue cases, which have crossed the 2,100 mark in the city, have begun to plateau unlike last year when 6,775 cases were reported in September alone.

According to a municipal report, 2,133 dengue cases have been recorded till October 1.

At least 21 deaths due to dengue were reported at various hospitals, including nine at AIIMS, though civic bodies claim it to be four. In 2015, the city saw a staggering 15,867 dengue cases - the worst in the last 20 years with the disease claiming 60 lives, as per municipal reports.

In 1996, a severe outbreak of dengue had occurred in Delhi when about 10,252 cases and 423 deaths were reported, prompting the authorities to declare it a notifiable disease

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