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Over 10 cases of dengue have been reported in the city since the past few weeks, most of which (patients) were suspected to have got the dengue fever from outside the state. September and October are two months usually considered as the peak for dengue when coupled with the monsoon. Clogged drainage and stagnant waters in low lying areas of Dimapur serves as breeding grounds which could add up to the number of cases.

In this regard, the state malaria department has been urged to take up immediate measures to tackle the issue. As per WHO recommendations, larvae and fever survey is to be conducted within 400 metres of the area where dengue patients are found.

Assam, Manipur and Mizoram have already reported dozens of dengue cases. Dengue and Chikungunya are widespread diseases that require close attention in India, eminent scientist and an international expert on Ebola, Peter Piot has said. "There is a need for countries to build better and more responsive health systems and services. This calls for synergies among NGOs, communities, inter-governmental coalitions for a more systematic approach. Overall, if we focus more on preparedness and human rights, we will accomplish more,"

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Piot, co-discoverer of the Ebola virus and Director, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine during his lecture at the Indian Institute of Public Health-Hyderabad highlighted the threat of viruses may be "exacerbated" by the current context of ecological change, climate change, global mobility, international travel and trade, human demographics and behaviour, agricultural and environmental pollution.

While the mode of transmission varies from one virus to another, stigma and misinformation are common threads that determine how swiftly the epidemic is controlled, Piot said.

"He also shared that media attention has the power to make a significant difference in perceptions. In 1976, when the first Ebola outbreak took place, only a few short articles made it to international news, whereas in the age of 24 hour news channels and social media, connectivity should quicken the pace of reaching out to the public with "risk communication messages", he said.

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