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Both government and private hospitals in Vijayawada are flooded with hundreds of typhoid cases which are being registered after a series of continuous rains lashed the city from past two weeks. More than malaria and dengue, it is typhoid fevers that are on the rise due to the consumption of polluted water and improper food. The general pediatric ward of new Government General Hospital in the city is filled with patients suffering from viral fevers.

At present, over 641 malaria cases, 105 dengue cases and over 712 typhoid cases have been registered in both government and private hospitals in Krishna district. Currently, 7 dengue cases, 21 malaria cases and 62 typhoid cases are being treated in the new GGH. Similarly, most of the private hospitals are flooded with patients inflicted with viral fevers. Doctors cite that typhoid fevers are increasing day by day due to unhealthy lifestyle as a majority of the people consume outside food and impure water.

"Many people, inflicted with typhoid, are found to be neglecting their health. It is a serious fever which disturbs the immune system and intestines which further leads to Hepatitis B. In order to avoid these complications, everyone must maintain

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hygiene while taking food and always consume purified or warm water. Especially during monsoon rains, the water gets polluted easily and one must consume water after boiling it," said Dr K. Neeraja, a senior physician.

TVSN Sastry, Krishna district District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) said, "Monsoon always comes with a package of seasonal fevers and typhoid is one among them. Even for typhoid, we say prevention is better than cure. One must avoid consuming outside food for the entire monsoon season as the water gets polluted easily. As far as other viral fevers caused by dengue and malaria are concerned, the district is on the safe side with zero deaths."

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