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Fresh cases of viral fevers continue to trickle in from various parts of the undivided Khammam district spurring demands for intensive preventive measures to check the spread of viral fevers and vector-borne diseases.

The fever ward in the District Headquarters Hospital here has virtually overflowed with patients on Thursday. A few patients had to share beds laid on the floor due to shortage of beds and space constraints. The situation is no different in other State-run hospitals elsewhere in the district, sources said.

There has been a steady rise in the number of patients suffering from seasonal ailments like viral fevers and mosquito borne diseases visiting the private hospitals and diagnostic laboratories in the last few days.

Sources said that a degree student died of viral fever at a tribal hamlet near Kusumanchi late on Wednesday night. An eight-year-old boy died of suspected

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dengue fever at Chunchupalli in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district on Thursday, sources added.

Meanwhile, the activists of the CPI town council staged a dharna in front of the office of the District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) in Khammam demanding urgent measures to control the spread of viral fevers and vector-borne diseases in various divisions of the Khammam Municipal Corporation (KMC) and other parts of the district. Addressing the dharna, the CPI town leaders deplored that the suburban areas and villages surrounding the town apart from various divisions in the KMC limits were reeling under the grip of fevers mainly due to poor sanitation. They demanded that the authorities implement epidemic prevention measures to safeguard public health.

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