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Title:	240 afflicted by dengue in district Dimapur, Kohima, Nagaland			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Dimapur, Kohima, SSU-Nagaland			

Altogether 240 individuals in Dimapur and Kohima have tested positive for dengue since January this year up to now.

Out of the 1,305 blood samples tested in Dimapur, 235 were found to be positive. Similarly, five out of the 235 samples tested in Kohima were found to be positive

Talking to this reporter, Dimapur chief medical officer (CMO) K Vikato Kinimi, however, said no death had been reported so far.

He claimed that the health department had been following up on any rumour about deaths being attributed to dengue and that programme officer were directly contacting dengue patients via phone calls.

"As far as medication is concerned, no haemorrhagic signs and symptoms have been detected during diagnosis," he added.

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According to Kinimi, dengue had become a serious issue last year, but added that people were now more aware and taking necessary precautions.

He further claimed that the health department was continuously going around sensitising people on how to prevent dengue outbreak. He also lauded Agarwal Mahasabha for carrying out fogging drive to control dengue outbreak in Dimapur and its adjoining areas.

Meanwhile, confirming the five dengue cases in the district, Kohima CMO Dr Ritu Thurr said dengue surveillance was being jointly taken up by National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) and Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP). He said, of the five confirmed cases, four were imported, meaning they had a travel history to Dimapur. Only one was indigenous case as the individual had no travel history and it was an isolated case, he added.

Thurr said some samples were sent to Dimapur Sentinel Site Laboratory (DSSL) at Dimapur District Hospital due to shortage of dengue testing facility in the district.

Dengue confirmatory test ELISA had been recently made available in Kohima district under SSL, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima and tests were carried out in the State Capital too, he added.

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