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As intermittent rain brought relief to residents from soaring temperatures, it has also led to a rise in the number of malaria and dengue cases in Panchkula, compelling the health department to step up the awareness campaign. According to the department, 12 cases of dengue have been reported in the General Hospital, Sector 6. Most of the cases are being reported from Haripur village, Sector 4 and parts of Old Panchkula.

“The current weather conditions are quite favorable for dengue mosquitoes to breed. The temperature is high during the day with clear sky, while there are rainshowers in the evening. People must be careful and sanitise their houses and surroundings and do not let water stagnate in open containers or in surroundings,” said malaria inspector Jasbir Singh. The number of cases is higher than last year, when only five cases were reported by September. Apart from dengue, as many as 92 cases of malaria have been reported in the district so far.

The officials have identified the sensitive areas and have intensified awareness programmes, especially the hutments near the banks of the Ghaggar river.

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Urging residents to consult doctors in case of any symptoms, Singh said dengue can be serious, if not treated on time. "There is flu-like fever, severe headache, body ache, irritation in eyes, appetite loss in a dengue patient. One should immediately consult a doctor and start treatment, because in the later stages, the platelet count can go down. Avoid sitting in dark areas and prefer full-sleeve clothing," he said.

The department is also carrying out fogging and spraying in areas where cases are being reported and residents are being encouraged to take preventive steps – cleaning water coolers or adding a few drops of petrol or kerosene in the stagnated water to kill the larvae.

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