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Title:	Dengue count rises to 729 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Dehradun, SSU-Uttarakhand			

Dengue cases in Dehradun have spiked to 729 on Thursday across the state the count has gone up to 776. In Dehradun, ELISA tests are conducted only in Doon medical college hospital and SRHU, Jolly grant.

Surprisingly, the department has deployed barely 'two' technicians to do ELISA tests and on top of it one of the ELISA Reader machine has gone defunct. And the lab technicians is also struck by dengue as per TOI sources.

Technically the massive outbreak of dengue is currently being tested by 'one' person, and as per the expert doctors, the platelet counts might not be done as effectively and correctly as it should because everyday more than 250 samples are being tested by one person at the laboratory.

The health department along with Corporation has swung into action however, the challenge to give priority to the patients of VIPs and minister is marring the motivation levels of doctors working at Doon government medical college hospital.

As per the staff they have no powers to decide that who should be admitted in the hospital, requesting anonymity, one of the doctors, said, "We are bulked with requests which are sourced to us through ministers to admit their patients or known people on priority rather common men."

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The situation is so grave that people have started threatening the doctors at the hospital that they will be transferred, if their relatives/friend are not treated on priority in the hospital. On Thursday the medical superintendent of the hospital was also threatened by one such guardian, and this has not gone down well with the doctors working at the hospital.

It is no surprise for the doctors that hospital has majority of people with health platelet count (above 50000) admitted at the hospital and the needy ones are standing in queue to get platelets and admission in the hospital. Per day city is requiring at least 200 units of platelets which is a difficult task for the hospital to arrange as every day they are making around 50 units of platelets. The city has come under the grip of dengue extensively, starting from slum-dwellings to posh localities Doonites are in complete grip of dengue.

Doon hospital has increases the number of beds for dengue patients from initially ten to thirty-two now. Currently 18 patients in Doon hospital and 25 in Coronation hospital has been admitted. The situation is so worrisome in the state capital that starting from top police officials to family members of health department's top officials have come under the grip of dengue virus.

Meanwhile, local leaders continue to milk the situation by coming up with unscientific and unapproved claims of more dengue deaths and cases in the city. As per the norms of Centre any case that has not been identified as ELISA positive at a centre recognized laboratory it will not be termed as a dengue case. And most of the people those are claiming to be struck by dengue are actually RAPID positive not ELISA positive. RAPID positive is similar to dengue fever however, not the same fever.

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