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A latest report by Pune Municipal Corporation has revealed that several housing societies in Bibvewadi, Kasba Peth, Bhavani Peth and Warje areas are grappling with chikungunya fever, a viral disease spread by the bite of an infected mosquito.

Nearly 225 cases of chikungunya and more than 800 cases of dengue have been recorded by the civic body's health department from different parts of the city so far this year. An analysis of the 213 chikungunya cases reported between January 1 and August 3, shows that Bibvewadi has the highest number of 40 cases followed by Dhole Patil Road (30), Bhavani Peth (30), Kasba Peth (29) and Warje (22).

"There has been a marked increase in cases of chikungunya this year. Last year, there were 66 cases. The number has already risen to 225 so far this year," said Anjali Sabne, acting head of the PMC's health department.

Explaining the reasons behind the rise, Sabne said, "The initial showers resulted in water accumulation in several areas, creating conducive breeding grounds for Aedes Aegypti, the mosquito that causes dengue and chikungunya."

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Physician Nitin Bora, who practises in Padmavati area, said, "Indiranagar and Sukhsagarnagar in Bibvewadi are among the most-affected." Bora has also noticed a peculiar symptom among his patients -a black spot appears on the tip of the nose of the patients whose symptoms are similar to that of chikungunya while recovering.

"I have seen at least 10 cases where patients have chikungunya-like symptoms starting with high fever followed by severe joint pain, are unable to walk or work. Gradually, they develop rash all over the body. Peculiarly, in a few cases, patients had black spots on the tip of their nose which disappear after 15-20 days without any treatment," Bora said.

Confirming the trend, another physician, Mahesh Wayal who practises in Karvenagar-Warje area, said, "I see at least 8-10 patients with dengue-like symptoms every day. Besides, chikungunya is also on the rise. I see at least two to three patients with chikungunya-like symptoms."

A prominent hotel along the 100-ft DP Road in Karve nagar on Tuesday reported a sizeable number of its staff suffering from symptoms of chikungunya and dengue."Nearly 18 employees of the hotel who stay on the hotel's premises have complaints that indicate a possibility of either dengue or chikungunya. Some are having viral fever," Wayal said.

Shrikant Belgamwar, a doctor from Warje, said, "Several cases are of atypical fever. In most of the cases, we suspect it to be chikungunya, but laboratory tests turn out to be negative. Patients mainly from Uttamnagar and Shivane areas are showing chikungunya-like symptoms".

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