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The Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) in Bilaspur has reported a surge in dengue cases with six confirmed cases on Wednesday and one fatality reported in Raipur. In response to the escalating situation, a state-wide alert has been issued, prompting health authorities to intensify efforts in identifying and treating suspected dengue patients.

Health department spokesman Dr Subhash Mishra told TOI that over the past week, Bilaspur alone has registered 11 dengue patients. Among the recently identified six cases, samples have been dispatched for thorough examination. The recent death in Raipur has deepened concerns within the health department.

The patients, predominantly hailing from rural regions, are primarily concentrated in the Sarkanda area of Bilaspur. Alarming reports of malaria cases are also emerging from the district. To tackle the escalating health crisis, health officials are setting up medical camps in the affected areas, encompassing both rural and urban populations. Cases of other seasonal ailments, including diarrhoea, are also being identified within these camps.

In response to the escalating threat, authorities have issued an advisory underlining

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the critical role of public awareness and information dissemination in preventing dengue outbreaks. The advisory underscores the role of stagnant water and improper drainage systems in facilitating the spread of dengue, urging individuals to eliminate potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Simple measures, such as preventing water stagnation around homes, can effectively deter mosquito breeding and mitigate the risk of dengue transmission.

Early dengue symptoms often mimic those of common fevers or viral infections, leading many to overlook its seriousness until the condition worsens. This lack of awareness and delayed medical intervention have resulted in unnecessary fatalities. Experts strongly recommend that individuals experiencing symptoms like prolonged fever or severe headaches during the rainy season seek immediate dengue testing.

Medical professionals advise those presenting symptoms to seek rapid testing followed by ELISA testing. Only government-approved ELISA tests are considered valid and reliable.

Dengue is transmitted through the bite of the Aedes mosquito. The mosquito is most active during daytime hours and breeds in stagnant water such as coolers, tanks, and open containers that have held water for an extended period. Dr. Mishra, director of epidemic control, advocates for adopting a weekly dry-day practice, involving a complete change of water in household items that might accumulate water.

Dr. Mishra further emphasized that attention should be given to safeguarding the health of vulnerable groups including young children, pregnant women, and elderly, as they are at higher risk of complications from dengue and related illnesses.

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