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At least six fresh cases of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) have been reported in Jharkhand in less than a week, taking the total count of JE cases to 20 in the state this year, officials from the State Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (SVBDPC) said on Tuesday. The total count of JE patients in East Singhbhum has gone up to nine this year so far.

All the new cases have been reported from East Singhbhum district and the Civil Surgeon (SC) concerned has been asked to pay special attention to the most affected areas in the district, said Dr. Vijay Nath Khanna, In-Charge of SVBDPC. "While JE cases have been on the rise, only one fresh case of Dengue and no new case of Chikungunya were reported this week," Khanna said.

According to figures with the SVBDPC, at least 394 samples were tested for JE in Jharkhand so far and 20 of them were positive. A total of 447 samples were tested for Dengue and 33 of them were positive. Besides, at least 13 of 451 samples tested for Chikungunya were positive.

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Khanna said that the State has been holding awareness campaigns in all the 24 districts to put a check on vector borne diseases. The District Administrations have also been inspecting households to find and destroy mosquito larvae in different colonies. During the inspection, many households were also slapped fine for storing dirty water and breeding mosquito larvae, district officials said.

In June, the State Health Department issued an advisory to all the health officials and civil surgeons asking them not to take any case of JE lightly. The State health machinery swung into action after a case of JE was reported in Dumka on June 19.

The new case rang the alarm bells for the State as Bihar was battling a major Encephalitis outbreak at that time.

"The first advisory was issued in the month of May. Vector borne diseases usually spread faster during the Monsoon season, so we are taking all possible steps to prevent and check the spreading of infections," said Khanna.

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