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Just when the state health authorities had written off dengue as a threat and a dip in number of cases were being seen, the dengue spreading Aedes mosquitoes seem to have become active again. In January, 180 new cases have been detected across the state.

Although January is not the dengue season and up till two years ago barely one or two stray cases were reported during this time of the year, dengue has clearly become an all season virus as indicated by experts. Last year, cases were reported throughout the year and the number increased substantially during monsoon season.

With dengue becoming a constant threat, experts say it's time that government start investing in research related to dengue. "Several countries are carrying out research programmes to find ways to deal with the problem. For instance, Singapore is doing research on releasing dummy mosquitoes in the atmosphere to cut out the breeding of Aedes mosquitoes. We also need to look at the research aspect now. Moreover, despite such huge number of cases reported last year, not a single hoarding or flexi, creating awareness about the disease, was put up anywhere in the city. We need to create awareness and take drastic steps towards it," said Dr M Karuna, paediatrician who had filed a PIL in the High Court over inaction of authorities to control dengue.

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The need for focussing on preventive aspect becomes important as dengue is a costly disease. "Being a viral infection there is no specific treatment for dengue and only symptomatic treatment is given. In severe cases, several organs get affected and multi-organ failure is common, which requires ICU care. As a result the cost outcome is huge and yet there is only little chance of survival in severe cases," said a senior official from state health department.

As per state health department, 13,417 dengue cases were recorded across Telangana in 2019. This is the highest number of cases reported in the state till date and has seen the highest jump in number of cases year-on-year (from 4,592 cases in 2018 to 13,417 in 2019).

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