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The hot and scorching summer in the city has not only made life difficult but has also increased the woes of the people. Several cases of serious diseases, such as dehydration, gastroenteritis, jaundice and viral fever are being reported in the city with nursing homes and hospitals witnessing spurt in admissions.

According to information, with temperature shooting up many people have been attacked with cough-cold, seasonal flu dehydration, gastroenteritis and jaundice.

The city is experiencing its hottest April this season. Jamshedpur, the forecast for the next two days is mainly clear skies and a temperature of more than 43 degrees Celsius.

Sources at nursing homes like Steel City Nursing Home, Rajasthan Seva Sadan and Life Line Nursing Home informed that they were treating at least six cases of flu and dehydration on a daily basis.

“We are receiving about five to six cases on a daily basis this summer. The numbers have shot up this time. On Wednesday too, several cases were admitted. While food

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poisoning is not all that serious, doctors always ask for prevention. The summer season has also spoiled sport. Every time during this season cases like these witness rise,” said an official of Rajasthan Seva Sadan.

Meanwhile doctors in the city are urging people to spend minimum time under the sun and to use sun-protection when they move out.

Dr U K Srivastava, general practitioner, said that the rush at his chamber has increased from the last few days. He was regularly examining patients, especially children, complaining of dehydration. People are witnessing similar complaints with the season changing.

“Viral fever was already on the rise due to the sudden climatic changes. Climate changes often trigger off viral infections. Moreover, since Jamshedpur’s humid conditions help the viruses thrive all through the year the situation always become fatal during this time of the year,” said Srivastava.

A city-based dermatologist informed that people are also complaining of burnt skin and rashes in the body due to rising mercury. “I am of the opinion that people should avoid direct sunlight on their skin. It is equally important to wear a cap or gloves while riding or traveling. People should avoid eating food from outside and also dress according to the climate,” he noted.

Residents are complaining of unscheduled power cuts. As temperatures soared, parts of the city under the JUVNL have been experiencing regular power cuts due to shortage of power supply from Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited. For example, neighbourhoods in Jugsalai, Pursudih, Baghbear and Mango complained of nearly six hours of power cut.

Meanwhile, a curfew-like situation prevails in the city during the day as the denizens stay indoors till the evening due to the sweltering heat. Heat waves and sultry weather scare vehicle riders and pedestrians, and it resulted in roads wearing a deserted look during the day. Cases of sun stroke are on the rise in the last two weeks as the temperature shoots up.

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