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Receding rain and floodwaters might have brought cheers among the people, but they are now facing several health problems, like fungal infection and fever caused by mosquito bites. An outbreak of epidemics and waterborne diseases are threatening people in the affected villages in North Karnataka.

According to sources, 15-20% of affected people in the region are now suffering from fungal infections and fever. The authorities are taking precautionary measures to prevent epidemics.

District health officer Dr Yashvanth Madinkar said there was a possibility of outbreak of epidemics and waterborne diseases like gastroenteritis, typhoid, cholera, fungal infection, amoebic dysentery, jaundice and malaria, in the flood-hit areas.

"Our team of doctors in collaboration with IMA doctors are educating people on drinking filtered water, boiled water, keeping their surrounding clean and other

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measures to avoid diseases. Besides, we have taken measures to prevent the supply of contaminated water and started chlorinating water bodies. We will take up massive fogging in the affected places," he said.

Dr Mahesh Manjalapur, medical officer, Handiganur of Haveri district, said around 20% of people in flood-affected areas are suffering from fungal infections. "We are worried about the outbreak of diseases in affected areas, but are geared up to deal with the situation. The condition of elderly people is worrisome as they are suffering from cold," he added.

Dr Sachin Revankar, who visited Kalaghatagi and other flood-hit areas, said many people are suffering from joint pain and fungal infections. "We have come across many such cases during our visit to treat the flood-affected people," he said.

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