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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Dengue cases reported in district Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu</b>			
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Kadayanallur and the adjoining areas that witnessed chikungunya and dengue outbreaks in the past are on the verge of seeing a similar outbreak as some patients suffering from fever have been tested positive for dengue. Though Public Health Department has denied it, the blood analysis reports of the patients disprove officials' claim.

Outbreak of a vector-borne disease is not something new to Kadayanallur as many residents have lost their lives to dengue in 2009, 2010 and 2013. Even before, the residents recovered from chikungunya outbreaks in 2009 and 2010, the town witnessed the worst dengue outbreak in 2013 that claimed more than 40 lives.

Kadayanallu is plagued by poor sanitary conditions and other civic issues, including erratic and insufficient supply of drinking water. The public are compelled to save drinking water for several days as the municipality is yet to resolve the decades-old drinking water issue. The water stored in tanks and barrels provides a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes.

When blood samples of a few children from Kadayanallur and its suburbs, who run a high fever, were analysed a couple of days ago, the symptoms suggested an outbreak of dengue. Kadayanallur municipal administration has silently started fogging and other anti-mosquito operations.

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“Since the doctors here are familiar with the line of management of dengue, thanks to the experience they gained during the previous outbreak, there is nothing to worry about the condition of the affected children. At the same time, the official machinery should have prevented this outbreak,” says Kurichi Sulaiman of Tamil Nadu Thowheedh Jamaath (TNTJ).

Since the TNTJ encouraged its cadres to donate blood to save dengue patients, particularly platelets to those affected, during the previous outbreak, the officials have started contacting the outfit again for blood donors. “It proves that Kadayanallur is all set to witness yet another dengue outbreak even before the onset of northeast monsoon,” says Mr. Sulaiman. However, Public Health Department continues to deny it, saying it is only “viral fever”.

“Tirunelveli does not have any dengue patient. When a dengue case was reported recently from Sankarankovil, he underwent treatment in a Madurai-based hospital and returned home. We’ve taken all preventive measures. We’ve started operation at 440 spots in the district to destroy mosquito breeding spots and 40 sanitary workers are working in every block,” claims Ram Ganesh, Deputy Director of Public Health.

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