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Tuesday morning's unprecedented rains, which left several localities in the city flooded even on Wednesday, have raised the fear of waterborne diseases. As stagnant water becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes, dengue and malaria could be lurking around.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has deployed health personnel drawn from unaffected zones to launch awareness campaigns as well as undertake fogging operations in the flooded areas of southeast and south Bengaluru. With sump tanks in many of these areas flooded with rainwater and sewage lines overflowing, residents are being advised to consume only boiled water. BBMP Health Officer (South) Dr Manoranjan Hegde said his priority is to combat typhoid, jaundice and diarrhoea, which are water-borne diseases. Another team of health inspectors is taking up fogging operations, primarily to kill mosquito larvae which breed on stagnant water.

"With stagnant water and muck all over the place, the roads have become a breeding grounds for mosquitoes," said Vidya Shankar Narayan, a resident of JP Nagar. "Waterlogging has come down but we are worried about our health. Contaminated water has entered into our sump and the house. We are still cleaning them," she added.

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Although water in the flood-affected areas of Bengaluru has receded to a larger extent, mounds of muck continue to deface entire neighbourhoods. Gayathri Kapoor, a businesswoman and resident of ST Bed Layout, was among the many who stayed away from office to clean their houses. "Pumping out all the water is a two-day job. Water entered our kitchen and living room and damaged several household articles. If the city corporation continues to be negligent, our houses will flood again." Nishanth N, who works for HP, took a bus to work as his bike, parked in the basement, is still under water. "There are 15 cars and 40 bikes in the basement which is still flooded, he said. Ravi M, a resident of Koramangala fourth block, is distressed by the inadequate measures taken by the authorities. BBMP chief engineer (storm water drain) Sidde Gowda said the strengthening of drains is a work in progress. "Only 600 metres of the 13.5-km storm water drain network in Koramangala is incomplete. This led to flooding in a few residential areas. The remaining work will be complete in 20 days," he said

Gowda blamed "loads of thermocol" dumped in the drain in Koramangala for the flooding. "We cleared three truckloads of thermocol from a drain near Sony World junction. They were blocking the flow of water," he said. Residents of Dollar's Colony in JP Nagar have demanded the widening of the storm water drain. Gowda said, "Since the place was once a lake, excess rain is likely to flood the area again." A building, which was under construction in Ejipura, tilted raising fears of a collapse. Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who inspected the spot, asked the BBMP to demolish the five-storied building, which incidentally is illegal.

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