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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Six dengue cases reported in Uttarakhand first instance of disease this year</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Nainital & Udham Singh Nagar, SSU-Uttarakhand			

This year's dengue incidents in the state have started surfacing from Kumaon region with four cases reported in Nainital and two in Udham Singh Nagar districts. Last year, Uttarakhand had recorded 849 dengue cases. Health officials said that this year, students have been roped in to spread awareness about the disease on the ground to prevent further spread.

The first case was reported from Nainital in which a 23-year-old woman took ill in the first week of July. The woman had travelled to Hyderabad and it is suspected that she might have contracted the virus from that city, health department sources said. The youngest to contract the virus is a five-year-old girl from Nainital district followed by an eight-year-old boy from Rudrapur in Udham Singh Nagar district. While five patients are undergoing treatment at Sushila Tiwari medical college, one patient was taken to Bareilly in a critical condition by his family.

Following the surfacing of dengue cases, the health department has put Lal Kua, Shani Bazaar and Rudrapur under their surveillance to stop the spread of the virus. Last year, Uttarakhand had recorded 849 dengue cases and in 2016 a staggering 2,046 dengue instances were reported along with four dengue deaths. And to ensure

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that the dengue graph continues to show a downward trend in Uttarakhand, health officials said that this year students will also be roped in to spread awareness about the disease on the ground to prevent further surge in cases.

Dr TC Pant, director general of health department, said, "In a recently held inter-departmental meeting, we decided to combat the dengue virus by working jointly with the education department. We will have students doing project related to source identification activities, such as counting places that are considered best breeding site for dengue mosquitoes. The project will continue for at least two months and students from classes VI to VIII will be roped in." Health department sources said that it has already put its field team on alert and Asha workers have started the source detection work well in advance. Dr Pankaj Singh, nodal officer of Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, said, "We have already started the work of larvae detection. Symptomatic survey of the families of existing dengue patients are also being conducted to ensure none is affected by the virus

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