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<b>Title:</b>	<b>The season's first dengue death case was reported from Bhubaneswar, Odisha</b>			
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The season's first dengue death case was reported from a private hospital in Bhubaneswar. It was confirmed by Braja Kishore Brahma, director of health services of the state, on Thursday.

The patient was identified as Pratima Sahu, 48, of BDA Colony in Bhubaneswar. She was undergoing treatment in the private hospital for dengue. She died late on Wednesday night after her condition became very critical. "Sahu, a diabetic woman with hypertension, tested positive a few days ago. Her previous disease made her condition more critical and she died," said Brahma.

BDA Colony in Chandrasekharapur area itself reported four dengue positive cases within a week. With this, the total number of positive cases in capital touched 11 since January this year. Though it is not an alarming situation for the city, but Sahu's death created fear among the residents of BDA Colony.

Out of the total 20,000 blood samples collected for test, a total of 48 samples tested positive this season. But the number was 45 last year till this date. Last year's first dengue death was reported on August 9 from SCB medical college hospital at Cuttack. The person was from Bihar.

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National vector borne disease control programme (NVBDCP) sources said the state has witnessed 4,108 positive cases and six dengue deaths last year. Similarly, 8,380 positive cases and 11 deaths were reported in 2016.

"The government has already experienced severity of dengue cases in the past. It should take appropriate steps to control the disease. BDA Colony like area in the city is affected by the dengue menace. The health department and the Bhubaneswar municipal corporation (BMC) should have taken preventive steps before the virus spread its tentacles," said Subrat Kumar Das.

Another resident Sisir Kumar Senapati, family member of deceased Sahu, said lack of cleanliness in his area in Chandrasekharapur has helped the dengue virus to grow. "The government should take immediate steps to check it," he added.

The BMC along with the health department has started awareness drives in the dengue affected areas to make people aware about the disease and urge them to adopt best practices to stay away from the virus.

Director of health services said water in air cooler, water pot in Puja room and water container behind the refrigerator should be changed and cleaned every day. Waste materials containing water should be removed from the localities, he added.

The aedes aegypti, a mosquito which spreads dengue fever, can breed in clean water. So, the people should change the water stored in different containers for several days, said the officer.

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