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Title:	33 suspected cases of chikungunya reported in Vadalagaon, Nashik district, Maharashtra			
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The Nashik Municipal Corporation's (NMC) health department has sent blood samples of 33 patients suspected to be suffering from chikungunya to Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV).

These patients, hailing from Vadalagaon area of the city, are complaining of severe joint pains and fever for the last few days. A civic official said one of the reasons behind this is there are many cowsheds in the areas.

"The filthy water from these cowsheds is being released in drains leading to breeding of mosquitoes. Municipal commissioner Tukaram Mudhe has directed civic officials to take strict action against those cowsheds," the official said.

The official did not rule out the possibility of the shutting down these cowsheds. "We are in the process of ascertaining the exact number of cowshed present in that locality. We would be soon serving them notices," he added.

According to the civic official, the symptoms of these 33 patients are similar to Chikungunya ailment. "Some of the local residents were also found to be suffering from diarrhoea," he said.

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The patients are being treated by a team of civic doctors and their condition is said to be stable. The NMC has already confirmed 33 cases of dengue during the first 15 days of this month, majority of the cases are being reported from Satpur and Cidco areas of the city.

According to the civic official, following complaints by some local residents about stagnant water and unhygienic conditions, the health department deployed six teams of officials at Vadalagaon area and carried out a survey on Monday.

The teams covered 341 houses and during the survey, the teams found a total of 110 people suffering from joint pains, fever and diarrhoea.

"There were 65 people who had joint pains. They were mostly elders and such pains are nothing to worry about as far as vector-borne diseases are concerned. But in case of other 33 they have fever and severe joint pains. So, we have sent their blood samples to NIV. There were eight cases of diarrhea as well," the official said, adding that the NMC has already started fogging in Vadalagaon area of the city.

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