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Title:	Woman dies of dengue, first death in Pune, Maharashtra this year			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Pune, SSU-Maharashtra			

The city reported its first dengue death this year after a 78-year-old woman succumbed to the infection at a hospital last week. As many as 193 citizens were infected with the mosquito-borne disease this year, which includes 30 cases in May so far.

The deceased was a resident of Shivajinagar. She complained of high fever, weakness with abdominal swelling or distension for four to five days following which she received symptomatic treatment. "On May 12, her condition worsened and she was rushed to the Ratna Memorial hospital around 9pm," said a doctor from the hospital

The doctor added that the next day, the woman was semi-conscious and responded to the pain. "But, she did not respond to verbal commands and had jerky breathing with persisting fever and decreased urine output. Her platelets dropped significantly. She tested positive for dengue antibody test - IgM- on May 14," the doctor said.

The woman had bilateral polio since childhood and was bed-bound. "She succumbed to dengue around 4.38am on May 15," doctor said. Anjali Sabne, deputy medical officer of health, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) said it is the first dengue death this year. "The patient had tested positive for dengue antibody (IgM). However, the

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onus of ascertaining the cause of the death solely rests with state's death audit committee," she said.

Besides wide fluctuation in temperature, unseasonal drizzles have provided conducive for dengue viruses to grow and propagate. Adding to favourable weather conditions, water scarcity due to alternate day water supply is forcing people to store water, which in turn, creates ideal setting for dengue mosquito to breed and thrive.

These are precisely the reasons why dengue and chikungunya cases have shown a marked increase in Pune in the last few days.

The municipal administration has also recorded 134 cases of chikungunya since January. *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes are the vector for dengue and chikungunya. The state health department has directed the PMC to chalk out a micro-level action plan to check dengue spread.

Kanchan Jagtap, joint director of state health department, said they have told the PMC to carry out a surveillance in affected areas of the city. "We want them to visit 100 households in the vicinity of a dengue patient and carry out cleanliness drives. The PMC will also create awareness on how people can prevent mosquito breeding inside their houses," Jagtap said.

Most areas in 15 wards have reported dengue cases. "The areas are near Dhole Patil Road, Tilak Road, Bhavani Peth, Vishrambaugwada are the worst affected," said a civic health official.

S T Pardeshi, medical officer of health, PMC, said all precautions are being taken to arrest the growth cycle of mosquitoes. "People also need to be extra careful and vigilant. It is vital to tackle mosquito-breeding sites to prevent dengue."

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