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Title:	Dengue claims 26 lives people between January 1 and November 21 this year in Maharashtra			
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The number of deaths and infections caused by dengue in Maharashtra have risen significantly this year. It claimed the lives of 26 people between January 1 and November 21 this year, while 6,376 infections were reported. In comparison, there were 23 deaths and 4,936 cases last year.

According to the latest report released by the state health department, Kalyan-Dombivali Municipal Corporation recorded five deaths, the highest in Maharashtra. Rural parts of Thane and Nashik registered three casualties each during the same period. Of the 26 deaths, 14 deaths occurred within city limits of municipal corporations while 12 others were in the state's rural parts.

A total of 4,364 cases were recorded within the city limits of the state's different municipal corporations. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation recorded the highest cases (1,088) and had two deaths. The Nashik Municipal Corporation recorded 815 cases and three deaths, while the Pune Municipal Corporation had 611 cases and one death.

The figures show that increased dengue virus activity is being seen in the post-monsoon months from September to November. Figures also suggest that the activity peaked during the second and third weeks of October.

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The health department's report considers data only from government-designated testing and sentinel centres for dengue and chikungunya. It did not take into account data from private hospitals citing they use rapid test kits, which may give false positive reports.

"The seasonality of transmission of dengue with increased activity has been observed in the post-monsoon season. Preventive measures should be followed at the very onset of monsoon," joint director (vector-borne) in state health department, Kanchan Jagtap, said.

Pune city was badly affected by mosquito-borne diseases this October. A whopping 3,378 cases - mainly of chikungunya and dengue — were recorded in the 30 days of the month, accounting for an average of 112 cases per day.

"In October, fluctuating temperatures, coupled with intermittent rainfall, had sent cases of mosquito-borne diseases soaring in the city. Irregular rainfall followed by sunny days had also made conditions conducive for mosquitoes to grow and proliferate," chief of PMC's health department, S T Pardeshi, told TOI.

Climatic conditions favourable for breeding of mosquitoes, increased storage of water, increasing construction activity, piling of garbage and lack of public awareness about the measures that need to be taken have only aggravated the situation, experts said. Since Aedes aegypti, the mosquito which spreads dengue breeds in fresh water, it is imperative for every household to empty and clean all utensils and tanks at least once a week. The Maharashtra government declared both dengue and H1N1 as notifiable diseases under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, this January.

The inclusion of the mosquito-borne infection in the Act empowers district collectors to take measures to prevent its outbreak and spread within their jurisdiction. It is now mandatory for private practitioners and laboratories to report every case of dengue to the state government.

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