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The total number of dengue cases in Mohali this season touched 554 on Sunday, which is more than last year's total of 551. Every day, a minimum of 25-30 cases are being reported in the district, with Zirakpur itself having crossed the 90 mark this season. Three days ago, as heavy rain poured in Mohali, dengue affected 51 patients, and the forecast of more rain rang alarm bells among health officials.

According to health experts, the Aedes aegypti mosquito, which spreads the dengue virus in humans, lays its eggs in clean water, and rains can lead to water accumulation on roofs of houses and other places, which were being drained by officials. The spread of the deadly dengue virus in the district is increasing day by day, as the toll has crossed 110 in the past ten days alone.

Health authorities said as many as 51 patients found positive for dengue, were being treated in various hospitals of the district. Five patients are going still undergoing treatment in a private hospital. Last week, a person suffering from dengue fever in Phase 5 died due Dengue Shock Syndrome in the hospital. Civil surgeon Mohali Ranjit Kaur said: "We are trying to cover the entire district, and all the MCs in the district have been instructed to fog the area at least twice a day, besides maintaining a record of the same. We have been fining local residents who fail to remove stagnant water from their coolers, pots, etc.

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Every day, challans are being issued, and so far we have issued over 200 in the town itself. We have also set up teams to create awareness in schools and villages." Kaur added she had also instructed private hospitals to hand over all samples of dengue patients to the civil hospital for thorough study and treatment.

Meanwhile, the municipal corporation has geared up to fight dengue by spraying pesticides to kill the virus. SSP Gurpreet Singh Bhullar has also instructed his staff to create a dengue awareness camp in the police station to educate people and staff about the deadly virus. The deputy commissioner, SSP, and MC commissioner has also instructed residents to take proper measures to be safe from the deadly virus.

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