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| Title: | Dengue outbreak confirmed in ten divisions of Kochi corporation in district Ernakulam, Kerala | | | |
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With outbreak of dengue being confirmed in 10 divisions of Kochi corporation, the health department has intensified activities to destroy vectors and create awareness with the help of nursing students. Ten teams that has been formed for the purpose visited 1,619 houses in 10 divisions where dengue was reported. The teams found larvae of Aedes mosquitoes in 213 houses. They destroyed 1,852 sources of larvae. Indoor residual spraying was undertaken in 45 houses, a statement from district medical officer said.

A health department report said Kochi has 321 confirmed cases of dengue till October this year. Out of this, 52 cases were confirmed in October alone. Suspected cases of dengue reported this year had been put at 882. Kochi saw fever cases numbering 15,644 in October. Spraying of chemicals to destroy larvae of mosquitoes were also undertaken in areas with waterlogging. Health department has also decided to carry out vector reduction and awareness activities in areas like Kammattipadam, Karithala Colony and Gandhinagar which face risk from dengue outbreak. The department would undertake a special campaign at Karukappilly and Gandhinagar to counter dengue. Several cases of chickenpox have also been detected in several parts of Kochi corporation. In October alone, 110 chickenpox cases have been reported. A total of 30 mumps cases were also detected in October.

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