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Title:	Chikungunya cases in rural Nashik double than last year, Maharashtra			
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The rural parts of Nashik district have seen chikungunya cases already double, when compared to the number of cases reported in the whole of last year.

The district malaria department has reported 83 chikungunya cases so far. In comparison, there were 43 cases of chikungunya in the rural parts of the district last year.

The recent cases have been reported from Kulwandi village of Peth and Nigdol areas of Dindori taluka. Around 20 cases were found in these two villages after which the health workers have started a survey of villagers suffering from joint pain and fever.

The health department has appealed to the people in these villages to observe a 'dry day' by cleaning containers where water can accumulate. This prevents mosquito-borne diseases and other communicable diseases.

District malaria officer Madhukar Ahire said that people have started storing water in vessels due to the break in rains. "If proper care is not taken, water containers

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could turn into breeding places for aedes aegypti mosquitoes, the vector that causes dengue and chikungunya,” he said.

People should also ensure that they empty the flower vases and clean them at least once in a week to curb the mosquito spread inside houses. Apart from this, people should also ensure that there is no water accumulation in tyres or water stagnation in their surrounding.

Nonetheless, the health workers attached to the primary health centres of the respective villages have started making house to house visits to check for patients with symptoms. Patients are referred to the primary health centres where their blood samples are taken for further investigation to determine if they are suffering from chikungunya.

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