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The number of dengue cases in the district seems to be on the rise. On Sunday, 47 dengue patients were undergoing treatment at the Coimbatore Medical College and Hospital (CMCH) alone. This is a sharp increase from seven to 10 dengue inpatients that the government hospital had in October and November at any given time. To keep the spread of the deadly virus in check, health officers have, meanwhile, increased the frequency of early-morning fogging and checking of mosquito breeding grounds in buildings, houses, factories and vacant lands.

A city corporation official, who didn't want to be named, said the conditions were favourable for the breeding of aedes aegypti that spread the disease. "Now that heavy rain has subsided and only mild drizzles are occurring, the atmosphere is damp and aedes aegypti breed in locations wherever water stays stagnant. So, the fever cases have gone up."

While CMCH dean Dr B Ashokan said only 17 of the 47 cases were from the district, private hospitals said they were seeing a spike in dengue cases. Dr Jayawardana, paediatrician with PSG Hospitals, said, "After the northeast monsoon rescinded, we

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are seeing an increase in the number of dengue patients. I handle at least five to six dengue patients a day now, compared to two or three patients in October and early November. The dengue cases have been increasing since December first week."

According to doctors, dengue cases are sporadic and are being reported from across the city. The city corporation official said, "We see high number of dengue cases from Peelamedu, Avarampalayam, Ganapathy and Rathinapuri. The cases are high in Peelamedu and Avarampalayam, because the public is uncooperative in eliminating breeding grounds of aedes aegypti and letting our inspectors check their houses. The mosquito-borne viral disease is also reported from Kovaipudur, and Saravanampatti."

In view of increasing number of dengue cases, the city corporation has increased the manpower deployed to check mosquito breeding grounds in wards to eight from five, besides stepping up fogging activities. "We are checking houses, schools, scrap shops, marriage halls, tyre shops, puncture shops and vacant sites for mosquito breeding grounds," the officer said.

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