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Title:	Cases of dengue, chikungunya begin to stack up in Pune- Maharashtra			
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Mosquito-borne diseases dengue and chikungunya have started wreaking havoc in the city. Civic health officials have registered 488 dengue cases, mainly from private hospitals and government-run sentinel centres, and 69 confirmed cases of chikungunya between January 1 and July 6 this year.

Last year, civic health officials had recorded 401 dengue cases from January 1 to July 3. Dengue is usually considered a bigger concern during the monsoon. The Aedes aegypti mosquito transmits both dengue and chikungunya to humans. Hence, chikungunya cases are often simultaneously on the rise with dengue. Areas on the city's fringe as well as some core city areas have reported maximum cases of dengue. These areas also account for higher cases of chikungunya. "The Aedes aegypti mosquito is the vector for both dengue and chikungunya. The rains provide a fitting environment for the vector mosquito to breed and spread," said Sanjeev Wavare, head of the insect control department at the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC). Unlike dengue, for which a patient's blood sample is tested, chikungunya is mostly

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clinically diagnosed by doctors based on a patient's symptoms. "Therefore, many times a patient is prescribed symptomatic treatment without being subjected to diagnostic tests. This is why many chikungunya cases go unreported," said internal medicine expert Abhijit Joshi.

The municipal corporation has stepped up its action on establishments, mainly housing societies as well as bungalows, and commercial establishments that are not taking adequate measures to check mosquito breeding at a time when the city is witnessing a spurt in dengue cases. The PMC's health department has issued notices to 773 such establishments, including housing societies, independent bungalows, construction sites and units dealing with scrap and damaged tyres since the beginning of the year. At 303, the most number of notices were issued in June. The health officials issued notices to 202 establishments just between July 1 and 6. Health staffers conducting the survey have found the larvae of the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in uncovered water storage barrels, flowerpot plates, terrace areas and parking lots, Wavare stated. The civic officer added that proper solid waste disposal and improved water storage practices must be ensured to check the spread of dengue.

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