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Cases of dengue continue to rise alarmingly. The city registered 38 fresh dengue cases in the last week of August, taking the total number of cases in the month, till August 28, to 114. Last year, the total count of those testing positive for dengue in August was 97.

Nashik Municipal Corporation's health department said a total of 332 patients tested positives for dengue so far since January 1 this year, as against 210 cases during the corresponding period last year. However there have been no deaths due to the vector borne ailment so far. "Our survey has shown that 10 of the 31 wards in the city are most vulnerable to dengue this year so far. We are focusing our attention of these 10 wards. We have decided to visit houses on a random basis in all 10 wards during next five days to find out whether water is being stored by the residents or not," NMC officials said. The health department of the civic body has deployed 210 employees to check mosquito breeding spots in all 10 wards of the city. "They will first finish their routine works in the morning and then visit all the houses during 12 noon to 2.30 pm," an NMC official said. The squads will check refrigerators, coolers, terrace, water containers and premises of every house in 10 wards of the city.

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They will serve notices to citizens on the spot if mosquito breeding spots are found there. They will be asked to take dengue preventive measures and will receive guidance on how to prevent creation of mosquito breeding spots, the officials said. If mosquito breeding spots are found in water containers, then we will either make water containers empty or use insecticides, he said. Health officials said a maximum of 24 patients of dengue have been found in two wards of Panchavati division -- ward 1 and 2 -- so far in August.

There were 23 cases in two wards of Satpur, wards no 9 and 10. Similarly 22 cases of dengue positive have been found in two wards of Nashik East division i.e ward 23 and 30 and in ward no 25 and 31 in Cidco division and ward no 20 and 21 in Nashik Road division. NMC official also admitted the scarcity of employees for mosquito control programme, which is conducted on open spaces, slum or nullah. There is need of total 420 employees for mosquito control programme, but there are only 292 employees at the department's disposal.

"There is still need of 132 more employees. This is the reason the department is unable to carry out spraying activities due to inadequate manpower," admitted a NMC health official. Meanwhile, with rising cases of dengue in the city, the health panel of NMC on Wednesday directed the health department officials to take action against erring citizens if mosquito breeding spots are found at their homes and premises. The panel, which had a meeting on Wednesday, directed health officials to zero in on the erring residents as soon as possible

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