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Title:	Eight dengue cases detected in Sattari taluka, North Goa			
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As many as eight dengue cases have been detected in areas of Sattari taluka, disclosed health official Dr Gajanan Naik. He informed about the dengue cases while speaking to 'The Navhind Times' during the National Immunisation Day for Polio at community health centre (CHC), Valpoi.

As per sources, some dengue patients were shifted to Goa Medical College and Hospital at Bambolim and the district hospital in Mapusa for treatment.

When contacted CHC health official, he said, "So far 8 cases of dengue were confirmed and we have investigated the cases. We have already conducted information, education and communication (IEC) activities in the affected villages."

Sources informed that these cases were reported from the villages of Khadki, Assodem, Vante, Malpan, Hedode and Dabos. "The cases came from different areas and the reason may be due to stagnation of water and mosquito breeding," said an official from CHC.

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The blood samples of patients were collected at the laboratory housed at CHC, being run by Manipal Centre for Virus Research (MCVR), Manipal University in collaboration with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA). Around eight patients were tested positive in the last two months. Meanwhile, it was learnt from hospital sources that few more cases of fever were reported in last few weeks, but it was not yet confirmed whether it was dengue virus.

"It is an alarming situation as several dengue cases have been reported. The government needs to take necessary steps as soon as possible," said a villager from Hedode.

The health authority is maintaining a high alert over dengue virus. Health officials have urged the people with symptoms like high fever, body ache, rashes and nausea to immediately visit nearby health centre or the CHC. "The team from CHC is visiting door-to-door and inspecting surrounding as well as creating awareness among the villagers on how to prevent breeding of mosquitoes," said Dr Naik.

Similarly, the health authorities have also disclosed that there is a sharp rise in Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) or monkey fever in Velguem village. "Till date, there were 13 positive cases reported from Kumthol, Budruk-Karmali and Velguem. We are monitoring the situation and rigorously conducting IEC activity as well as vaccination drives in Sattari," said Dr Gajanan Naik.

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