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Title:	20 exchange students at Gujarat University get dengue bite in 15 days in district Ahmedabad, Gujarat			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Ahmedabad, SSU-Gujarat			

Vector-borne diseases have struck exchange students at Gujarat University (GU) with as many as 20 of them falling ill over the last fortnight. On Thursday, a group of exchange students made a representation to the registrar, about unhealthy conditions at the hostel. University authorities assured them action would be taken.

GU authorities said the varsity has a large number of exchange students from countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, to name a few. They stay at the university hostel behind the main GU campus, where a number of building works are on in full swing. These works creating puddles of water and thus become sites for mosquitoes to breed. Piyush Patel, the GU registrar, said they received the complaint and the departments concerned have been instructed to clean up the area, install water purifiers at the hostel block and identify mosquito breeding sites. Sources said that a number of these students are contemplating leaving the hostel for better lodgings due to the unsanitary conditions.

While the modernization of hostel blocks has been in the pipeline for a long time, a spell of rain makes it difficult to live on the campus, which has tall grass at many

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places and numerous sites where water can collect. The issue has been taken to university authorities time and again.

"We hope that now that foreign students are affected, the issue gets attention. It is a matter of the university's reputation," said one student, on condition of anonymity

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