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Title:	<b>Experts ring dengue alarm as capital reports 92 cases, Odisha</b>			
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Health experts have rung alarm bells over a possible dengue outbreak, especially in Bhubaneswar, considering that 175 dengue-positive cases have already been reported this year though the monsoon season has just started.

Of the 175 cases, more than 92 cases have been reported in Bhubaneswar alone in June. The experts said in peak monsoon and post monsoon, there may be spurt in cases statewide. The state health machinery has issued an alert and asked hospitals to increase testing and keep blood platelet stocks ready.

Niranjan Mishra, director, public health, said all the hospitals have been asked to increase testing and keep logistics ready. "We have already tested more than 10,000 samples this year which was around 5,000 around this time last year. The spike usually happens in July every year. This is year, there was a marginal increase in June," said Mishra.

In Bhubaneswar, the city health wing has taken up a massive awareness drive, surveys to spot breeding sources, door-to-door campaigns to dismantle breeding

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sources. "We have started anti-larva chemical spraying activities now. Fogging will begin soon and every day, eight wards will be taken up for fogging. Also, wherever we receive complaints of mosquito menace, fogging teams will be sent immediately," said Deepak Bisoyi, city health officer.

<h3>SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fever, headache, retro-orbital pain, myalgia, arthralgia, rash</li> <li>● Hemorrhagic manifestations</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In case of dengue haemorrhagic fever, hospitalisation is required and IV fluid therapy if there is rise in haemo-concentration</li> </ul>
<h3>TREATMENT PROCEDURE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rest, cold sponging and antipyretics is preferable</li> </ul>	<h3>WHAT ARE THE TESTS AVAILABLE?</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elisa-based NS1 and IgM tests, which are confirmatory in nature</li> <li>● Doctors advice against card tests as they are costly and may give a false result</li> </ul>		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oral fluid and electrolytes therapy in patients with excessive sweating and vomiting</li> </ul>	

In June 2020, no dengue case had been detected whereas in 2021 June, only two cases were found. In June 2022, it jumped to 69 and this year it is 92. The citizens apprehend this may give rise to an alarming situation.

"On an average, four to five cases are detected now in the city. It may touch double digit soon. We are testing 40 to 50 samples daily now," Bisoyi added.

While in 2022, dengue had peaked in the city in September with 1,310 cases, in 2021, August saw the peak as the month recorded 1,738 new cases. In terms of total cases in 2022, it was better than 2021 as it reported 3,464 cases compared to 3,851 in 2021. The test positivity rate, however, was more in 2022.

Niladri Vihar that used to be the epicentre has so far reported very few cases. The city's Nayapalli locality rather this year has been seeing more dengue-positive cases.

The civic body's focus was the north zone starting from Chadrasekharapur area to Patia. But now, the focus has shifted with most cases coming from Nayapalli's Behera Sahi and IRC villages.

In December last year, the BMC had planned to deploy drones to spray chemicals to tackle dengue in remote areas. The drones will be concentrated mainly in inaccessible areas.

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