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Title:	Leptospirosis claims two lives in Sept., death toll rises to 8 in Mumbai- Maharashtra			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Mumbai, SSU-Maharashtra			

Two Andheri residents succumbed to leptospirosis in September taking the death toll to eight this year. Civic officials said a man from Andheri (West) succumbed on September 7 while a 43-year-old resident of Andheri (East) succumbed to the disease on September 18.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that is transmitted to humans through rat and cattle urine and excreta. It is commonly caused when one wades through contaminated water and the bacteria is transmitted through unhealed wounds in the skin, abrasions, and cuts, especially on the foot.

The symptoms

In the first case, the patient, a 61-year-old taxi driver, first consulted a local physician and later got admitted to a civic-run hospital when the symptoms worsened. He had waded through water during the monsoon, after which he had developed fever, nausea, weakness and abdominal pain. Doctors said he developed acute respiratory distress syndrome, which led to his death.

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The man from Andheri (East) was a chronic smoker and alcoholic, who had also braced floodwater during the rains. Like the first patient, he too consulted a local physician before getting admitted to a civic-run hospital. He developed a respiratory failure and could not survive. This month, the city recorded nearly 55 positive cases of leptospirosis.

The number of malaria cases has seen a slight spurt with 666 positive cases being recorded in September.

Last September, the city has recorded 625 positive cases. While the city recorded 233 positive dengue cases in the past month, more than 3,500 dengue-like cases were also treated.

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