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Title:	Dengue, chikungunya cases spike in Mysuru district, Karnataka			
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There has been a steep rise in the number of dengue and chikungunya cases in Mysuru district. Last year, there were 49 dengue and 41 chikungunya cases, this year, there are already 113 dengue and 74 chikungunya cases. Surprisingly, the majority of both have been reported from the city, said Dr Chidambar, district vector borne diseases control officer.

The reasons for the rise are carelessness on the part of public and rain. In 2017, the number of both dengue and chikungunya cases were high, 843 and 78 respectively.

Dr Chidambar said, "Due to intermittent rainfall, the number of dengue cases has increased in the district. Mosquitoes breed in clean stored water and therefore people should see that there is no stagnant water on their premises. Old tyres, tender coconut shells, tea or coffee glasses and other such containers should be kept clean. It's not only the responsibility of district health department but also the responsibility of people to follow the guidelines. When more cases are reported, our team at district and taluk levels reach the spot immediately. We try to lessen vector density as much as possible."

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He added, "Among 113 cases in the district, 61 are in city areas while 52 cases are from rural places. Till May, there was not even a single dengue positive case but once it started raining, the number of cases started rising. Of 74 chikungunya cases, 50 were in city areas while 24 were from rural places."

Dr Venkatesh, DHO, Mysuru district, told TOI: "Though there is an increase in number, both dengue and chikungunya are under control. We'll be doing awareness programmes in both government and private schools from Tuesday. Apart from schools and colleges, we'll be doing them in anganawadis. These programmes will be held in each taluk across the district."

Dos

- * Ensure that no artificial containers such as discarded tins and tyres are lying in the open
- * Ensure that mosquito-proof windows and doors are kept closed, especially at dawn and dusk
- * Ensure that children are properly clothed and sleep inside a mosquito net even during daytime
- * Ensure that stagnant water containers are drained out once a week to prevent mosquito-breeding
- * Use mosquito repellent cream on exposed parts of body

Don'ts

- * Litter open places surrounding your house with used plastic bags, tins or glass containers which can contain rain water
- * Allow water collection in immediate surroundings of house
- * Stay outside in open air after sunset to prevent mosquito bite
- * Ignore any fever specially accompanied by skin rash and seek medical attention immediately

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