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Title:	19-year-old from posh area dies of dengue in Nagpur district, Maharashtra			
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Following unseasonable rains and humid weather conditions, the city has recorded a sudden jump in dengue cases. The Nagpur Municipal Corporation's malaria and filaria department has registered 169 cases, mostly from posh areas, including death of a 19-year-old boy in the first 15 days of this month. The number is likely to increase further, fears the department.

This is the first fatality from dengue this year while two had succumbed to the vector-borne disease last year. After recording 39 positive cases in August and 37 in September, the large number of positive cases in October has officials worried.

Moreover, four fresh cases of scrub typhus, another vector-borne disease, have been reported from localities considered classy. Last month, the NMC had slapped 165 notices on schools, hospitals and big establishments after larvae of *Aedes aegypti*, through which dengue spreads, was found breeding on their premises. Officials said the concern is bigger as dengue cases are being reported from posh localities under all 10 zones for the second consecutive year. In 2018, the department had collected

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4,447 serum samples of which 565 turned out to be positive after the ELISA test. The number of samples testing positive between January and October 15 this year is 378. Areas such as Khamla, VNIT hostels, Wardhaman Nagar, Byramji Town and Nandanvan in Laxmi Nagar, Dharampeth, Lakadganj, Mangalwari and Nehru Nagar zones account for 225 cases. Last year too, these areas collectively recorded 200 dengue positive cases.

The remaining cases are scattered in rest of the five zones of Hanuman Nagar, Dhantoli, Gandhibagh, Satranjipura, and Ashi Nagar. NMC's malaria and filaria officer Jayshree Thote said waterlogging in the basement of institutions in these areas and water storage tanks of complexes are major breeding places for the dengue vector. Thote said the case of 19-year-old boy's death would be reviewed by a committee under assistant director of health services.

Compared to the dengue outbreak, the department has been successful in containing malaria. So far, just one case of the deadly disease has been registered as against four reported in 2018.

Scrub typhus is another major concern for the officials who are baffled over the fact that cases were reported from housing societies. The department has confirmed four more positive cases taking the tally to 27 so far while another 10 serum samples have been sent to Government Medical College and Hospital. Though the zoonotic disease is easily avoidable and treatable, a woman from Satranjipura had died while 23 positive cases were recorded till September.

Thote said the numbers are also result of intense screening and recording of data at various levels. "These chigger mite-borne disease is being reported only in the last couple of years," she said.

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