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Title:	Acute encephalitis syndrome cases on the rise in Maharashtra, say experts			
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While the number of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) has been less in the state of Maharashtra, in comparison to other north Indian states, a data shared by the state's health department showed a steady increase in the number of cases since past three years.

While three years ago in 2017, the number of AES cases was only one and in 2018 there were 48 cases, this year on 2019, within six months, around 74 cases are already reported in Vidarbha region of the state.

Acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) affects the central nervous system, mostly in children and young adults. It is a viral disease, which causes mild flu-like symptoms such as high fever, and headache. Maharashtra's public health department had managed to keep the number of deaths as low as one dead in 2017 and 2018 and zero deaths in 2019.

Looking at the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) data from 2013 till April 2019, there has been only two deaths due to AES.

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According to Maharashtra's health department, good medical facilities and routine check-ups have reduced the number of Japanese encephalitis (JE+ve) and Chandipura virus cases in the state which constitutes encephalitis illness. State entomologist Mahendra Jagtap, said, "AES cases are diagnosed as AES known and AES unknown. It can be spread because of different viruses mainly JE+ve. If undetected viruses are diagnosed, we consider to report it in AES unknown category. Due to which we can see the number of patients diagnosed have increased in AES." The entomologist rules out consuming litchi as a cause for AES.

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