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<b>Title:</b>	<b>16 dengue cases in Patna set alarm bells ringing, Bihar</b>			
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At least 11 localities, mostly in Patna municipal area, have emerged as dengue hotspots in the district. According to Patna civil surgeon Dr Vibha Kumari Singh, 16 dengue cases have so far been recorded in the district. The state health department, on the other hand, has confirmed that 34 dengue cases have been registered in Bihar from July 1 to August 28.

According to health officials, dengue cases have been reported in four districts – Patna, Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur and Nalanda. Four confirmed cases of chikungunya have so far been recorded in the state. The district health officials have found larvae of aedes mosquitoes (the mosquito that can spread dengue) at 150 of 725 places in Patna during a survey.

Dr Singh said cases of vector-borne diseases like dengue are usually reported between July and November. “The 16 dengue cases in Patna have been reported from 11 different areas where fumigation and anti-larvae medicine spray drives have been conducted. These places include, Nayatola, Kankarbagh, Dariyapur, Agamkuan,

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Gulzarbagh, Mahendru, Mithapur, Rupaspur, Rajendra Nagar and Shahjahanpur in Daniyawan,” she said, adding no dengue death has so far been reported in the city.

Dr Divendu Bhushan of medicine department of All India Institute of Medical Sciences-Patna (AIIMS-P) said the number of dengue cases reported this year was quite low. “Only 10 dengue patients (above 18 years of age) have so far received treatment at the AIIMS-P this year,” he added.

Dr Chandra Mohan Kumar, additional professor of paediatrics department at AIIMS-P, said high fever, vomiting, extreme body pain, muscle ache, loss of appetite and redness in the eyes are some of the common symptoms of dengue. “So far, we have admitted less than 10 patients in the paediatric ward. Patients suffering from malaria are also visiting in the OPD,” he added.

No case of dengue or chikungunya has been reported at PMCH so far. However, the hospital administration has prepared a 30-bed ward for dengue patients.

Dr Kaushal Kishore, head of medicine department at PMCH, said the hospital had witnessed a large number of dengue cases in 2019. “We have been expecting spurt in dengue cases this year as well. It is the lead time for dengue cases. After Diwali, there will be no case of dengue. The hospital is prepared to tackle dengue cases and a 30-bed dengue ward has already been created,” he said.

At NMCH-Patna, a dengue ward has been created in the paediatric department and 10-bed e-ward in medicine department.

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