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Title:	45 residents down with dengue in one complex in Kolkata, West Bengal			
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Around 45 residents of a posh housing complex near Kolkata airport have been affected by dengue. At least 15 of them - most of them had to be hospitalized - are yet to recover.

Residents of Srijan Midlands, a housing complex off Jessore Road adjacent to the airport at ward 26 under Madhyamgram Municipality, are now in a shock. Many have left their flats temporarily.

Twelve-year-old Nirabhra Nandi Mondal, a Class VIII student of a Salt Lake school, is one of the dengue victims in the gated complex. "He had been running a high temperature since Friday. On Monday, he tested positive for dengue. He fell unconscious in the evening. He was admitted to a private hospital off EM Bypass on Monday night," said Tanmoy Das, a neighbour.

According to Das, as many as 45 have been affected in the past three weeks. This is reportedly the first time residents of the complex are facing the dengue menace in 12

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years. "Panic has gripped all those residing in 310 flats in the complex. Several families have left to stay elsewhere. We are in dire need of help," Das told TOI.

Locals pointed out an under-construction building adjacent to the housing complex had turned into a mosquito-breeding ground. "After being informed, Madhyamgram Municipality chairman and a civic health department team visited the spot and found out several uncovered tanks, underground reservoirs and big craters with stagnant water inside the under-construction building. Mosquito larvae were also found in the water," said SN Dutta, another resident.

The residents alleged lack of attention by the civic body. "It is a matter of grave concern for us. Though some have recovered, many continue to be in the hospital. We are seeking urgent intervention by the health department," said Shibabrata Chowdhury, a local resident.

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