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Title:	Suspected dengue cases in Ernakulam highest in nine months, Kerala			
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Ernakulam is staring at a major outbreak of dengue fever in the coming months.

The district reported the highest number of suspected dengue fever cases in May compared to that of past nine months.

As many as 608 suspected and 163 confirmed dengue cases were reported till May 30, the highest since August last year. The cases reported in May last year were also less compared to this year during the same period. There were 507 suspected dengue cases and 130 confirmed cases in May last year.

What makes the situation worse is that the district reported over 1,000 suspected and 200 confirmed cases in June and July last year soon after over 500 suspected cases were registered in the previous month. Last year, four people died of suspected dengue in June and five in July.

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The district is expected to witness the same situation this year going by the rising number of cases every month.

Aedes mosquito, which spreads the infection, can survive even in small quantity of water. It can lay about 100 to 200 eggs each time and 500 to 1,000 eggs in its lifetime.

These eggs can survive up to one year and during favourable situations like intermittent rain or accumulation of water even in small quantity, it hatches in a week.

Source reduction of aedes mosquito is the remedy to prevent dengue spread. Health department officials blame the public for the spurt in dengue cases despite repeated awareness programmes. "As this is summer season, people in many areas face water shortage and they collect water in tanks and utensils. They refill it again and again without cleaning the utensils thus creating favourable breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Besides, people place flower vases grow plants inside their houses but fail to change the water regularly. This callous attitude leads to rising dengue cases especially in areas like Thrikkakara where there is a high concentration of houses," said a health official who lamented that no resident is obeying the directives.

Health authorities plan to issue a notice to Thrikkakara municipality which witnesses more dengue cases compared to other local bodies in the city. It will ask the local body to collect fine from houses where mosquito breeding grounds are found.

The district reported two probable dengue deaths this year.

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