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Title:	Thane: 12-year-old girl may be first dengue victim this season			
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A 12-year-old girl who succumbed to dengue in Thane on Friday is most likely the first victim of the mosquito-borne viral fever in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region this monsoon. Dengue has emerged as one of the biggest concerns in the city and its adjoining areas in the last few years, with Greater Mumbai registering 14 deaths last year. There hasn't been a worrisome spurt in dengue cases this year so far, but doctors fear that a lull in the rains could result in breeding of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes that spread the dengue virus. Civic officials found the mosquito breeding in flower pots kept in the 21st floor flat of the victim, Shreya Yadav.

Shreya had high fever for five days and fluctuating blood pressure, prompting her parents to hospitalise her. Her family moved her to a superspecialty hospital on Thursday as her hemoglobin count dipped to dangerous levels. "She passed away within 24 hours of her admission to the second hospital," said TMC medical health officer Dr Ram Kendre. She developed a bleeding disorder, leading to multiple organ failure. "The cause of death was dengue hemorrhagic shock syndrome," he added.

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Kendre said TMC would send a showcause notice to the private hospital for failing to report the dengue case. "Hospitals are supposed to notify us within 24 hours of the death of the patient, but this hospital did not inform us until Tuesday. Hence, we will be sending them a showcause notice," he said. Early notification helps civic officials carry out surveillance for breeding spots and new dengue cases. Meanwhile, BMC health officials in Mumbai fear that any lull in rains could result in breeding of Aedes aegypti mosquitoes and lead to a spurt in dengue cases. When it keeps pouring, the eggs are washed away.

"We will have to see how the rain pattern is this year," said BMC executive health officer Dr Padmaja Keskar. Mumbai has so far not seen a spurt in dengue cases, with municipal hospitals only registering eight admissions due to dengue in June. The corresponding count for May and April were six and five, respectively. On Tuesday morning, TMC officials visited Shreya's residence in the Pioneer housing society at Vartak Nagar to identify the breeding spots.

They found six such spots in the area. "Our authorities came across a breeding spot in Yadav's residence on the 21st floor. Also, five other spots were seen around the society, at the construction sites. Hence will be giving notice to the developer too. Prior to monsoon, we had notified them about taking measures to avoid any breeding spots but it was not done," said Kendre. The civic authorities have taken blood samples of the family members and checked for any suspected patients in the society, but did not come across any.

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