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Title:	142 cases of dengue in first 5 days of Oct in district Ahmedabad, Gujarat			
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With the rain subsiding there is spike in number of cases, claims AMC health officer; 70 cases of malaria reported besides 102 cases of typhoid, 78 cases of vomiting and diarrhoea, 60 of jaundice.

Dengue claimed the life of a medical student on Monday. The 18-year-old student of M K Shah Medical College reportedly lost her life to dengue.

In the first five days of this month, 142 cases of dengue have been reported in the city. The number includes cases from both AMC-run and private hospitals. Moreover, 70 cases of malaria have been reported so far. Last year, in October 1,234 dengue cases and 478 cases of malaria were reported.

Regarding waterborne diseases, 102 cases of typhoid, 78 cases of vomiting and diarrhoea and 60 cases of jaundice have been reported till now in October. While in entire October last year, 350 cases of vomiting and diarrhoea, 290 cases of jaundice, 343 typhoid cases and 1 case of cholera were reported.

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Compared to 1,76,434 blood samples collected in October 2018, till October 5, 15,930 samples have already been collected. Dr Bharat Shah, consultant physician at Rajasthan Hospital said, "The rise in number of cases is due to congestion, dirt and filth all around which gives rise to mosquitoes. There are at least 10 patients of dengue and viral fever that I encounter daily. People need not panic. They should consume plenty of liquids and take proper medication."

Dr Nilay Suthar, professor of medicine at LG Hospital suggested and every citizen should be a warrior against dengue. "AMC is doing its job. Citizens should also ensure that cleanliness is maintained in their surroundings." To avoid mosquito bites, people should use repellent and wear full clothes, Suthar suggested, while agreeing that there has been a significant rise in number of dengue cases in the city. "Avoiding mosquito bites is the only solution. With urbanisation, number of mosquitoes too have increased as it has become possible for mosquitoes to survive."

Bhavin Solanki, in-charge health officer, AMC said, "This is the peak season as the rain has subsided and in this duration there are maximum number of cases." About the death of the medical student Solanki said, "We have come to know about the death due to dengue. We have not received any confirmed report. We are investigating the matter."

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