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Title:	Goa scores in curbing spread of Japanese Encephalitis virus			
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Goa has fared much better than most Indian states in controlling the spread of the Japanese Encephalitis (JE) virus. Till May, just one JE case was detected in the state. The patient, a senior citizen, has since been cured. Meanwhile, in Assam, data available with the health department has shown that the JE virus has claimed at least 21 lives in the last three months alone. In 2018, three cases of JE were detected in Goa, two of which were children.

"Both children, natives of Odisha, had come from their native state and were residing with their respective families in Quepem. Both the children were treated. One child returned to his home state," said Dr Anant Palyekar, the state in-charge of the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme. This year, till date, he said, they haven't found JE among children. Palyekar said that this year, 37 cases were noted for acute encephalitis syndrome. Since some of the symptoms of JE such as confusion, hallucinations, seizures, weakness and loss of sensation, are common with other illnesses, he said, they could not be ignored.

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While one case was confirmed, that of the senior citizen, the rest were eliminated after tests results turned out negative. In 2012, there were nine cases of JV detected in Goa. That number reduced drastically to just three cases in following year. Post 2013, there has been a decline in the number of cases. From 2014 and 2017, no case of JE were reported in Goa. While JE is treatable, there can be complications in some percentage of the cases, Palyekar said. Moreover, in case there is a delay in medical intervention, the virus is most likely to leave a residual effect on the survivor, he said

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