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Title:	Jammu reports 164 cases of dengue, SM says strain 'less virulent', Jammu & Kashmir			
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At least 164 cases of dengue have so far been reported from the Jammu region, with the highest 147 cases reported only from the Jammu district.

While four cases of the dengue were reported from Kathua, 2 cases each were reported from Samba, Rajouri, Poonch, Doda, and Reasi, whereas one case each was reported from Udhampur, Ramban and a patient of Himachal Pradesh.

As per State Malariologist (SM), Dr Rita Kotwal, the strain circulating in the winter capital is "less virulent".

"The symptoms of the virus strain in circulation are mild this year as most people diagnosed with the infection have been recovering within a span of just 3-4 days," she said, adding, "however, we've made adequate arrangements both in Government Medical College (GMC) Jammu and Gandhi Nagar Hospital Jammu to deal with any emergency".

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As far as preventive measures to control the viral infection are concerned, the SM said, "besides thermal fogging in the most affected areas including, Rehari, Subash Nagar, Paloura, Lakshmi Nagar, and Sarwal, by the staff of Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC), we've been conducting door-to-door awareness campaigns and involving the educational institutions to sensitize people about the importance of destruction of the source of the virus i.e. eggs of the vector mosquito, prior to their transformation to adult".

"Although our campaigns are leaving a mark on the society, the unplanned digging of the Jammu city under various missions by different government departments is further giving a chance to the virus to grow as the vector mosquitos' number can grow rapidly in the stagnant water stored in the potholes and craters, in the rainy season".

According to Kotwal, the eggs of the Aedes mosquito, which spreads the infection to humans, can grow to adulthood even in the water stored in the cap of a cold drink bottle of size 5 ml.

"And guess the pace of the reproduction and multiplication of the mosquito in the huge craters and potholes created across Jammu due to the construction activities, in the rainy season!" she wondered.

Dr. Kotwal appealed to people to avoid storage of water in and around their homes, get themselves tested in case of symptoms and cooperate with the department in the dengue control program.

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