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More than 500 dengue cases were reported in the capital over the past month, health authorities said on Monday. While the total number of cases was 247 on July 27, the figure has crossed 760, with the city now reporting around 20 cases per day, officials added.

Though two dengue deaths have been reported in Bhubaneswar so far, the toll did not feature in the official figures. A health department official said dengue cases may increase now as floodwaters have started receding in many low-lying areas across the city and its outskirts. "We apprehend that dengue cases will gradually increase in the flood-hit areas. So far, no major cases have been reported from the flood-affected areas of the state," he added.

Every monsoon, especially in August, the city and other regions of the state witness a spurt in dengue cases. Government authorities, this year, have already started sensitising people to destroy mosquito-breeding grounds to check the vector-borne disease.

Though the number of dengue cases was on the declining trend in June in the capital, the situation deteriorated in July following massive rainfall. The incessant showers and recent floods also aggravated the crisis. The Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has been

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observing its "dry day" campaign twice a week to destroy mosquito-breeding sources and clean stagnant water across the city. It also conducts fogging in three wards daily. BMC health officer Deepak Kumar Bisoyi said: "Health teams are visiting residents door-todoor to enquire about their health." **♦Save Water- Save Life,** ♣ Save a tree- Don't print unless it's really necessary! Disclaimer:- This is a media alert subject to verification. Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), National Centre for Disease Control, Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India 22-Sham Nath Marg, Delhi - 110 054 For more information please contact: Media Scanning & Verification Cell: - Phone (011)23946029 Email: - idsp-msc@nic.in, idsp-npo@nic.in http://www.facebook.com/pages/Media-Scanning-Verification-Cell-IDSPNCDC/137297949672921

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