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Title:	Dengue menace: 68 test positive in 1st week of December in district Nasik, Maharashtra			
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The standing committee of Nasik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has directed the health department officials to fine erring citizens responsible for mosquito breeding. The city has registered 68 dengue-positive cases in the first week of December, taking the total number of cases reported this year so far to 939 — with two deaths. An official of the civic body said continuous rainfall from July till October provided favourable conditions for mosquito breeding spots that led to the rise in dengue-positive cases.

“Apart from this, prolonged winter is also one of the reasons. We are taking measures like fogging and spraying mosquito repellent across the city. We are also focusing on pockets where dengue-positive cases have been reported excessively. Apart from this, our teams are continuously conducting inspections in residential areas to ensure that there are no mosquito breeding spots,” he said. “Moreover, we are slapping fines on erring citizens who are responsible for mosquito breeding,” he added. The NMC has, so far, fined 70 citizens in the last three months and Rs 84,000 have been collected

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from them. Uddhav Nimse, the standing committee chief, during a recent meeting, blamed the health department for the rising cases of dengue in the city.

Nimse also directed the officials to take necessary measures to curb the dengue menace. "Take punitive action against erring citizens who are responsible for mosquito breeding," he said. There were only 60 dengue positive cases between January 1 and July 31 this year. But from August, there has been a sudden surge. As many as 165 positive cases were reported in August. In the months of October and November, the figure reached 207 and 322 respectively.

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