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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Dengue, chikungunya on the rise in shadow of COVID-19 in Pune, Maharashtra</b>			
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Even as the city is still battling the pandemic, it has been hit by a spike in vector-borne diseases, courtesy the protracted monsoon and waterlogging in various parts. Health officials are feeling immensely challenged, having to grapple with this alongside their efforts to contain COVID-19. While in the six months between March and August, the Pune Municipal Corporation's (PMC's) vector-borne diseases report did not have a single case on record, with just seven cases in January and February this year, there's been a dramatic rise in cases of dengue and chikungunya in September and October.

The good hygiene practices and prophylaxis followed with the onset of COVID-19 helped to keep the vector-borne diseases at bay. However, in September, the city saw 10 cases of dengue, which went up to 44 in October. Likewise, there were five cases of chikungunya in September and another three in October. This apart, October recorded the year's highest number of suspected cases of dengue (584) and chikungunya (41).

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There were no cases of vectorborne disease reported by the PMC between March and August this year; FILE PHOTO "The extended monsoon, with heavy rains, created a lot of water-logging, leading to the spike in vector-borne diseases in different parts of the city.

PMC staff are now on their toes trying to clear out the breeding spots. Citizens too should follow the hygiene norms to help avoid an outbreak of vector-borne diseases," a senior medical officer, at PMC's health department, observed. Dr Sanjeev Wavare, PMC's assistant health chief, in charge of vector-borne diseases, reiterated that water-logging in several parts of the city has led to the rise in the mosquito breeding spots. "Vector-borne diseases are man-made situations, triggered by lack of hygiene and proper garbage disposal. We've already issued 714 notices to date. PMC is also undertaking regular fumigation and sanitation workers have destroyed thousands of breeding spots in the city," he informed.

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