

Dengue – Status- Appeal to Citizens

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation is undertaking several measures to combat the menace of dengue in the city of Kolkata.

Treatment of afflicted people

- KMC is providing facilities for free platelet count at all its 135 malaria clinics in different parts of the city
- 12 special health camps have been set-up in different parts of the city to counter the dengue menace
- Free facilities for detection of dengue through the 5 dengue detection centers linked with the 135 malaria clinics which act as sample collection centres
- Malaria Clinics/ Ward Health Units are being kept open from 8 am to 5 pm
- Adequate numbers of ORS packets are available at the clinics and the health centers

Vector control

- Joint drives are being carried out in construction sites, markets, hospitals, schools, colleges and police stations; any stagnating water or accumulated garbage is being immediately cleared
- Canals and other water bodies are also being monitored and cleaned
- Volunteers have been roped in for each ward; they have been trained and are carrying out door to door surveillance to detect dengue cases or stagnating water
- Pyrethrum spraying is being carried out in and around dengue positive households

Increasing awareness about the disease

- Leaflets in multiple languages (Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and English) are being distributed through schools, health centers, during door to door surveillance, NGOs, social organizations, local councilors and their associates
- Hoardings and tableaus are being put up in all boroughs to spread awareness about the disease; hoardings are also being put up on KMC's bus passenger shelters
- Audio visual campaign is being carried out and awareness clips are being aired on 10 TV channels (30 second advertisements) and 9 FM radio channels
- Auto rickshaws are being also used for increasing awareness about the disease; 5,000 autos are carrying publicity message on their back while mikes on autos are being used to spread the message, 2 times a week

Appeal to citizens of the city

- In case of fever, kindly visit your nearest KMC malaria clinic/ special health camp/ dengue detection center to get a free blood test & platelet count done and also consult a doctor
- Please regularly use mosquito nets
- Please check your home and surroundings for any stagnating water; please report any such cases to your Ward or Health Unit
- Please also check places like refrigerators and air conditioners where water may accumulate; these places are ordinarily not visible from the outside
- Please co-operate with the Health workers in all possible ways to combat dengue