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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Sudden increase in fever cases in district Madurai, Tamil Nadu</b>			
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The monsoon season has created fever scare among residents. The number of patients turning up at the outpatient ward at the Government Hospital here seeking blood tests for dengue, malaria and jaundice has gone up in the recent weeks.

A board of officers has been set up at the hospital to treat adults and children. It meets everyday to review the cases reported. The number of fever cases reported in the OP in the first week of September stands at 1600 while the number of cases registered in June, July and August stood at 2205, 1665 and 1587.

As many as 417 fever cases were reported in OP ward in the first week of September while the number of fever cases recorded in June, July and August was 255, 248 and 265. Six cases have tested positive for dengue in September.

The hospital has opened a fever ward with an ICU separately for adults and children with two beds each. "This year, we have set up a 'step-down ward' where we quarantine and treat persons with dengue during the crucial period of fourth to sixth

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day from the onset of fever. We give them the concoction 'nilavembu' and ORS liquid and monitor their platelet counts regularly and look for alarming symptoms like blood in stools and urine. If the count of platelets falls below 50,000, we refer to a higher institution," said one of the officials in the hospital.

Doctors have planned to hold a fever and dengue awareness programme for private doctors in the district on September 6.

"The Dindigul Corporation has hardly taken any step to ensure free flow of stormwater. Many areas lack a proper drain and witness water stagnation. They become a breeding spot for mosquitoes. Rural areas like Vadamadurai, Thadikombi, Sanarpatti, Gopalpatti, Kovilur, apart from Dindigul town, have high risk of water borne diseases due to water stagnation," said a social worker.

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