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Run dengue, chikungunya campaign like Swachh Bharat: High Court

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The court had also expressed displeasure over the report that already 90 cases of chikungunya and 36 cases of dengue have been reported so far this year



The Delhi High Court on recently said the Delhi government should run awareness programmes on dengue and chikungunya, similar to the pan-India campaign on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan . A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar said as the Swachh Bharat had Abhiyan made a big impact across the nation, the Delhi government should do something similar.

"It is a very good attempt by the central government. It is everywhere, whether its TV, radio or newspapers. So something on that line should be done for dengue and chikungunya," the bench observed and told the Delhi government "you should do that".

The bench also pulled up the Centre, the Delhi government and the civic bodies here over their failure to issue advertisements highlighting the preventive steps to check vector-borne diseases in the city. However, the counsel for all the authorities submitted that preventive steps have been taken and advertisements also issued. The counsel for the Centre said they had long-term plans to tackle vector-borne diseases, to which the court asked whether they had any short-term plans.