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Pilot project launched by ICMR to track hidden dengue cases

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The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has launched a pilot project in Pune to find hidden cases of dengue.

According to ICMR officials, “The project involves developing a smart electronic surveillance system that might help predict a dengue outbreak”

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As per the statement given by Dr Soumya Swaminathan, director general, ICMR to one of the daily newspaper, “The reported cases are just the tip of the iceberg. To get a true picture of the dengue burden, a pilot project is being rolled out that aims at preparing a smart electronic surveillance system for dengue. Pune has seen large number of dengue cases in the past few years. The effort is to network with all healthcare providers to find hidden cases and identify hotspots in the city.”

As part of the project, the team headed by Dr A C Mishra, former director of National Institute of Virology has collected more than 2,000 serum samples to detect antibodies against the dengue virus in the community and help prepare the electronic surveillance system for the city.