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Drive against water-borne diseases

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KATTAPPANA: The Health Department in association with the Thodupuzha Municipality on Wednesday launched a special drive to prevent the outbreak of water-borne diseases.

The first stage of the project would focus on prevention of water-borne diseases and in the second stage it will focus on lifestyle diseases and palliative care, said an official of the Health Department. The programme has been launched after malaria and dengue fever cases were detected in the district. The municipality has earmarked Rs. 6 lakh for the project. Health workers distributed leaflets to the public and have started collecting details of labourers employed from outside the State.

Of the total 18 cases of malaria found in the district, only one case at Karimannur, near Thodupuzha, was detected to be caused by local factors, the official said.

The official said that additional health workers had been appointed at the taluk hospital at Thodupuzha to help in the sanitation drive in the municipal areas.

Chlorination

This includes chlorination of water supply in public places, supply of guppy fishes which eat the larvae of mosquitoes, observance of 'dry day' on campuses with the participation of the students and collecting the details of unused and filthy water sources.

