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## Mass cleaning drive for 3 days

### To be taken up across district to prevent mosquito breeding

A mass cleaning drive will be organised for three days, starting on Monday, in all areas right from the Corporation to village panchayat in order to prevent breeding of mosquitoes, according to Collector Jayashree Muralidharan.

It is aimed at removing articles such as tyre, plastic cups, disposed flower pots and stone grinders, coconut and egg shells, which are identified as sources of breeding of aedes aegypti - dengue spreading mosquitoes. The waste strewn on the streets will also be removed, she added.

Presiding over a meeting here on Thursday to take stock of the disease prevention measures in view of the ensuing northeast monsoon within two weeks, Ms. Muralidharan said that the officials of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), panchayat unions, corporation, town panchayats and village panchayats should take sincere steps to carry out the drive from October 13 to October 16 in their respective areas.

The over head tanks and water storing units should also be cleaned to ensure the supply clean water to the citizens.

She added that the government officials, employees and the residents of the respective areas should be involved in the drive. They should also be sensitised about the breeding of mosquitoes, causing dengue, “chikun guniya” and other diseases.

In a related move, V.P. Thandapani, Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli City Corporation, has asked the educational institutions, both government and private to clean their campuses. They should intimate the Corporation if students were affected with fever.

The managements should create awareness among students on dengue fever. Oath should be administered in prayers on prevention of dengue fever.