In monsoon season, outbreak of malaria and dengue is quite common. Your science teacher has asked you to write an article for the school magazine on the topic “The Killer Disease—Dengue”. Write the article in about 200 words.

THE KILLER DISEASE—DENGUE

Dengue fever spreads due to the mosquitoes. Mosquitoes breed in the stagnant water found in places like water coolers and roadsides. When these mosquitoes bite people, the fever may lead to dengue. It is highly infectious.

If a person is down with dengue fever he should immediately contact a doctor so that the fever can be prevented from spreading at the right time. Dengue fever if not treated properly and at the right time can even be fatal. We can prevent the outbreak of dengue by taking some measures.

Water in the coolers should not be allowed to stagnate for long and must be changed regularly. One or two spoons of Kerosene can be put in stagnant water so that mosquitoes cannot breed in it. Water should not be allowed to stagnate outside the house. One should wear clothes that cover the arms and legs both and insecticides should be sprayed regularly. To prevent mosquito bites, mosquito repellents and mosquito nets at night should be used.

If a person finds any mosquito-breeding place, in his locality or in nearby places, he should immediately contact the municipal corporation so that they will take appropriate measures to eliminate them.

Even after taking these precautions, if one catches the disease, he should be taken to the doctor immediately and should be treated properly. Remember “Prevention is better than cure.” Prevention of Dengue is as much in the hands of people as in the hands of the municipality.

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