

Authorities urged to monitor Cuddalore SIPCOT industries

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IN the wake of cyclone Nivar, members of SIPCOT Area Community Environmental Monitoring (SACEM), a Cuddalore-based non-profit organisation, has urged the district administration to take preventive measures towards disaster preparedness at Cuddalore industrial complex.

Speaking to *Express*, a member of SACEM said, "There are several ways the industries in SIPCOT can engage in illegal activities during monsoon and cyclone. Illegal discharge of effluents into waterbodies are witnessed highly during monsoon."

Dengue cases

As per official sources, 153 dengue cases have been reported in the

district since January this year. Sources also said that currently only two patients have been reported for dengue infection, and both are undergoing treatment at Cuddalore GH.

Gajapathy, District Malaria Officer (DMO), said, "About 700 domestic breeding checkers have been deployed to carry out dengue testing across the district. Meanwhile, other activities such as chlorination of water sources, mosquito fogging and door-to-door testing are also underway."

T Senthil Kumar, Deputy Director of Health Services, said, "Necessary mobile medical units have been set up at relief camps. After the cyclone, depending on the situation, more units will be called in from Kancheepuram and Tiruvannamalai districts, if needed."