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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Scrub typhus scare in Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh</b>			
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Spread of fatal scrub typhus has caused panic in Kullu district where two women died of the disease. Besides, seven cases have been found positive for scrub typhus. "Two women died of scrub typhus. While 66 patients were tested for the disease, seven cases were found positive," Kullu chief medical officer Y D Sharma said. He added that government hospital in Kullu is fully equipped for the tests and antibiotic for scrub typhus is easily available everywhere.

Women here are more prone to scrub typhus as they come in regular contact with grass and agriculture fields. The disease is transmitted to humans by mites that are found in the grass.

"People should take extra precaution in rainy season. It is better to use gloves and proper footwear while cutting grass and doing other agricultural work," Sharma added.

"We spend hours in grass and shrubs. I personally feel scared of being bitten by mite carrying the scrub typhus bacteria. Now I use rubber gloves but we cannot cover our entire body. So there is a possibility that any person, despite precaution, can fall prey

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to this fatal disease," Anita Thakur, a local, said. A woman from Chachoga village and another woman from Soyol village had died of scrub typhus recently. "I had some fever and headache. I was rushed to hospital. The doctor told me that I don't have symptoms of scrub typhus. But we were so scared that it could be scrub typhus. Such is the state of panic among us," another woman Karuna Devi said. Following an advisory issued by health departments, each family in Kullu has bought antibiotic tablets to fight the scrub typhus.

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