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Title:	Tirthahalli taluk- Shimoga district under the grip of monkey fever again			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Shimoga, SSU-Karnataka			

Tirthahalli taluk has come under the grip of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), also known as monkey fever, again after five positive cases, including one death, have been reported in the past one week.

Shyamala, 47, a resident of Ghantejanagallu village who complained of high fever, headache, joint pain, was admitted to J.C. Government Hospital on December 16. The samples of her blood were sent to a laboratory in Manipal, where it was confirmed that she had KFD.

Later, she was shifted to the Government McGann Hospital in Shivamogga and was discharged from the hospital. On Friday, her condition deteriorated at her house and she died.

Respiratory problems

Kiran S.K., taluk health officer of Tirthahalli, informed The Hindu that in addition to KFD, she had respiratory problems also. The blood samples of the five persons have been sent to the National Institute of Virology, Pune, he said.

Mr. Kiran said the deaths of three monkeys were reported in the forest on the outskirts of Ghantejanagallu and two monkeys near Suruvinakoppa village in the second week of December.

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Tests on blood samples and viscera of these monkeys have confirmed that they were infected with KFD.

Following this, the Department of Health and Family Welfare has sounded an alert in the area.

Vaccine administered

The vaccine against KFD has been administered to people residing within five km from where the deaths of the monkeys were reported. In 2017-18, vaccines were administered to more than 35,000 people in Tirthahalli taluk, he said.

KFD is a viral infection that spreads from monkeys to humans through tick bites. In 2016-17, four persons died of KFD in Tirthahalli and 48 positive cases were reported here.

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