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The Trichy Corporation has turned its focus on the residents of the Natharsa Mosque area following the outbreak of suspected jaundice among children in the past one week. The reason for the sudden spurt, however, is yet to be ascertained.

Fourteen children in the age group of three to five years have fallen sick in a week's time in the area. They have complained of fever and vomiting. Panic-stricken parents took their children to the nearest nursing homes, where blood tests conducted on them revealed incidences of suspected jaundice.

"My daughter refused to eat for two days this week. So, we checked her health condition with the doctor. She was diagnosed with jaundice. Suspecting any contamination in the water, we drink boiled water," said a woman who refused to be named.

The outbreak prompted the health wing of the Trichy Corporation to camp in the area for the past three days. A team of health department staff, including doctors from urban primary health centres, conducted thorough medical check-up on those with symptoms of fever.

Interestingly, most parents preferred to give herbal medicines for their children.

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"People are relying on herbal medicines, which are usually given for jaundice. We don't stop them either," said AIADMK councillor of ward 12 A Natharsha.

Renganathan, a resident of the area, alleged that water contamination could be a reason for the outbreak. "Unprotected sewage may have seeped into drinking water pipeline and caused the disease," he said.

However, councillor Natharsha ruled out water contamination. "We checked the water supply pipeline. There was no contamination," said the councillor.

The corporation officials also took water samples from the area and sent them for testing to check if there was any water contamination that led to the outbreak of jaundice, besides bringing the congested residential area under the health surveillance.

The corporation's health wing employees were pressed into action to initiate source eradication measures (SEM) and information education communication (IEC) programmes, to provide tips about keeping water clean and hygienic living.

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