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Title:	1 child dies, 27 others fell ill after taking 'Prashad' in district Gurdaspur, Punjab			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Gurdaspur, SSU-Punjab			

One child died and 27 others fell ill after taking the 'prashad' at a gurudwara in Guru Nanak Nagar in Batala, police said.

The victims, who took the 'prashad' last night, were admitted to the civil hospital as well as private hospitals, while four of them were referred to Guru Nanak Dev Hospital in Amritsar after their condition turned critical.

The dead man was one-and-a-half-year-old Baljit Singh, a resident of Guru Nanak Nagar. The other children who fell ill also belonged to the same locality, police said.

Priest Paramjit Singh, who distributed the 'prashad' after performing the 'Rehras Path', was taken into custody, they added.

After the incident was reported, Gurdaspur Deputy Commissioner Pardeep Aggarwal, civil surgeon HS Ghai and Senior Superintendent of Police Deepak Hilori reached the spot and launched a probe.

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A Health department team has collected the sample of the 'prashad' and sent it to the laboratory, police said. Jaspal Singh, the father of the deceased child, said both of his sons started feeling uncomfortable after reaching home from the gurudwara.

While his younger son Baljit died, the condition of the elder son, Abhijit Singh, was stable, he added.

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