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Title:	3 girls die of mysterious fever in Salem Govt. hospital, Tamil Nadu			
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Three girls died of fever at the Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College Hospital in the city on Wednesday. While the parents of the girls claimed that their daughters died of dengue, the hospital dean Dr P Kanagaraj denied it.

The deceased have been identified as R Shivani, 7, of Thuttampatty near Tharamangalam; S Lathika, 7 of Periyagoundapuram near Attur; and S Nithya, 15, of Jalagandapuram.

Shivani, who was studying in class 2 in a government school, fell ill on September 25. "We admitted her to a private hospital on the same evening for treatment," said Raja, father of Shivani. He said the doctors in the private hospital advised him to shift Shivani to the government hospital in the city treatment as her health condition deteriorated.

Shivani was admitted to the government hospital on September 27. She vomited blood on the same night. Following this, she was shifted to the intensive care unit.

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"Though she was given treatment, there was no improvement in her condition," Raja added. She died without responding to treatment around 5.30am on Wednesday.

Lathika, who was studying in class 2 in a government school in Periyagoundapuram, was admitted to the government hospital for treatment on October 3 for fever. "Doctors who checked my daughter said it seemed like dengue. They also sent her blood sample for lab test," said V Saravanan, father of Lathika. He said she died at the hospital on Wednesday morning.

S Nithya, 15, who was studying in class 10 in Jalagandapuram, was suffering from fever since a week ago. Her parents admitted her to a primary health centre in the same vicinity. The doctors shifted her to the government hospital on October 3. Doctors at the PHC informed her parents that the symptoms seemed like dengue. "So we shifted her to the government hospital," said K Srinivasan, father of Nithya. She also died on Wednesday morning without responding to treatment.

When contacted by TOI, Dr P Kanagaraj denied that all the three girls died of dengue. "After seeing the symptoms, we also suspected that those three girls were suffering from dengue. But, we will come to a conclusion only after seeing the lab report," the dean said.

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