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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Two more persons died of fever in district North 24-Parganas, West Bengal</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-North 24-Parganas, SSU-West Bengal			

Two more persons died of fever at Deganga on Monday, taking the death toll in the North 24-Parganas pocket to 12 in five days. Baby Bibi, 32, a resident of Belpur village, had been suffering from fever for the past five days. Family members said she was taken to Biswanathpur Block Primary Health Centre, where a doctor gave her medicines but did not advise any blood test.

The fever did not subside, prompting family members to take Baby to Barasat District Hospital on Saturday. Doctors at the Barasat hospital referred her to RG Kar Medical College and Hospital after her condition deteriorated.

Baby died at the Calcutta hospital on Sunday night. The other victim, Kabirul Islam, 36, had been suffering from fever for the past three days. The resident of Khanpur village was admitted to Barasat District Hospital on Sunday. He died early on Monday. Thousands of people have been suffering from fever in and around Deganga, many of whom have tested positive for dengue. Health department figures reveal that 701 cases of dengue had been detected across the state on Monday. This takes the

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number of dengue cases across the state to 18,238 since January. The mosquito-borne disease has claimed as many as 35 lives in the state this year.

Health department officials claimed that the number of fever cases was coming down. "Over the past week, the number of people suffering from fever in Deganga and Habra has come down significantly because of health camps and other measures," health secretary Anil Verma said. "The number of people in need of blood tests has come down, too."

Residents of Deganga, however, had a different tale to tell. "Almost every household has at least one member suffering from fever," a resident said. "Dengue tests are not done at health centres and most of us cannot afford to get them done at private laboratories," said another resident.

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