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Title:	Two deaths due to Scrub Typhus in district Gandhinagar, Gujarat			
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Death of Dilip and Rekha, a farmer couple in Vasan village of Gandhinagar district, has sent shock waves after it was found that they had succumbed to the deadly Scrub Typhus disease caused by the bite of mites. Health authorities have started major screening operations in the village and also started an OPD to prevent any further spread of the disease. Also known as Tsutsugamushi illness, the fever which is rarely reported in Gujarat, was diagnosed by doctors of Aashka Multi-speciality Hospital in Sarghasan, Gandhinagar.

"Dilip was brought to us in a critical stage with a high fever, failing kidney and liver function. He was barely conscious. We suspected him of suffering from scrub typhus after we spotted black, flat eschar which is a typical sign of the illness. We started his treatment, but since he was brought in a critical condition, he succumbed to the disease on August 30," said Dr Yogesh Vaghela, intensive care physician in Aashka Hospital. The fever's symptoms are similar to dengue and other viral illness which lead to late diagnosis. Dr D C Jagani, chief district health officer, Gandhinagar, said adequate arrangements have been made in the village. "Prophylaxis medication is being administered to family members and kin who were in touch with the couple. A special OPD has been set up for five weeks to screen fever patient and give doxycycline tablets twice a week," Dr Jagani said.

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