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Title:	Another child dies due to suspected typhoid in Tiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu, fever toll up to 8			
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A three-year-old girl from Tiruvallur died of suspected typhoid at the Institute of Child Health (ICH) here early on Sunday morning. This is the eighth death of a child from the district since mid-August. The child, H Manitha, hailing from Balapuram, around 135km from Chennai, was brought to ICH on Saturday afternoon in a semi-conscious state. "She had severe sepsis which resulted in extremely low blood pressure, limiting blood flow to the organs," said Dr D Saminathan, director, ICH. Sepsis is an extreme immune system response to an infection that has spread throughout the blood and tissues.

Doctors said Manitha had high fever for close to five days. She was being treated by a local doctor for three days, before being referred to ICH. She died at 2am on Sunday morning because of multi-organ failure. Over the last three weeks, parts of Tiruvallur have suffered from sporadic cases of viral and bacterial infections, claiming eight lives, all children.

While public health officials fan out to detect and treat cases early, the presence of a large number of quacks is complicating the situation. "They either prescribe the wrong medicines or delay real treatment. Most of the children, by the time they are brought to the government hospital, they are already in critical condition," said D Mohanan, joint director of health in the district.

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Over the last one month, at least a dozen fake doctors have been caught. While some of them have been based on tip-offs, in some cases the quacks were nabbed by officials posing as patients.

On Friday, a team of public health officials nabbed a 52-year-old Botany graduate practising medicine in Arani, a town panchayat about 47km from Chennai. The man, Rajkumar, had been posing as a doctor for close to 12 years, officials said.

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