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Title:	2 succumb to gastroenteritis in Panhala's Shindewadi village in district Kolhapur, Maharashtra			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Kolhapur, SSU – Maharashtra			

A four-year-old girl and a 50-year-old woman, both belonging to the family of sugarcane cutters currently based at Shindewadi in Panhala tehsil, have died due to gastroenteritis (gastro).

The deceased-duo — Ritu Pawar (4) and Rajashri Pawar (50) — along with 11 other people from the hamlet of sugarcane cutters were admitted to the Chhatrapati Pramila Raje hospital in Kolhapur after they complained about stomach pain and vomiting. Both Rajashri and Ritu died on Tuesday night while undergoing treatment.

The district health administration has sent a team to Shindewadi which is a small village with a population around 900 people. The sugarcane cutters staying in the village have come from Dhule district.

Yogesh Sale, district health officer, said, “The gastro seems to be the main reason for the deaths. The admitted people are showing signs of improvement. We have deployed a team of doctors to check each and every person from the village and bring

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them under treatment if they show any sign of gastroenteritis infection. We suspect that the infection has spread due to drinking water from a nearby well. We have sent samples of water from the well as well as the samples of the patients for testing to find which vector caused the disease.”

The stomach gets irritated and inflamed due to infection caused by the virus and bacteria that reach through the drinking water. The water is usually contaminated by sewage seeping into the water bodies.

The locals have claimed that the well is the only source for drinking water in the village as there is no supply of water through tap. Sale said the grampanchayats are usually asked to decontaminate water before supplying it for drinking purpose and an inquiry will be carried out to check whether the advised procedures were followed.

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