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Title:	37 jaundice cases in Solan district, Himachal Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Solan, SSU-Himachal Pradesh			

At least 37 jaundice cases have been reported at Shoolini University near here. According to information, drinking water at the university, being drawn from a local stream, is contaminated with sewage. Fearing an increase in the number of cases, the health authorities have directed the university authorities to discontinue the drinking water scheme.

Medical Officer, Health, Dr NK Gupta said the university had been directed to take all precautions such as the use of bottled water and cleaning of water distribution tanks to ensure that the disease did not spread further.

He said water samples from the campus as well as effluents of a sewage treatment plant had been drawn and sent to the Pune-based National Virology Lab for analysis.

He said the sewage treatment plant had contaminated water being supplied to the university.

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Officials of the Irrigation and Public Health Department, who had taken note of the contaminated water in March, have also directed the university authorities to abandon the water scheme. A no-objection certificate has also been sought.

Executive Engineer Sumit Sood said the university had been directed to maintain the optimum level of residual chlorine of 0.2 ppm in water supplied to staff and students and sanitise all existing sources of water as a preventive step.

Vice-Chancellor PK Khosla said all due measures such as the cleaning of all tanks had been undertaken. Alternative arrangements for water had been made to ensure that no more cases of jaundice were detected on the campus.

He said these cases pertained to contaminated water consumed by staff and students in March. Water samples tested recently had shown no signs of contamination, he claimed.

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