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Title:	Two die of scrub typhus in district Lawngtlai, Mizoram			
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At least two persons have died and 101 others are getting ill due to scrub typhus at Cheural village in south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district, an official of state health department said on Sunday.

The official said that the spread of the disease is at "alarming" rate at the village

He said a medical team led by south Lungpher medical officer Dr Lalchamliana conducted free medical camp at Cheural village last week during which 101 out 280 people were diagnosed with scrub typhus. He said that two people have died due to the infection last month.

As the spread of the disease is on increasing mode, the state government has sent medical experts to the village, he added. More than 40 people have died and over 2,000 infected with scrub typhus since the first case was reported in Mizoram in 2012. Scrub typhus cases were reported in January and July this year. With the death of two persons at Cheural village last month, more than 7 people have died due to the disease during this year.

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More than 161 cases of scrub typhus infection were also reported from Haulawng village in southern Mizoram's Lunglei district, 108 from Pangzawl village in Hnahthial district, 28 from Thenzawl village in Serchhip district and 89 others from Phullen village and surrounding villages like Luangpawng, Thanglailung and Zawngin in Saitual district in January and July this year.

Scrub typhus is a mite-borne disease caused by *Orientia tsutsugamushi* (formerly *Rickettsia tsutsugamushi*). The adult mites do not bite, and the larvae – which are too small to be seen by the naked eye – do so in a painless manner.

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