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Title:	20 tribals take ill after consuming water from well in district Nashik -Maharashtra			
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As many as 20 people from Zagdepada village in the tribal taluka of Surgan — 80-km from Nashik — took ill after drinking contaminated water from a well. While 14 people were sent home after providing treatment at primary health centre of the village on Friday, six others took ill on Saturday. Meanwhile, a senior health official said that no one had to be admitted. However, six people are suffering from diarrhoea following which all preventive measures are being taken in the village concerned.

Vijay Dekate, district health officer of Nashik zilla parishad, said, "As many as 30 families live at Zagdepada. While there is a hand pump to draw water in the habitation, members of some five families on Friday morning drew water from a well in the village."

After consuming the water, villagers started vomiting and got loose motions. "Owing to the rising mercury the water level in wells is dropping down. The water at the surface of the well is mostly contaminated. As the news spread, our health team

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immediately rushed to the village on Friday to take stock of the situation," Dekate said.

Six more villagers came complaining with the same problem on Saturday after which they were taken to a rural hospital in Amboda and provided treatment at the OPD.

ZP chief executive officer Naresh Gite has instructed immediate precautionary measures to contain the situation. The sanitation department took stock of the water purification process in the village and asked the concerned officials to take the necessary measures.

"No patient was admitted on Saturday. The health department led by additional district health officer Daval Salve surveyed the entire village on Saturday to identify the villagers who have taken ill on consuming the contaminated water," he added.

Salve conducted a meeting with the villagers and asked them to use the hand pump available in the village for drawing water instead of using the well. The villagers have also been asked to drink water only after boiling and filtering.

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