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Title:	1 dead, 9 fall ill after consuming 'prasad' in temple in district Chikkaballapura, Karnataka			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Chikkaballapura , SSU-Karnataka			

The Karnataka Police on Saturday started an investigation into the incident where a woman died and several fell ill after consuming 'prasad' at a temple in Karnataka. On Friday night at least nine people, including two children, fell ill after consuming the 'prasad' at Gangamma Temple in Chintamani area of Chikkaballapura district. The district is about 100 km from Bengaluru. Those affected have been hospitalised. Three women have been detained in this connection, news agency PTI said quoting police officials.

Kavita (22) died, while nine others, including four of her family, were admitted to a hospital Friday after eating the offering.

Two unidentified women came to the Gangamma Devi temple in Chintamani Town where a grand celebration took place Friday night, and distributed Kesari Bhat (halwa) to the devotees.

After consuming it, people started complaining of stomach pain, police said, adding they were rushed to a private hospital in the town.

"The temple management is not involved as nobody had prepared any 'prasad' there. Two women had brought some 'prasad' and were distributing it," police said.

Efforts are on to trace the women who distributed the offering outside the temple, they said.

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In December 2018, 17 people lost their lives and more than 100 were hospitalised in Chamarajnar district of Karnataka after they consumed 'prasad' laced with poison at a temple.

A seer of Salur Math Pattada Immadi Mahadevaswamy and three others were arrested on charges of murder and attempt to murder for reportedly poisoning the temple offering.

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