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After dengue and malaria, the first fatal case of suspected Japanese Encephalitis (JE) has been reported in Sidlaghatta in Chikkaballapur district. A five-year-old girl was diagnosed with Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and was brought to Vani Vilas Hospital, where she died on June 6. Rabiya had high fever and convulsions on May 26 and was admitted to a district hospital on June 3. She was then shifted to Vani Vilas where she succumbed to her illness. JE is a serious mosquito-borne viral infection resulting in the inflammation of the brain.

Health department officials claim to have already started a fever survey in the area. If confirmed, this will be the second case of JE this year in the state, and the first fatal one. Last year, the state saw 50 cases of JE but no deaths. JE is considered to be one of the main causes of AES.

As far as AES is concerned, the state has seen 193 cases in the first six months of 2016 as compared to 150 in the whole of last year. Dr Prakash Kumar, state surveillance officer, Department of Health and Family Welfare, told BM, "The first case of confirmed JE was seen two months ago in North Karnataka. In the case of this girl, we have sent the reports to the laboratory and it is yet to be confirmed. It is mainly tested through an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay [ELISA]."

"We have conducted a vaccination drive in 10 districts that are endemic. These include the districts surrounding Bengaluru like Kolar and Mandya.," Dr Kumar said.

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In Karnataka, the first outbreak was seen in the 1950s in Kolar and Mandya. "These districts have a large number of paddy fields and lakes that are a breeding ground for mosquitoes. In Bengaluru, it is mainly on the outskirts where this virus breeds in pigs." Last year, the city saw several cases of JE because of unscientific disposal of garbage.

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