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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Tirthahalli taluk- Shimoga district, Karnataka still vulnerable to outbreak of diseases</b>			
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Though the cholera epidemic has subsided in Hanagerekatte in Tirthahalli taluk, this rural pilgrim centre continues to remain vulnerable to the outbreak of diseases owing to the lack of access to pure drinking water and the failure to put a proper solid waste management practice in place here.

It may be mentioned that three positive cases of cholera were reported in Hanagerekatte village on May 3. All three patients were from the same family. Following this, the Department of Health and Family Welfare had taken several measures to prevent the spread of the disease, including conducting a health screening camp here. No positive cases of cholera were reported in the past ten days.

Following the outbreak of cholera, Tirthahalli tahsildar had ordered the closure of Syed Sadath Dargah and Bhootharaya-Chowdeshwari temple in the village managed by Department of Muzrai, till May 13. A large number of devotees visit the dargah and the temple daily. Both will be opened from Monday.

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## Drinking water

At present, the residents of Hanagerekatte get drinking water from a stream that flows from the top of the hill located adjacent to the village and from a borewell dug near the temple. According to officials of Department of Health and Family Welfare, the water samples collected from both the sources – the stream and borewell – have been tested positive for E. Coli bacteria and faecal content. The consumption of contaminated water may trigger another epidemic outbreak.

Though the gram panchayat has set up a Reverse Osmosis water purifying unit here, it is yet to be commissioned.

## Scientific waste disposal

Lokesh, a resident of Hanagerekatte, said it is necessary to ensure scientific disposal of the waste generated from the slaughter houses in the vicinity of the dargah and the temple and the solid waste collected from the households here. The devotees who visit the village cook food at vacant sites on the outskirts of Hanagerekatte and leave behind the litter there owing to which the place is gripped by a housefly menace.

Mr. Lokesh said it was necessary to ensure access to clean drinking water for residents and devotees and to adopt scientific solid waste management practices to keep diseases at bay. The slaughterhouses here should be replaced with modern mechanised abattoirs to maintain cleanliness, he added.

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