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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Students fell ill after having shawarma in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu</b>			
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Three veterinary college students fell sick after eating chicken shawarma at a restaurant in Orathanadu, Thanjavur on Thursday night. They were admitted to the medical college hospital after developing stomach pain, but are stable. In Trichy and Karur the food safety department seized 22kg of rotten chicken from eateries selling shawarma while Madurai District Hotels Association called on the government to take steps to regulate all roadside eateries, on Friday.

Police said the students, Praveen, 22, Parimalleshwaran, 21, and Manikandan, 22, were hostellers and had shawarma at a hotel near their college. On returning to hostel, all three had nausea and vomiting. Subsequently, hostel authorities took them to a government hospital in Orathanadu and then to the medical college hospital. Food safety authorities ordered the outlet to shut immediately. Officials later inspected 21 restaurants in Thillai Nagar, Vayalur Road and central bus stand in Trichy and seized 12 kilogram of rotten chicken kept for sale. Notices were issued to all restaurant owners. In Karur, officials inspected 16 hotels and seized 10 kilogram of rotten chicken from 10 shops.

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Madurai District Hotels Association president K L Kumar said that unhygienic practices prevailed at roadside eateries across Tamil Nadu. "Often many roadside eateries are located close to open drains or places where a lot of dust or garbage is present nearby. The utensils used are also simply rinsed in a single bucket of water and reused," said Kumar. "The containers kept open for hours in roadside eateries are prone to contamination. The government must take note of the situation and take steps to improve hygiene in such eateries," said Kumar. The latest raids on shops selling shawarma come in the backdrop of the death of a girl in Kerala last week after consuming shawarma. Food safety department officials in Madurai had carried out inspections at 52 shawarma shops and seized 10kg of spoiled meat.

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