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Title:	Measles outbreak in 4 villages in Chatra district, one death reported in Jharkhand			
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An outbreak of measles has been reported from a few villages in the Simaria block of Chatra with one suspected death due to the disease, putting the health authorities on alert. Health department officials said several people in Jabda village, Harijan Tola, Birhor Tola and Chatibar Tola are down with the disease. A woman, identified as 35-year-old Sheela Devi, wife of Umesh Birhor, is suspected to have died of measles on Monday.

Villagers said in every house, four to five people are sick. "Rashes cover the body of the patients and they are suffering from high fever as well," a local said on Thursday, adding that people are using neem leaves and desi ghee to avoid irritation.

Many people consider measles to be a divine curse due to which they are avoiding medical treatment and working with home remedies. Some of the villagers have urged the health department to take concrete measures, including setting up medical camps.



The four affected villages have a total population of 500 but Jabda village is the worst hit as about 150 people are said to be ill. A villager, Sukul Kumar, said, "No official intervention is done here despite the administration having the knowledge of the outbreak."

The district health department, however, refuted the claim, saying a team has been pressed into service since Wednesday in the area to provide treatment and other help to the patients.

Chatra civil surgeon S N Singh said, "The in-charge of the primary health centre of Simaria has been directed to ensure proper treatment to the patients. Other than visiting every house, officials concerned have been directed to organise camps in the villages. All patients are gradually recovering now."

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