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<b>title:</b>	<b>Two Chittoor villages in grip of viral fevers</b>			
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After a month-long panic over three dengue casualties and about 50 positive cases in March, the villages of Timmasamudram and Perindesam in K.V.B. Puram mandal of Chittoor district are now reeling under viral fevers, with about 20 persons from them undergoing treatment in government and private hospitals in Srikalahasti and Tirupati.

After the first casualty was reported from Timmasamudram on March 4, officials of the District Medical and Health Office (DMHO) conducted emergency medical camps in the village and at the adjoining Perindesam till the last week of the month. But within a few days, officials received reports about viral fevers. As many as 20 cases had been registered at Arundhatiwada near Timmasamudram in the last two days.

As the situation turned serious, District Collector Siddarth Jain directly spoke to the victims and their family members and directed DMHO Vijaya Gowri to continue medical camps and even arrange night halts at the vulnerable villages by senior medical officials.

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## Door-to-door survey

Accordingly, a team of medical and paramedical staff from the SV Medical College conducted door-to-door survey in Timmasamudram, Perindesam and Ragigunta and collected blood samples.

Medical Officer at the Government Hospital in KVB Puram Mandal K. Raghava Reddy said blood samples had been sent to the SVRR Hospital in Tirupati for diagnosis. "At present, we have patients from KVB Puram Mandal undergoing treatment in various hospitals in Tirupati. Though we had dengue casualties last month from the same area, we are yet to have any confirmation on fresh cases," he said.

The medical officer said most of the families in Timmasamudram and Perindesam were lorry owners and drivers. "As there have been no such outbreaks in Chittoor district or elsewhere in AP, it is possible that they might have got infected in other parts of the country," he said.

The DMHO personnel on Monday organised 'kala jathas' in vulnerable villages and the events continued on Tuesday also.

On noticing that ponds and drainage lines turned breeding grounds for mosquitoes, health officials undertook anti-larval measures such as spraying in vulnerable localities.

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