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| Title: | Boy died due to brain eating amoeba in Alappuzha, Kerala | | | |
| Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC | Information communicated to DSU – Alappuzha, SSU- Kerala | | | |

An incident that took place in Alappuzha district of Kerala has raised the alarm among all. An amoeba in contaminated water claimed the life of a young man. This amoeba spread the infection in the boy's brain. It boggles the mind. According to Kerala Health Minister Veena George, the boy from Panavalli near Alappuzha district was infected with primary amoebic meningoencephalitis.

Such cases have come to light in the past..

Five such cases have come to light in the past. The minister said that while the first case came to light in 2016 in Tiramala ward, two cases each came to light in Malappuram in 2019 and 2020. In 2020 and 2022, one case each was reported in Kozhikode and Thrissur. All those infected with amoebic meningoencephalitis died.

Entering the body through the nose.

According to the doctors, this amoeba enters the body through the nose. On noticing the severity of the disease, Alappuzha district medical officials alerted the local people. It is advised not to bathe with contaminated water. They said that when infected with this disease, the victim faces problems like fever, headache, vomiting etc.

Save Water- Save Life, Save a tree- Don't print unless it's really necessary!

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