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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Unknown Disease claims seven lives in koraput village in 3 months, Odisha</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Koraput, SSU-Odisha			

As many as seven persons have died of an unknown disease in the last three months at Banguruguda village of Similiguda block in Koraput district.

According to sources, five residents of the village had died earlier after being affected by the unidentified disease. One more villager died yesterday morning while another succumbed the previous night. Three more affected persons are currently undergoing treatment at Kunduli health centre.

The disease triggered panic among the residents. Some villagers have vacated the village and took shelter in Similiguda.

According to the residents, the unknown disease had hit the village four years back. However, they allege that the administration has been unable to trace out the root cause of the illness let alone take any measures to contain it.

"We have seen instances when people seemed normal in night, but they would die in the morning. At present, three affected persons are undergoing treatment at Kunduli

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health centre. A team of doctors had visited the village and checked the affected people," said Harsu Jani, a villager.

Yesterday, a team of doctor visited the village and collected samples of foods and drinking water.

Koraput Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) Dadhibamana Mohanty informed that an expert team is being prepared to carry out ground zero assessment of the situation in the village and its vicinity.

"There is no report of outbreak of any infectious disease in the village. I inquired about the scenario from the Kunduli medical officer. He said that one 70-year-old died while another affected by a chronic disease also succumbed. Our medical team will visit the village to find out exact reasons behind the deaths. Further measures will be taken on the basis of the report of the medical team," Mohanty said.

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