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Title:	Suspected leptospirosis deaths trigger probe in Maharashtra's Thane district			
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Authorities in Maharashtra's Thane are probing suspected cases of leptospirosis after the disease claimed two lives in the district's Shahapur tehsil. Officials say that at least two more people are undergoing treatment for the same disease in the Thane civil hospital.

A bacterial disease that affects humans and animals, leptospirosis is caused by bacteria of the genus leptospira. If left untreated, the disease can lead to kidney damage, liver failure, meningitis and even death.

Over the past three weeks, several people have died in Shahapur and Murbad tehsils of Maharashtra's Thane district due to suspected leptospirosis and dengue.

These diseases have claimed at least 10 lives in Shahapur's Bapgaon village alone which has a population of 3,000. According to news agency PTI, another 17 people have died of a similar disease in Murbad and surrounding villages in recent weeks.

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Thane District administration is working to identify the cause of their deaths. Health camps will also be set up in all the villages of Shahapur and Murbad tehsils to raise awareness about leptospirosis and dengue and to identify and treat any confirmed cases.

District medical officer of Thane, Dr Manish Renge told PTI, "In Shahapur, two persons have died of leptospirosis. Besides, two more persons are undergoing treatment in civil hospital for it."

"The cause of other people's death is being investigated," Dr Renge added.

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