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<b>Title:</b>	<b>PF malaria spread in bordering villages of Tripura</b>			
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Tripura government has decided to extend emergency medical care to the villagers of residing in the corner of Tripura-Mizoram-Bangladesh border following sudden outbreak of malaria and vector borne diseases in past few days. According to the local sources, as many as 27 cases were reported to various health clinics in Bhandarima, Shantipur and Gachhirampara of Kanchanpur under North Tripura district and another about 34 people were detected Plasmodium Falciparum (PF) malaria in six villages of the area where ASHA workers have been working. Spread of malaria and other vector borne diseases in hilly parts of Tripura have been a common phenomenon but in last few years due to precautions from the health department, the situation was not escalated much, sources said, adding, "This year due to general elections the administration was otherwise busy and could not give much attention and moreover, Tripura experienced more pre-monsoon shower this year that further aggravated the situation." Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb who is also holding the health portfolio today reviewed the situation and directed the health officials to undertaken measures on war-footing to arrest the situation and control further spread of the disease. Besides, health workers, he asked the local MLAs and other public representatives to supervise the healthcare extension work. "We have already

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arranged special medical team to conduct camps in the area and health workers were directed to go for extensive rapid malaria check up in each and every household. The similar instructions were also issued to all other malaria prone areas and alert has been issued for the doctors and medical staff," said a senior official of health directorate. He added, "Due to geographical proximity with moist forest of Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh, entire eastern bordering stretches of Tripura is vulnerable to vector borne diseases including PF malaria. The BSF jawans deployed in the border are the worst victim of PF malaria despite adequate preventive measures from the authority. For the villagers also the state government provides preventive kits and medicines but most of the time these were not used as prescribed that complicate the situation."

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