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Title:	College student hospitalised with diphtheria in district Salem, Tamil Nadu			
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A private college student admitted with possible diphtheria symptoms in Salem government Mohan Kumaramangalam medical college hospital (GMKMCH), was diagnosed with it on Friday. She was sent to the government hospital in Coimbatore for further treatment. The student Roja (name changed) was pursuing her bachelor's degree from a private arts and science college in Ponnammampet area. There, she developed breathing difficulty and throat pain.

The doctors later alerted the district health department following which a team of doctors rushed to the college. "As a precautionary measure, we have administered injections to more than 2500 students of the college," Dr. Nirmalson, deputy director (DD) of health services department said.

The DD also said that diphtheria had been eradicated from the state about 30 years ago. "It has made a comeback in the district," he said, assuring that the disease would be eliminated from the district at the earliest. He appealed those who have difficulty in breathing and swallowing or throat pain, to come to GMKMCH for blood test, and if need be, a treatment. He also warned that timely intervention is essential for diphtheria. tnn

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