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Title:	Monkey deaths spark fear among trekkers in district Kolar, Karnataka			
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The Kyasanur Forest disease (KFD) fear refuses to die as more and more complaints pour in. Trekkers from Bengaluru are now scared to head to their favourite spot Antaragange (70 km from the city) as monkeys have been reportedly dying in the hills. Antaragange or Shatashringa Hills near Kolar are known variety of boulders and cave exploration. Additionally, the natural spring at Antarangange also attracts devotees to the spot. Sources in Kolar have reported of at least 15 monkeys have died suspiciously within the span of a week.

Locals have been trying to feed the simians but have got no response from the usually enthusiastic creatures. The bodies of these monkeys are being buried near a Hanuman temple. Locals suspect it to be a case of KFD and have sent an SoS to the forest department. KFD has a unique existence in five districts of Karnataka. In Shivamogga, probe in unusual death of monkeys led to a confirmation of KFD.



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The symptoms include sudden onset of fever and headache. Monkeys, which meet infected ticks in the forest, get the virus and act as the host. Some small mammals are also known to act as hosts for the virus.

Campers or others passing through the forest get the disease from the bites of infected tick or through contact with the infected monkey or a monkey which died recently from the infection. KFD is prevalent in forests in Chikmagaluru, Shivamogga and Bandipur areas.

"Kolar is a popular trekking spot. But many trekkers have been discouraged to head to Antaragange due to the news of the monkey deaths. Till now, people feared heading to thick forests but now they are scared to venture into this boulder country as well," said Abhinandan R, one of the regular trekkers. However, forest department officials say that they are yet to ascertain the cause of the deaths and have pointed that monkey is unheard in dry parts like Kolar

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