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Title:	One woman dies, 30 people fell sick in Koppal, Karnataka			
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Days after the consumption of polluted water claimed the life of a boy in north Karnataka, a 65-year-old woman Monday died and 30 others fell ill after allegedly drinking contaminated water from a village public tap in Koppal district, officials said. The condition of two people are said to be critical, they said.

The police said that the deceased Honnamma Shivappa, a resident of Basarihala village of Kanakagiri taluk, had developed symptoms of vomiting and dehydration and was hospitalised for three days.

A four-member medical team, along with 20 staff members and four ambulances, are camping in the village to address any emergencies. More than 15 people are currently receiving treatment in various hospitals.

Upon receiving the news, the district administration and health officials rushed to the scene to provide immediate assistance. They set up a temporary hospital and arranged for safe drinking water to be supplied to the villagers.

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Basarihala villagers alleged that the recent rainfall had contaminated the drinking water source and complained that the panchayat officials had totally ignored their grievances of contamination.

Out of the 30 individuals hospitalised, two people who are in critical condition have been shifted to the district hospital in Koppal, officials said.

A senior administration official confirmed that the hospitalizations are due to the consumption of contaminated water. The police are conducting an investigation into the incident and a detailed report is awaited.

In the last week of May, a three-year-old boy died and several were shifted to hospitals in Raichur district after they allegedly consumed contaminated water. The probe revealed that contamination was due to an unclean water tank.

In June last year, five people in Raichur town died after drinking contaminated water. The investigations showed that the water filtration unit was not cleaned for five years and the newly established automated filtration unit has not been used since 2018. Raichur district has a history of getting polluted water leading to several diseases.

In a recent study by the Jal Shakti Ministry, groundwater in 25 villages of Raichur district has elevated levels of arsenic. Also, people in this drought-hit district are dependent on tap water.

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