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Title:	'Mystery fever' claims 5 more lives in Bhagwanpur area of Haridwar district, Uttarakhand			
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Five more people died due to a 'mystery fever' in Bhagwanpur area of Haridwar district, taking the total death toll to 20 in the past one month. More than half-a-dozen villages in Bhagwanpur sub-division have been affected by the disease, which has symptoms akin to dengue. Following the deaths, panic has gripped the Bhagwanpur area and its adjoining villages, including Chhapur, Choli, Mohitpur, Sikanderpur, Sirchandi, Makkhanpur and Sisouna.

"My daughter Rizwana (28) caught fever a few days ago and succumbed to it on Tuesday night," said Furkan Ali, father of a victim. Some villagers suspect mosquito bites and dengue fever behind these deaths. They allege that mosquito menace is on the rise in the region which is leading to the spread of dengue. "Around 400 people among the total 8,000 residents of our village are in grip of the fever. The situation is really bad. We even sprayed chemicals in the village to curb the spread of the disease but it didn't work," Sazid Ali, village head of Choli, told TOI.

However, health officials maintained that although more than 274 dengue cases have been diagnosed in the district but no death due to the vector-borne disease has been reported so far.

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"Not a single death in our region has occurred due to dengue fever. There were multiple reasons behind the deaths and most of the deceased had pre-existing conditions. The situation is under control and there is no panic anywhere in the district," claimed Santosh Pandey, sub-divisional magistrate, Bahgwanpur.

The official added that the government doctors in the district have been instructed to inform mediapersons about the causes of death. TOI tried to contact district malaria officer and the medical officer of Bahgwanpur government clinic but they didn't respond to repeated calls.

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