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Title:	Mystery fever claims lives of 4 in 2 weeks in Uttar Pradesh town near Pilibhit			
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As many as four people have died of fever in the past two weeks in Naugwan Pakarya town area located on the outskirts of Uttar Pradesh's Pilibhit district.

According to the district's chief medical officer (CMO), Dr Alok Kumar, a 15-year-old boy, Devansh Mishra of class nine, showed symptoms of acute stomach-ache and succumbed to the "mystery" fever on Wednesday after struggling for life for four days.

The town area has a population of over 40,000 residents.

The victims have been identified as Suresh Chandra Saxena (72), Khushalo Devi (40), Suresh Kumar (38) and Devansh. Rajiv Mishra, Devansh's father who works as a cab driver, said, "My son first caught fever and later showed symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. We could not save his life despite getting medical treatment." However, the locals claimed that as many as eight people have died since October 12.

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Following the deaths, the CMO inspected the area and deployed a team of officials from the health department to collect blood samples of people suffering from fever. He said, “As many as 201 blood samples were tested for dengue and 330 samples for malaria. So far, only one person has been detected positive for dengue.”

Meanwhile, most of the test reports came back as positive for typhoid. “The prime reason behind this is likely the use of contaminated hand pump water for drinking by every household in the town. The residential area has over a kilometre-long filthy and polluted water body just close to it. This possibly may be the prime cause of the hand pump water’s contamination,” said the CMO.

“Since people here do not have any proper drinking water supply, they have been advised to only consume boiled water to ensure the safety of their health,” added the CMO.

He further said, “A safe option of pure drinking water can be a deep-bore hand pump with its pipe penetrating into the second stratum which is normally found at the depth of 130 to 150 ft. Here it is hardly 40 to 50 ft deep.”

Meanwhile, a local social worker of Naugwan Pakarya, Sandeep Saxena, said, “We urged SDM of Pilibhit city circle, Yogesh Gaur, many times to carry out the sanitation work in the area especially at the filthy water body but to no avail. Except for conducting the fogging operations for a few occasions, he didn’t pay heed to our concerns.”

TOI tried contacting the district magistrate Praveen Kumar Lakshkar and the SDM concerned but no one was available to comment.

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