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| Title: | 2 die, over 80 fell ill due to diarrhoea outbreak in Patiala, Punjab | | | |
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Two kids between the age of 2 to 5 years died while over 80 people have fallen ill following the outbreak of diarrhea in royal city Patiala.

The health officials claimed that around 14 people were hospitalized after being affected with diarrhea while the total fallen ill so far in the last two days have crossed the number 80.

The district administration and the health teams have come on their toes since the outbreak was reported last evening. The deceased has been identified as Nakul, 5, who died on Friday and a two-year-old girl identified as Mehak who succumbed to infection on Saturday.

The water samplings have been done by both the Municipal Corporation Patiala and health department however the reports are awaited. The probe has been initiated to ascertain the cause of the outbreak however no direct leakage or mixing of sewage

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water has been detected so far in the area in the New Mahindra Colony that falls under Ward No. 40.

The officials revealed that among the diarrhea affected people in this colony, many were migrant labourers and living in unhygienic conditions in their houses. The civic body officials observed during inspection that some affected residents were also withdrawing water from taps that were also being used for the washroom.

Patiala civil surgeon Dr Raju Dhir said that audit of the deaths of two children will be done as these are suspected Diarrhea deaths. He said that temporary dispensaries have been set up and areas near the affected New Mahindra colony will also be examined."

Joint Commissioner Patiala Municipal Corporation, Naman Markan said, "We have conducted inspection in the area where people have been affected with diarrhea however the exact cause behind it is being ascertained as reports of the water samples are awaited. No fault or leakage in the sewage pipelines into the water pipelines have been detected so far.

The colour of water from the taps is also unchanged. Many affected residents also have submersible motors installed and withdrawing groundwater for domestic usage. The civic body teams are present since the outbreak was reported and doing their best to serve the residents. A total of three water tanks have been provided in the area for drinking purposes"

MC Ward No. 40, Sandeep Malhotra said, "There might be some mild leakage of sewage water which has not come in the notice and due to mild leakage the water colour might have not changed. The exact reason will be known after the water sample reports are out."

Patiala epidemiologist Dr Sumeet Singh said, "A total of 14 patients are hospitalized including three admitted yesterday. There are around 76 total patients so far detected with diarrhea. The special medical camps have been installed in the area with a team of doctors and para medical staff to carry out examination."

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