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Title:	Encephalitis cases toll crosses 200 in UP			
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Encephalitis, the annual killer of children in the eastern belt of UP, has in this season claimed over 200 lives, mainly of children, according to information from the state health and family welfare department.

Of the total 201 deaths, 197 were recorded under Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) while the remaining were attributed to Japanese Encephalitis (JE). In terms of cases, AES has affected 1,243 patients while JE has affected 53 persons. Experts say that encephalitis refers to inflammation of the brain. P 4

It is a condition and not a disease. While Japanese Encephalitis is mosquito-borne and vaccine-preventable, the other is lodged as AES. The exact cause of AES is not known, but experts at National Institute of Virology's research centre at the medical college associate Enterovirus with it.

Health officials fear a higher number of cases and deaths this season. "The disease season has just begun and the number of deaths has crossed the 200 mark when the average for deaths for AES alone is 550. P 7

Encephalitis starts spreading with the onset of the rainy season and continues to

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affect and kill people till November end. The current trends suggest that the numbers would cross the average this year," an officer associated with monitoring of encephalitis told TOI.

The apprehension gains weight considering the rate with which deaths are being reported. According to government data, total number of encephalitis deaths on July 29 stood at 95. The figure crossed the 200 mark on August 24. This means, 106 deaths were reported in just 26 days. In this way, an average of 6 to 7 encephalitis deaths are being reported in UP.

A glimpse of the wrath can be seen at the Baba Raghav Das medical college which is flooded with encephalitis cases. "As many as six deaths have been reported in the past 48 hours," said a nurse on duty, adding, "more than 90 patients are battling for life in the encephalitis ward."

Health officials, including minister Ravidas Mehrotra, principal secretary (health and family welfare) Arun Kumar Sinha and chief of National Health Mission, Alok Kumar inspected Gorakhpur and adjoining areas to take stock of the encephalitis situation and preparedness last week.

(With inputs from Arjumand Bano)

for the table

Year - AES cases - AES deaths - JE cases - JE deaths

2010 - 3540 - 494 - 325 - 59

2011 - 3492 - 579 - 224 - 27

2012 - 3484 - 557 - 139 - 23

2013 - 3096 - 609 - 281 - 47

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