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Title:	Swine flu claims 5 lives in 4 days in Jodhpur, Rajasthan			
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With 5 deaths in 4 days, the Swine Flu has again rearing its head in Jodhpur. The deadly virus has claimed 16 deaths this year out of 119 tested positive putting all the affiliated hospitals of the S N Medical College.

Incharge of Swine Flu ward, Suman Bhansali said that out of two admitted in the ward at the MDM Hospital, one more patient died on Sunday.

According to the medical experts, the virus of Swine Flu has been constantly changing its strain in every 2-3 years and thus, the only remedy is early detection of the symptoms and beginning of the treatment.

The toll of Swine Flu has always triggered panic with year 2009 followed by 2013 and 2015 reporting large number of deaths due to Swine Flu in Jodhpur. 2016, however, had only one toll with barely 44 patients having tested positive.

But after a lull of one year, the virus has again started wrecking its havoc in Jodhpur, though far below 2015, when a whopping 450 patients had tested positive.

According to Bhansali, the patients in Jodhpur also include the patients referred

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from neighbouring districts. But these toll figures exclude the deaths in private hospitals, which are not properly reported.

Considering the surge of the Swine Flu in Jodhpur, the MDM Hospital administration has reinforced the ward with all the required equipments made available. It has only one positive admitted after one passed away on Sunday.

"We have fully equipped Isolation and screening wards with 9 and 6 beds respectively fitted with ventilators", said the Superintendent (MDM Hospital) S S Rathore adding that 20 ventilators as well as the diagnostic kits are also present adequately to meet any exigency.

In October this year, the high court had also sought a detailed report on the casualties caused by the Swine Flu taking a suo motto cognizance of the steady deaths in the state expressing concern over these deaths.

The reply by the government had reported highest toll of Swine Flu in Jaipur with Kota standing on second place. In 9 months then, total deaths reported from Swine Flu were 207 in entire state.

The court had directed the government to speed up efforts to control the menace of the virus by carrying out fogging on war-footage and ensuring adequate medicines and other facilities including the medical staff in the hospitals.

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