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Title:	2 kids dead, 40 hospitalized after consuming midday meal at school in district Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.			
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Two children and a 35-year-old Anganwadi worker died and 40 others children were hospitalized in Mathura after they consumed milk as part of the mid-day meal at a government primary school in Kanshi Ram Nagar colony of the city. The state government has ordered a magisterial inquiry into the incident.

The deceased have been identified as four-year-old Zeeshan, three-year-old Kirti and 35-year-old Usha.

According to the preliminary inquiry conducted by the police, the packaged milk was distributed among the children around 11 am on Wednesday. Most of the children started feeling sick a few hours after consuming it.

"We came to know about the incident only at 9.00 am on Thursday. Teams of doctors were rushed to the affected area and every precaution is being taken," additional district magistrate (administration) AK Awasthi said.

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Dr Jasmine Singh, emergency medical officer at Swaran Jayanti community hospital where most of the children were initially admitted, said, "Thirty-five kids, in the age group of 3-15 years, were brought here since Wednesday evening. They all hailed from Kanshi Ram Nagar colony and were from the same school."

Dr Singh said the children showed symptoms of diarrhoea and food poisoning. All of them told her that they had consumed milk at the school, she added.

Incidentally, some of the children admitted to the hospital are not students of the ill-fated school but had fallen ill after consuming milk from sachets brought back home by their siblings.

Rahul, a class VIII student undergoing treatment at the hospital, told TOI that they had received milk in their midday meal after three months. He said soon after consuming the milk, he started feeling uneasy and started vomiting as soon as he reached home.

Jasoda, whose three children, Nikki, Muskan and Kanha, are in the hospital, said my daughters brought back some milk from the school and gave it to their brother, who, too, fell sick.

Talking to TOI, chief medical officer Vivek Mishra said, "It appears to be a case of food poisoning and we are treating the children." He said the condition of all other children was now stable.

Anant Veer Das of Akshay Patra Foundation, which supplies mid-day meals in Mathura schools, said, "We really don't know what happened, as the same milk was consumed by children of other schools and they are all fine." He said the same packaged milk was supplied to 2,041 schools on Wednesday for over 63,000 children in the district by an Agra-based distributor.

District magistrate Rajesh Kumar said it would be premature to conclude that consumption of the milk was the main reason for the incident. "There could be other reasons too," he said, adding that water samples from the school are also being collected and will be sent along with milk samples for lab testing.

As a precautionary measure, use of water from the overhead tank of Kanshi Ram Colony has been banned and water in the colony is being supplied by tankers.

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