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Title:	Hooch tragedy in Azamgarh claims 5 lives, many ill, Uttar Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU – Azamgarh, SSU– Uttar Pradesh			

At least five persons were killed and a over a dozen fell ill after consuming spurious liquor sold from a licensed country liquor shop in Mahul town area under Ahraula police station in Azamgarh district on Monday.

ADG Varanasi zone Ram Kumar said that so far five deaths have been confirmed due to consumption of liquor purchased from local licensed country liquor shop. Police are identifying all other persons, who have purchased liquor from this shop and consumed to ensure proper treatment before their condition deteriorates, he said adding, liquor shop had also been sealed for investigation.

The district magistrate Azamgarh Amrit Tripathi and SP Anurag Arya were camping at Mahul to monitor the situation. Arya said that two persons had been taken under custody so far for interrogation and persons in this connection. He said that initially the focus is on detection of each and every person, who had consumed liquor after purchasing from this shop, in order to ensure the beginning of their proper treatment to avoid further casualties. It will be followed by appropriate action against all responsible with the progress in investigation, added Arya.

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Despite killing of over 80 persons in three hooch tragedies in past one decade the district could not become free from the menace of hooch traders. As per the records 22 persons had lost their lives after consuming spurious liquor in the bordering areas of Azamgarh and Ambedkarnagar district in May 2021. Before it a hooch tragedy in Raunapar area of Azamgarh in July 2017 had claimed over 20 lives while around 40 persons were killed after consuming spurious liquor in Mubarakpur area in October 2013.

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