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Title:	More than 100 residents of Puram Mahagun Puram society fallen sick, possibly after consuming contaminated water in district Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP –NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Ghaziabad, SSU-Uttar Pradesh			

More than 100 residents of Mahagun Puram society in Kavi Nagar have fallen sick, possibly after consuming contaminated water. The township with a population of over 10,000 has 11 towers, of which residents in four towers have been affected. According to residents, since Friday evening, people have complained of skin irritation, vomiting, diarrhoea and a burning sensation in the society's internal WhatsApp group. Water supply in the society comes through underground boring, which is collected in overhead tanks, and residents say the source of contamination could have been the tanks.

Though officials from the Ghaziabad administration took the initial complaints lightly on Friday, a team visited the society on Saturday. An ambulance has now been stationed outside.

Chief medical officer NK Gupta told TOI, "There are no serious cases, and none of the residents is admitted to any private or government hospital. We have a team of doctors deployed at the society and in my presence, about 50 to 60 people came up

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with complaints of stomach ache and nausea, but no one was serious. Anyway, an ambulance has also been kept on standby."

When asked about the possible reason, Gupta said, "It looks like a case of water contamination, we have taken water samples from overhead tanks and inlet and outlet taps. After examination, we will be in a position to confirm it." Yogendra Choudhary, a resident and treasurer of RWA, said, "Close to 100 residents of Vinayak, Baghirathi, Viddhi and Sarawasti towers have been affected after they consumed contaminated water. The affected include some children."

"Complaints have started pouring in since Friday evening, and we immediately urged residents on the society's group not to consume tap water. Some residents on their own went to see a local doctor, who confirmed it was due to water contamination," he added. One of the affected residents, Narendra Tomar said, "On Saturday morning, my wife and I experienced a burning sensation and without wasting any time, we rushed to hospital but were discharged after an hour. We were advised to consume boiled water." Residents said that the builder is still in charge of maintenance of the society, and has assigned the upkeep work to a maintenance agency of its choice.

"It has been five years since we have formed our apartment owners' association, but the builder is yet to hand over the maintenance," said Yogendra Choudhary, an office-bearer.

When contacted, Sachin Garg of Mahagun Builders, however, said, "We don't look after the society's maintenance, it has been outsourced to an agency. I have no information about any water contamination in the society."

District magistrate Ajay Shankar Pandey, meanwhile, said that the situation is not at all worrisome and there is a team of doctors who are aiding the affected people. "We are awaiting a water sample report, and it would be premature to say whether it was due to water contamination till that time."

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