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Title:	East Champaran fast emerging as new AES hotspot in Bihar			
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East Champaran district is fast emerging as new hotspot of the acute encephalitis syndrome (AES), which had claimed lives of more than 150 children in the state last year. At least 12 AES cases have been reported from East Champaran district alone in the last couple of weeks. The cases were mainly reported from Hardiddhi, Chhauradano, Chiraiya, Chakia, Mehsi and Saguali blocks of the district.

Earlier, Muzaffarpur was the worst-affected district in the state as far as AES is concerned. Recently, a three-and-a-half-year-old boy had died at the Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital, Muzaffarpur, due to AES. He was a resident of Muzaffarpur district. Two others were discharged from the hospital after their condition improved.

East Champaran civil surgeon Dr Rizwan Ahmad said altogether seven patients were undergoing treatment in the paediatric intensive care unit (PICU) of the Sadar hospital. Hospital manager Vijay Chandra Jha said till Sunday, 12 patients with AES symptoms were admitted to the hospital. However, two of them were discharged after their condition improved.

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“The PICU is operational round the clock. Doctors and paramedical staff have been deployed there to take care of the AES patients,” Jha said.

The civil surgeon said intensive awareness campaign had been launched in the areas vulnerable to the disease. “We have launched door-to-door campaign in remote areas. Primary health centres have also been equipped to deal with the cases,” he added.

In neighbouring Muzaffarpur, DM Chandra Shekhar Singh reviewed the arrangement at block level. He also reviewed preparations in the villages adopted by the officials concerned.

The DM directed the officials concerned to visit the tolas (hamlets) and villages they have adopted at least once a week.

According to the resolutions adopted at the review meeting, list of the physically weak children has to be prepared, especially in the villages and hamlets inhabited by people belonging to Mahadalit community. The families of the listed children will be provided nutritious food accordingly.

In addition, handbills will be prepared and distributed among the people in the earmarked villages. “The civil surgeon has been asked to ensure that paramedical staff posted at all the PHCs are imparted training. Asha workers and Anganwadi sevikas have been asked to ensure that ORS solutions are distributed among the people,” a health department official posted in the district said.

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