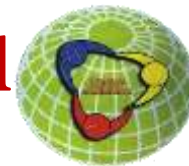




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Two children — aged five and seven years — have died of diarrhoea after consuming contaminated water in Swarn Jayanti Puram colony. Six others with similar symptoms are undergoing treatment in hospitals.

Both the children died on Friday. “On Thursday night, my daughter Ankita (7) complained of uneasiness and started vomiting. She had loose motions too. When her condition deteriorated, we took her to Sanjay Nagar hospital, where she died the next morning,” said Manohar Singh, her father.

“My younger son is also showing similar symptoms and has been admitted to the hospital. Doctors are saying his condition is now stable,” said Singh, who works in a factory in Ghaziabad and has been staying in one of the EWS flats in Swarn Jayanti Puram for the past nine years.

Apart from Ankita, a five-year-old boy, Krishna, also died on Friday at the same hospital. “Both of them had been admitted to the hospital with similar symptoms.

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There are several others who are undergoing treatment for diarrhoea,” said Mukesh, another resident.

Officials of the Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA), which maintains the colony, claimed that dirty water from a pond had found its way into the drinking water pipeline, which residents have damaged at several places. Water from the pond flooded the area through which the pipelines pass after a spell of rain a couple of days ago.

“The GDA built pipelines in this area to supply water to every household. But people have drilled holes at several places to draw water illegally. As it rained over the past few days, water from the pond flooded the area and made its way into the supply pipelines. I cannot say for certain, but there appears to be a diarrhoea outbreak in the area,” said RK Gupta, the GDA chief engineer.

The district administration has taken water samples for tests. “For the past couple of days, we have been receiving complaints about residents falling ill with water-borne diseases. Two children have died. We inspected the area and took water samples for tests. There were at least four samples that failed the preliminary quality test. Dirty water from the pond has got mixed with the drinking water here,” said RK Gupta, the district surveillance officer.

A health department team has been camping in the area, distributing medicines among the residents and cleaning up the water. “As of now, six persons are in hospitals, four of them children. They are all being treated for diarrhea,” said Gupta.

Sudha, a resident, could not recollect the last time the pond was cleaned. “The other day, a cattle carcass lay on the other side of the pond in Sadarpur village. We have told our children several times not to go for a bath in the pond, but they don’t listen to us,” she said.

GDA, which maintains the colony, is also responsible for the supply of drinking water to 250 EWS flats, which are home to around 200 families.

The development authority has now erected a concrete wall around the water pipeline and is repairing the damage. “We are also supplying potable water in the area through tankers. The residents have been advised not to use the pipeline water till it is cleaned completely,” Gupta said.

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