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Title:	2,000 Hepatitis C cases emerge in Uttar Pradesh's Shamli villages in just one year			
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Three decades ago a lake at Maamour village in Shamli district was a picturesque location. But things are different now. In the past two decades, the water body had been subjected to "slow poisoning" as Kairana's (current population of 1 lakh) effluent was directed towards this lake.

Over the years it began to expand and is now close to 4 km in size now. The contamination has adversely affected groundwater too. Worst-affected is Maamour village (population of 2,500). Villagers witnessed over a dozen deaths in the past year alone. A 46-year-old man, Noor Ali, died on November 27. He had Hepatitis C and a few months ago, Noor's elder brother also died of the same disease.

Noor's 22-year-old son, Salman Ali, said, "Now the responsibility of eight siblings and my mother is on me. A debt of around Rs 80,000 is also on me. I had to borrow for my father's medical treatment."

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Hepatitis C and cancer cases are on the rise along with skin-related diseases. Villagers claimed that the groundwater has been contaminated up to about 250 feet in the village.

Farmer Yashpal Chauhan said, "The lake is spreading cancer and jaundice here. About 500 people in the village are suffering from black jaundice and the lake is continuously increasing in size. Over a thousand bighas of farmers' land has already submerged. We get drinking water from a place 3 km away."

According to the health department, Hepatitis C patients are more common and around 2,100 new patients have emerged in one year, most of whom from Kairana region.

District magistrate (Shamli), Jasjit Kaur, told TOI: "A water treatment plant is being constructed at a cost of about Rs 38 crore under the Namami Gange scheme to dispose of the contaminated water of Maamour lake. We are preparing an action plan on an ATM-based RO water plant to provide pure drinking water to the villagers."

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