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Title:	In 24 hours, 5 more children die of high fever in Agra district, Uttar Pradesh			
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Five children, all below 10 years of age, succumbed to high fever in Agra district over the last 24 hours. In a span of one month, 75 people suffering from fever with dengue-like symptoms have died in the district, according to the health department sources. Out of these, 60 were children.

The health department sources confirmed 270 dengue cases in Agra district till Sunday afternoon. Health officials estimated that more than 5,000 people suffering from fever were bed-ridden at home in rural areas as the government-run medical centres had run out of beds. A majority of them were at the mercy of quacks for treatment.

Santosh Singh of Sarai Jairam village said, “My 10-month-old son was suffering from fever for the last four days. We got medicines for him from a private clinic as no doctor was available at the government centre. On Thursday evening, his condition deteriorated. He died on the way to SN Medical College (SNMC).”

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Virendra Singh of Modipura village under Pihanat block said, “Majority of the people suffering high fever are dependent on quacks as the government centres are full and are not admitting any more patients.”

Arun Kumar Srivastava, chief medical officer of Agra district, said, “Health department teams are conducting door-to-door surveys in rural areas to identify patients suffering fever and ensuring their required treatment. Medical camps are also being organized in the affected areas. Cleanliness work and anti-larvae spraying is being done at the villages to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases. Strict action will be taken against the quacks. All the cases of deaths are being investigated”.

The CMO also confirmed a spurt in diarrhoea cases at government centres and said children were worst- affected.

Meanwhile, four more patients succumbed to high fever over the last 24 hours in Firozabad district, three in Etah, two in Kasganj and one in Mainpuri.

The Agra division accounted for more than 5,500 cases of dengue since August with Firozabad district registering the maximum at 4,700 cases, Mathura 610 cases, Agra 270 and Mainpuri 120 cases in Mainpuri. A few cases of malaria, scrub typhus, a bacterial illness spread by larval mites, leptospirosis, bacterial disease spread through the urine of infected animals, have also been reported. Diarrhoea also emerged as a new threat to children in western UP districts.

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