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Title:	20 people died in last two weeks in district Sarguja, Chhattisgarh			
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At least 20 people have died in north Chhattisgarh's Sarguja district due to diarrhoea in last two weeks. According to Sitapur Congress MLA Amarjeet Bhagat, five people died due to the disease in last two days.

"The deaths have been reported from Mainpat area in my constituency. It's a hilly area and almost all the deceased were tribals. The district administration has set up a medical camp but it is not enough. More than 50 people have been admitted in hospital and one camp is not enough to tackle this," Mr. Bhagat told The Hindu.

Chhattisgarh Health Director R. Prassana and Health Secretary Subrat Sahoo visited the affected area on Tuesday, however, made conflicting statements about the number of deaths in last 15 days. In a late evening statement, Mr. Prassana denied that there was any epidemic in Mainpat area. "Around 20 deaths have been reported over a period of one month. Out of which only five to six are due to diarrhoea. Other deaths were due to old age and other ailments. Medicines were made available and chlorination of hand pumps was done a month ago," he claimed.

Mr. Prassana blamed brewed liquor and unclean surrounding for diarrhoea and said that "change in behaviour" of people was needed to avoid these issues. Mr. Bhagat informed that Asgav, Paigam, Suflaga and Narmadapur villages had been the worst affected.

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