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<b>Title:</b>	<b>25 schoolchildren fall ill after rubella vaccination in district Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh</b>			
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Just two days after two schoolchildren died allegedly after taking rubella vaccination, as many as 25 children of a private school here were taken ill and admitted to the district hospital after they were administered the vaccine on Thursday afternoon. However, no loss of life was reported.

District magistrate Amrit Tripathi, who rushed to the hospital to take stock of the children's health, ordered an inquiry into the matter. Tripathi directed officials to take parents' consent and also check children's medical history before administering vaccine to them.

As many as 221 children, all below 13 years, from Saraswati Shishu Mandir were given measles-rubella vaccine by officials of the district health organisation. However, after vaccination, a few children complained about severe headache, dizziness and abdominal pain, while one fell unconscious. Soon, over two dozen children made similar complain, following which the school administration rushed them to the district hospital.

Chief medical officer (CMO) RP Rawat told TOI that children faced such problems because they were empty stomach at the time of vaccination. "Nineteen children were

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discharged from the hospital shortly after preliminary treatment, while the rest of them were discharged in the evening."

On Tuesday, an eight-year schoolboy and 12-year-old schoolgirl died in Khuthar block of Shahjahanpur and Pilibhit, respectively, within five hours after vaccination. The parents claimed that their children died due to vaccination.

Confirming the incident, Tripathi told TOI, "Over two dozen children fell ill after rubella vaccine was administered to them. Some precautions are needed to be taken before immunisation, and we will inquire whether the staff had taken those precautions or not. I have asked CMO to ensure that the medical history of each child is checked and the parents' consent is taken before vaccination."

District immunization officer Dr Laxman Singh, however, said the situation worsened due to anxiety neurosis among the children. "After receiving vaccination, only three children showed signs of dizziness and stomach pain. But, as other children saw them, they felt the same problems. However, when the children reached hospital and placed under medical supervision, most of them recovered on their own."

"The condition of all the children is fine and all of them have been discharged from the hospital. Sometimes, a person shows sign of dizziness mainly because of his body's reaction to the antigen given to him in the form of vaccine, which is normal."

Aryendra Singh, father of Priyanshi Singh, who fainted, told TOI, "Initially, my wife and I were very scared, but things changed as soon as our daughter recovered. We don't have any issue with the vaccination as it is beneficial for the children against life-threatening diseases."

Principal Arvind Bajpai, who also went to hospital along with the children, told TOI, "Twenty-five children fell ill after vaccination. We immediately brought the children to the hospital. Fortunately, all of them have recovered."

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