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<b>Title:</b>	<b>In June alone, 5,200 diarrhoea cases in district Indore, Madhya Pradesh</b>			
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Rotavirus is spreading its tentacles in Indore with unprecedented growth in number of people falling prey to the virus causing diarrhoea in the past three years. In June alone, the health department recorded more than 5,200 cases of diarrhoea in the district. In July, the number of cases documented in the first week is 963.

The rise in cases has department officials racing to come up with a slew of damage control initiatives. Even as the department observes diarrhoea control fortnight starting July 11, all their efforts to map cases and distribute chlorine tablets may be in vain because the root of the problem is overflowing sewers that pose a hazard to public health.

Integrated disease surveillance programme (IDSP) in charge, Dr G L Sodhi said, "Summer and monsoon are usually when there is an outbreak of diarrhoea and we have been keeping a hawk eye on the number of cases. There is a sudden rise in patients this year. We have asked corporation officials to take control measures."

From January to July, the city has witnessed 28,736 cases of diarrhoea. The department's statistics show that the number of cases had stayed above 450 for more

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than a month. Doctors say the numbers can be linked directly to the beginning of monsoon, which tests the limits of the old cast iron sewage pipes.

Supply of contaminated water in localities across the city is threatening the lives of the people. Over 50 per cent patients visiting government hospitals are prone to water-borne diseases.

Though every year civic authorities claim to replace the broken pipelines, work doesn't seem to be yielding result. "There are areas which have been receiving contaminated water supply due to broken and old pipelines. Leakage in pipelines results in mixing of sewer water with potable supply. Officials are working to solve the problem," said Dr Sodhi.

"People usually fall ill after consuming contaminated water," said gastroenterologist Dr Ajay Jain. He said that there has been a rise in the cases of patients suffering from water-borne diseases. "I have been receiving several diarrhoea and gastro cases in the last few days. More than 30-40 people visit the OPD daily," the doctor said.

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