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Title:	Two deaths due to Chandipura virus in district Gaya, Bihar			
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The latest report issued by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Pune, and Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, has identified a new virus detected in four children as Chandipura. While two with the Chandipura virus have died, the other two are battling for life. Earlier, three children were afflicted by Herpes simplex virus. So far, pathological tests have confirmed Chandipura virus in four children, Herpes Simplex in three and Japanese encephalitis in three.

Anugrah Narayan Medical College (ANMCH) principal Sushil Kumar Mahto told The Telegraph: "This is the first time that Chandipura virus has been detected in Bihar. This virus had been named after Chandipura village in Maharashtra, where it was first detected. It has mostly been detected in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and southern India. High fever, cold and cough are the symptoms in a child affected by this virus. There is need for research on it." ANMCH superintendent Sudhir Kumar Sinha said the mortality rate in Chandipura virus is around 75 per cent. The two children who died of this were identified as Anuj Kumar of Tekari and Rinki Kumari of Imamganj on July 5 and 9 respectively. Among two children detected with JE, one has died, while another was released from hospital on July 5 after treatment.

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"Till Sunday, 33 children had come to ANMCH since the first case of acute encephalitis syndrome was admitted there on June 23 of which 17 could not survive," Sinha said.

A team of experts will visit the villages, where Chandipura virus has been detected in children. Principal health secretary R.K. Mahajan had visited ANMCH on Saturday to review treatment of children. Health department personnel have been asked to visit the villages and educate people about AES, other related diseases and their symptoms.

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