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Title:	Fever' claims 27 lives in 15 days in Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh			
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Twenty-seven persons have lost their lives due to fever in a span of 15 days in rural areas of Bareilly. The situation is particularly bad in Majhgavan block of the district which has witnessed most casualties. Even as a team from the state capital has been sent to the district to assess the gravity of the situation, the chief medical officer claimed that only nine persons have lost their lives so far.

Uttar Pradesh director general, health, Dr Padmakar Singh said, "Bareilly CMO has confirmed only nine fever-related deaths. We have sent a team to the district to assess the situation." Explaining the nature of the disease, Dr Pramendra Maheshwari, president, Indian Medical Association, Bareilly unit, said, "It is like an epidemic as people from all groups and backgrounds are complaining of fever. We found that this fever – which is not dengue – has been reducing platelet count of the patients. It is decreasing the victim's immunity. All the private hospitals are full with around 50% of the patients with fever-related complications."

When TOI checked with village heads about casualties in their areas, wide gaps were found between the total death toll in the district and the health department figures. For example, Bhagwan Das, head of Behta Bujurg village in the block, told TOI that

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eight persons died of fever in the village in a fortnight – three of them on Tuesday alone. However, according to the health department, the village has witnessed just one death. "Eight persons have died in our village because of fever in the past fortnight. Of the total deaths, three persons – Puran Devi (68), Mansafa (14) and Rampa Devi (75) – died on Tuesday. There is no doctor in our village and people go to private doctors in Majhgavan block for treatment.

Though the health department has been organising camps in our village for the past few days, there is fear among residents. The teams have taken blood samples of villagers and are conducting anti-larvae sprays," Bhagwan Das said. Devidas, village head of Nohara Hasanpur, said, "Our village has reported four fever-related deaths in the past few days.

Every house has at least one fever patient here." Munna Lal, pradhan of Mirzapur village, said, "My mother, Dhan Devi (60), who was having fever for the past three days, died on Monday. I had taken her to a doctor in Bareilly city for medicines, but she could not be saved." Suryapal Maurya, chairperson of Bisharatganj town, told TOI, "Our town has reported two fever-related deaths." Chief medical officer Vineet Shukla said, "Our team has found that only nine persons have died due to fever in the district.

Families of those who died due to other ailments too are claiming that fever claimed their lives. Our health teams have been regularly conducting camps in the affected village, providing medicines and taking blood samples." Asked about the nature of the killer fever, the CMO said, "The level of platelets and hemoglobin was found low in a few patients. Our teams detected cases of malaria, typhoid and viral fever. Not a single case of dengue, AES and JE has been found in the district."

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