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Title:	Mystery disease afflicts monkeys in district Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh , 4 dead			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Pilibhit, SSU-Uttar Pradesh			

A mysterious disease seems to have afflicted monkeys in Puranpur tehsil in Pilibhit district. In the past fortnight, four have died and two seem to have gone completely mad. Two injured simians are being treated at Puranpur range office., Though the exact reason for the monkey deaths is not known, veterinary doctors have not ruled out poisoning, The monkeys' viscera samples have been preserved for further tests.

According to the range officer of Puranpur division Ayyub Hassan, he and his team are monitoring the entire area near Puranpur railway station, where a monkey seems to have gone mad, for the last three days.

"We had found four dead monkeys in a mango orchard at Keshopur village and immediately sent their carcasses for an autopsy. Two injured monkeys had being treated at Puranpur range office," said Hassan. He, however, did not rule out the possibility that the monkeys had been poisoned by the villagers.

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"We traced one monkey that had gone mad near Puranpur railway station on Saturday. This monkey bit a forest force personnel who went to capture it. The monkey has been shifted to the range office, where its condition is improving after undergoing treatment," said Hassan.

Dr Rajiv Mishra, deputy chief veterinary officer, told TOI that he had preserved the viscera samples of all the four dead monkeys and had sent them to the government forensic laboratory in Mathura for testing. "We are waiting for the report to reach any final conclusion about the reason behind monkeys' death," he added.

On the insane monkey caught from near the railway station, Mishra of the view that it could have consumed toxic water there. In reply to a question, the vet said he had not found trace of any contagious disease among the monkeys.

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