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Title:	Two children dead, 53 hospitalised after consuming contaminated water in district Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh			
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Two minor children died and over 50 were admitted to hospital reportedly after consuming contaminated water in Aligarh's Salgama village on Tuesday. Out of nearly 100 people who developed symptoms like vomiting and stomach ache, 70 were children.

In all 53 kids are being treated at local Charra community health centre and two private hospitals. District magistrate CB Singh admitted that villagers had fallen sick due to water contamination in the village. He said that villagers had been advised to all precautions. "It's possible that rain water contaminated the surface water," he added.

Chief Medical Officer Dr ML Agarwal said that the situation was under control. "Children have been admitted to hospitals to monitor their situation," he added. He said that around 26 other patients, including three adults, also visited the OPD today with the complaints of stomach ache and medicines were given after detailed examination.

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Dr Agarwal said that the exact cause of death of the children was not known immediately as the autopsy was yet to be done. "Teams of doctors have been sent to the affected village and they are closely monitoring the situation. Epidemiologist and other specialists have also been made available there," he said, adding that Chlorine tablets and ORS packets are being distributed in the village.

The cause of contamination would be known after we get the water sample reports, said the DM. He added that the private hospitals had been directed not to charge any fee from the patients and the government would bear all expenses of treatment.

"We have sent a team of doctors to nearby villages also to check the situation as a precautionary measure," said the DM.

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