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Title:	34 test positive for dengue in Kasganj district, Uttar Pradesh			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Kasganj, SSU-Uttar Pradesh			

Close on the heels of three deaths in Kasganj, allegedly from vector-borne infection, 34 villagers in the block were found positive with dengue infection. On Monday, a team led by district magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh visited the affected Bhaipurakhurd village of Kasganj Block, and ordered a thorough cleanliness drive in the village, which is located near the banks of the Ganges.

The DM said, "Half of the 66 villagers admitted in the government hospital were found positive by the NS1 antigen test for dengue. For cross-verification, blood samples of infected patients have been sent for the confirmatory ELISA test to Aligarh government hospital. The report will reach us by Tuesday."

"The affected village is located near the banks of the Ganges. Its residents are fishermen. We have interacted with them on how to maintain hygiene and take necessary measures to prevent water collecting in their neighborhood. The medical team is keeping constant tab on the situation," he said.

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Speaking to TOI, chief medical officer Dr Pratima Srivastav said, "Dengue is yet to be confirmed in case of the three reported deaths, as relatives of none of the dead got autopsy done. Our team found that one was an 85-year-old man, while relatives of another woman who died said she suffered from high fever. We're yet to identify the third victim."

She added, "Of the 34 villagers who tested positive for dengue — including six teenagers, women, young and old men — some also display typhoid and malaria symptoms. Critically ill patients are given extra care and medical teams are working round the clock in the village to keep a tab on the health of villagers." The 34 ill patients comprise six teenagers, women, old age and young men.

She continued, "During our visit, we found piles of garbage lying everywhere and stagnant water in small pits across the village, which are perfect grounds for spread of vector-borne diseases. The DM has now ordered a thorough cleanliness drive in the village."

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