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Title:	<b>Nursing student died of gastro, say GMCH doctors, Maharashtra</b>			
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In a heartbreaking turn of events, Sheetal Kumar, an 18-year-old from Jammu and Kashmir studying at GMCH Nursing College, lost her life due to severe bacterial gastroenteritis.

The incident sheds light on the dangers of untreated gastroenteritis, and the need for timely medical intervention, said doctors.

Sheetal's ordeal began when she initially chose to continue taking medication at the hostel, neglecting the advice of GMCH doctors to get admitted in the hospital. Despite experiencing symptoms, she refrained from seeking immediate medical attention. When her symptoms persisted and she developed bleeding in her urine, Sheetal once again reported to the GMCH outpatient department (OPD) seeking help. This time, she agreed to be admitted to the hospital.

Doctors, who treated her in the ICU, said that Sheetal's health deteriorated rapidly after her admission, requiring her to be placed on ventilator support. Despite the efforts of the medical team, her condition worsened further, leading to her demise. Her family took possession of the body after post mortem.

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During this period, Sheetal's roommate, who exhibited similar symptoms, was fortunate enough to receive timely medical attention and is now recovering in the ICU. The treating doctors have highlighted the critical importance of addressing gastroenteritis promptly; emphasizing that neglecting such a condition can have fatal consequences.

“Firstly, the nursing student continued to take medication at hostel. When she first reached GMCH in the OPD, our doctors recommended hospitalization, which she refused. This neglect proved fatal for her,” said GMCH dean Dr Raj Gajbhiye.

While authorities are still waiting the post mortem results, sources from the forensic investigation department indicate that gastroenteritis was the primary cause of Sheetal's death. The doctors suspect that she may have contracted it after consuming roadside pani-puri four days before developing symptoms. She may have been exposed to contaminated water or food, leading to the infection, they said.

Gastroenterologist at Midas Hospital Dr Saurabh Mukewar said that there are risks associated in consuming roadside food items, especially in monsoon season. “This incident serves as a reminder of the importance of timely medical intervention and proper hygiene practices to prevent such unfortunate outcomes. Had the girl listened to the initial medical advice, she would have been alive today,” he said.

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