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Title:	Karnataka: Mystery illness grips Gadag village; 200 people affected			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Gadag, SSU-Karnataka			

Nearly 200 people have contracted a mystery illness at Arahunasi village of Ron taluk in Gadag district — around 10 patients are admitted in the private and government hospital in surrounding villages. Although no casualty has been reported in the region, it is not clear yet what is causing the disease.

The symptoms include fever, body ache, joint pain, cough and cold and most of the patients are between 35-45 years of age. A team of officials from the health department has ruled out dengue, malaria, chikungunya, Covid-19 and other fevers. However, A medical team has camped in the village to find out what is causing the sudden outbreak. Villagers assert there was quick response from taluk and district administration to address the issue.

Tension prevailed in the village as almost 10% of the total population in village, which is about 2,900, had been affected by the mystery fever.

Muttanagouda Choudaraddi, a villager and Gadag district president of Karnataka Rajya Rait Sangh, told TOI that about 250 people suffered fever, body ache, cough

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and cold at a time a week ago. "Now, the situation has improved, but still few villagers are suffering from fever. No one had tested positive in the village though several cases were reported in the surrounding villages. However, fearing the possibility of an outbreak, many villagers had decided to leave the village, but after district health officer, taluk health officer, doctors and medical staff instilled confidence among the villagers, they decided to stay back."

"Many people were admitted in government and private hospitals of Ron, Belavanaki, Mallapur, Savadi and other surrounding villages and towns. Now only about 10 patients are admitted while many are getting treatment as out patients at taluk hospital in Ron and Primary Health Centre in Belanavaki," he added.

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