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<b>Title:</b>	<b>200 struck by Gastroenteritis in district Kolhapur, Maharashtra</b>			
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While the entire Kolhapur district is focussed on combating the spread of Covid-19, the Yamage village is facing a major gastroenteritis challenge. Over the past few days, the village has reported over 200 gastroenteritis cases. Lack of proper health services has led to the spread of gastroenteritis in the village. The water-borne disease is likely to have spread due to the consumption of water from the unused public water tank, which is believed to be the source of contaminant, said Kolhapur district health officer Yogesh Sale.

“The Yamage village has a population of around 3,000. One area in the village has an old water tank. Locals usually use water from the tank for non-drinking purposes. However, lately, due to the scarcity of clean water from the other tank, residents of a particular block in the village have started consuming water from this old tank. This has resulted in the rise in gastroenteritis cases.”

He said water sample has been collected from the tank and it will be tested in the laboratory to check if it is fit for consumption. “Meanwhile, we have started a

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chlorination drive across the village. We have done a door-to-door survey to find out if there are more patients and if the water they are consuming is chlorinated enough," he said. The old and the new water tanks in the village have been thoroughly chlorinated and depending on the lab results, water from the old tank will be allowed for use or banned for consumption, said Sale.

According to Sale, 90% of the patients are at home and are recovering fast. Those who have a severe form of gastroenteritis are being treated at a rural hospital in Murgud village.

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