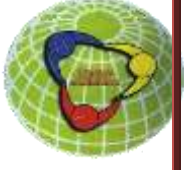




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At least 80 students of a government residential school in Karnataka's Shivamogga district fell sick after eating meals provided by the school, officials said.

Sixty-five students from the Morarji Desai Residential School in Gondichatnahalli village were admitted to McGann District Hospital on Monday. The other 15 were treated at the residential school's hostel by doctors.

Students said that they felt uneasy and started to puke after eating the food provided in the hostel.

"I ate chapati, vegetable sabzi, some rice and dal for lunch. In the evening I had some biscuits. At around 6.30 pm I started feeling ill and having severe stomach aches," said Vidyashree, a class 8 student.

Doctors at the hospital said that the situation was not grave and the symptoms were limited to vomiting, stomach ache and nausea.

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“The students ate chitranna (a rice dish) for breakfast. For lunch, they ate chapati, rice and dal, which is routine. Some students started complaining of nausea, vomiting and stomach ache. The teachers started bringing the sick students to the hospital around 5 pm,” said Dr Virupakshappa, the medical director.

“We have provided the requisite treatments to all. There is no need to panic and worry as all the admitted students are safe. We suspect that it might be a food or a water contamination issue but it will be clear once the tests are out,” he added.

The doctor urged the parents, teachers and students to remain calm as the situation was under control.

“Not all the students were affected. There were no symptoms among the staff as well.”

Shivamogga Rural MLA Ashok Naik visited the hospital and met the students and the staff.

“All the students were stable. There is no need to panic. Doctors suspect that it might be an infection due to the consumption of contaminated food or water. Fifty students from the school and 30 students from the college were affected. The facilities are separate for the two. The students, who were not admitted to the hospital, were looked after in the hostel,” said Naik.

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