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Title:	<b>Two-year-old dies, three in hospital after eating black apricots from pesticide plastic bag in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh</b>			
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In a heart-wrenching incident, a two-year-old child – Harsha died after eating black apricots. In addition, three others, including two kids, were hospitalised due to alleged food poisoning after they ate apricots. The tragic incident occurred at Kosigi mandal headquarters in Adoni revenue division on June 11. As per the sources, the kids had eaten the fruit that was stored in a plastic bag used to carry pesticide, the New Indian Express reported.

According to police, all three children were aged between two and four. While two of the three kids, Anji and Harsha (who died in the incident), were siblings, the third kid, Sreeramulu, is their neighbour. Harsha's parents worked as daily wage labourers.

Notably, the fruits were harvested recently and brought to their house in a plastic bag that was reportedly used to carry pesticides. The investigating officer stated that only a few minutes after eating the fruit, the kids started vomiting and were brought

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to Adoni Government Hospital. While Harsha died during treatment, the other two kids and Harsha's mother were shifted to a private hospital in Adoni.

Meanwhile, Sub-Inspector (SI) Raja Reddy said a case has been registered and an investigation is initiated even as the postmortem reports were awaited, the SI added. The SI has confirmed that those hospitalised were out of danger.

However, this is not the first instance, when a kid lost his life after consuming fruits, a five-year-old girl allegedly had died of organophosphate poisoning and three kids were hospitalized after eating mangoes laced with toxic pesticide. The incident occurred in 2018 in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly district.

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