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Title:	Ladakh reports first Omicron case in district Kargil			
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Ladakh region reported its first case of Omicron variant of Covid-19 on Saturday after a man with travel history of Nepal tested positive.

Officials said the victim hails from Kargil district of the Ladakh union territory. He arrived at Leh airport on December 7 and underwent mandatory sampling of RT-PCR during which he was put under quarantine.

The Omicron variant is a variant of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. And as of December, 2021 is the newest variant.

Although he tested negative for COVID-19, samples for the variant Omicron were collected and sent for lab examination.

"The sample results have returned positive and the individual has been immediately isolated and necessary precautionary measures have been taken besides whatever is required is being done timely," officials said.

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He said that all his contacts are undergoing sampling and it is also being ensured that no one is left behind and all the measures to ensure that it doesn't spread further are being taken by the authorities.

Meanwhile, officials said all required measures have been taken and people especially his contacts are being encouraged to undergo sampling without any miss to ensure the safety of every individual and contain the further spread.

"People need to follow all the necessary measures to contain the spread and they are very well aware of the conditions in the region during the winter session with which it becomes more important that every individual ensures their safety and ensure appropriate behaviour," the official said.

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