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| Title: | 200 people fell ill after eating buckwheat flour in Yamunanagar district, Haryana | | | |
| Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC | Information communicated to DSU-Yamunanagar, SSU-Haryana | | | |

Nearly 200 residents fell ill due to food poisoning after eating kutt (buckwheat) flour during navratras in some colonies of Jagadhri and Yamunanagar towns on Wednesday late night.

The district administration told around 150 residents, who complained of diarrhoea, vomiting and dizziness, underwent treatment at the Jagadhri civil hospital and 50 at the Yamnungara civil hospital.

Bunty and Amit of Jagadhri had kept 'vrat' (fast) on the first navratra on Wednesday and in the evening, ate rotis of kuttu flour and fell ill during the night.

Yamunanagar civil surgeon Dr Vijay Dahiya said, "In the night, residents started complaining of food poisoning after they ate buckwheat flour and the patients continued to arrive at the hospitals for the whole night. The majority of them were women, who observed fasting during navratras and then ate buckwheat flour. All of them have been given treatment and they are out of danger. Four doctors each in Jagadhri and Yamunanagar civil hospitals worked whole night to control the situation."

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Yamunanagar deputy commissioner Mukul Kumar said, "Since Thursday afternoon, 170 of them were discharged from the civil hospitals at Jagadhri and Yamunanagar and the rest are still being treated. The situation is under control and as all complainants said they ate buckwheat flour, we have advised people not to eat buckwheat flour now," he said.

When asked about the source of buckwheat flour, Mukul said, "The residents said they had bought it at different parts of Jagadhri and Yamunanagar. District health officer and food safety officer are collecting samples of flour from where it was purchased by the residents. The shopkeepers have been asked to stop the supply. Action will be taken against those found guilty of negligence."

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