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A 33-year old researcher who allegedly changed guesthouses multiple times to avoid home quarantine following his return from Italy 10 days ago has become the first person in Odisha to test positive for Covid-19.

By the time the patient arrived in his hometown Bhubaneswar last Thursday, he had come in contact with 129 people, 76 of them fellow passengers aboard Rajdhani Express, officials said.

The researcher had arrived in Delhi from Milan on March 6 and cleared screening at the airport because he was asymptomatic at the time. On being advised home isolation for 14 days, he chose not to proceed to Bhubaneswar and moved from one accommodation to another in Delhi till March 11.

"The patient spent the first night in a private guesthouse near AIIMS before shifting to another run by IIT Delhi and, later, to a third accommodation in the congested

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Paharganj. On March 11, he boarded the Rajdhani to Bhubaneswar and arrived in the state capital next day with flu-like symptoms," an official said.

The man's father received him at the railway station and took him home in an autorickshaw. On March 13, he visited Capital Hospital for a check-up and was moved to the isolation ward the next day. He tested positive on Sunday.

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