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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Class XI boy puts pesticide in water, 20 pupils fell ill in district Bargarh, Odisha</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Bargarh, SSU – Odisha			

A Class XI student of a school in Bargarh district allegedly put the lives of 20 other boys in danger after he mixed pesticide in their water bottles in order to get the institution to call off in-person classes. He was issued a transfer certificate by the school authorities on Friday.

Sources said around 20 boys of Classes XI and XII of Kamgaon Higher Secondary School in Bhatli block were hospitalised on Wednesday evening after the student allegedly mixed pesticide in the drinking water bottles kept in their hostel rooms when they were attending classes.

The incident came to light after he was found mixing the pesticide in the water bottle of a student. In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, students have been asked to strictly use personal water bottles and not to share them.

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"The management has decided to issue him a transfer certificate. His parents have been asked to come to the school on Saturday. The management was of the view that his parents should be counselled to take care of the minor and consult a doctor since he may be having mental problems," principal Premananda Patel said.

Rabi Narayan Sahu, a teacher of the school, said it was not clear how many students consumed the water mixed with pesticide. However, all those students whose bottles were suspected to have been mixed with poison were taken to hospital as a precaution.

None of the students who were kept under observation at the Bargarh district headquarters hospital showed any complications.

Sahu said the student admitted he had mixed the pesticide as he was disturbed after he got to learn that the school was unlikely to break for vacation any time soon though he presumed it would close amid the fear of Omicron variant of Covid-19. He had rejoined the hostel on December 6.

Set up in 1992, the government-aided co-educational school has more than 900 students and is known for its good performance in plus-II examination besides co-curricular activities at the state level. More than 300 students stay in the hostels. Students from nearby districts also study at the institution.

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