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| Title:                          | Indore reports first case of green fungus infection, Madhya Pradesh |                |                          |  |
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After black and white fungus, a case of green fungus is reported in the district with a 34-year-old patient admitted to a private medical college on Tuesday.

It is the first such case of green fungus in the state, said doctors.

The patient, a businessman, was undergoing treatment at Sri Aurobindo Institute of Medical Sciences (SAIMS) for the last two months firstly for Covid-19 and then fungal infection.

SAIMS respiratory medicine HoD Dr Ravi Dosi said, "The patient was found suffering from green fungus (Aspergillus fungus) infection in lungs."

The patient was not responding well to the treatment. As his lungs has 90% infection, he was airlifted to Hinduja Hospital in Mumbai, said Dr Dosi. Dr Dosi said, "It is the first case of green fungus in Madhya Pradesh. But about the country I am not sure." The reports, however, suggested that in different parts of the country only cases of black, white and yellow fungus cases were reported so far. However, experts differ on this colour coding of the Aspergillus fungus. Dr VP Pandey, HoD medicine

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department, MGM said, "There is no colour coding of fungal infection. The only thing is that it is aspergillus fungus and mucormycosis."

"It is not that the fungal infection gives colour shades in the body. Its name is because the colour appears during its culture in the lab while testing it," said Dr Dosi. Dr Anita Mutha, HoD microbiology department MGM, said, "Fungus show colour in their culture. There are black, yellow, green and white fungus, but these are all specimens of mucormycosis, cinderella and aspergillus."

Mucormycosis gives black colour, while cinderella gives white and aspergillus gives green and yellow colour in different species, said Dr Mutha explaining about the fungal infection.

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