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Title:	'Mystery fever' grips 220 villagers in Pauri, Uttarakhand			
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At least 220 people were found suffering from fever, cough and headache during a camp organised on Wednesday at Pauri's Taali village by a five-member health department team. The camp was organised after Uttarakhand health minister Dhan Singh Rawat took cognisance of an alleged "mystery fever" spreading rapidly among villagers in Pauri district.

According to Dr Ankit Dhawan, who was part of the team which visited Taali village, blood samples of 20 infected patients were collected to find out the ailment the people were suffering from. He said it may take another three days for them to get the test results and ascertain the cause behind the mass fever.

To ensure that the villagers had not caught Covid, rapid antigen tests of seven infected villagers were also conducted but all of them tested negative.

Health department authorities say that the chances of Covid spreading in that part of the district are slim as the region is seldom visited by outsiders. Besides, people

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living in the region hardly travel out, which further reduces the chances of a Covid spread.

On being asked about the 'mystery fever', Dr Praveen Kumar, Pauri's chief medical officer, said, "We are yet to decipher the disease and its exact cause. Blood sample reports are awaited. Prima facie, it appears to be a viral infection. Fortunately, none of the infected villagers are in a bad shape."

Meanwhile, people in the affected area have stopped sending their children to school for fear of infection.

The Uttarakhand health department team which visited the Taali village also held a counselling session for students to prevent any panic reaction.

Additionally, preventive medicines were given to families and as a precautionary measure, they were asked to wear masks.

Local health workers were asked to distribute medicines in the neighbouring Dobri village as well.

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