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Title:	2 dead, over 61 taken ill after suspected food poisoning from traditional feast in district Ganjam, Odisha			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Ganjam, SSU-Odisha			

At least two people have died and over 61 have been hospitalised in Odisha after suspected food poisoning. All of them had started showing symptoms following a traditional feast.

The deceased were identified as Santosh Gaud(32) and Budhia Gaud(53) of Bakharakata village.

All the sick villagers have been shifted to Dharakote Community Health Centre. Official reports say out of the 61 that are sick, 53 are from Bakharakata village and 8 are from Adamba village.

The villagers had reportedly consumed 'danda pana', during the danda jatra which began on the day before Chaitra Sankranti. After consuming the drink, several people started complaining of diarrhoea and stomach ailments.

Meanwhile, some villagers suspect the victims may have suffered food poisoning after consuming prasad (bhog) during a temple feast in the nearby village.

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A team of doctors from Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati (MKCG) Medical College and Hospital reached the village to get more information on the cause of the incident.

A temporary medical centre has been set up in the village to treat the patients on an emergency basis while the serious ones are being referred to MKCG Medical College and Hospital. Health volunteers are also making door to door visits and examining the symptoms.

The danda jatra rituals are still underway in several villages. Danda jatra is one of the major traditional folk festivals organised in different parts of Odisha.

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