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Title:	Assam First black fungus death recorded at Assam Medical College Hospital (AMCH)			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to SSU- Assam			

A 47-year-old man died of mucormycosis, commonly known as black fungus, at the Assam Medical College and Hospital (AMCH) on Wednesday becoming the first death because of the fungal infection in upper Assam.

AMCH Principal and Chief Superintendent Dr Sanjeeb Kakati on Thursday said the post-covid patient was admitted to the AMCH on June 15 complaining of respiratory issue and severe headache. He was also a diabetic with very high blood sugar levels.

"This is the first case of death from black fungus at the AMCH. Unfortunately, we could not save the life of the patient despite our best efforts. We lost the patient who was on special care on Wednesday afternoon after a valiant 15-day fight. The entire team of dedicated doctors from the Department of Medicine, ENT, Microbiology, Ophthalmology, Cardiology and Radiology fought very hard to salvage him from the deadly disease. The ENT doctors carried out an extensive 6-hour long operation successfully. But he finally succumbed to sepsis and shock," Dr Sanjeeb Kakati said.

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This was the first case of black fungus detected at the Assam Medical College and Hospital in Dibrugarh and the overall third such case in the state. Earlier on May 20, a 27-year-old covid-recovered man from Nagaon district had died of black fungus at a private hospital in Guwahati.

It may be noted, black fungus, a serious fungal infection is reported mostly among patients who are suffering from diabetes or immuno-compromised as a post-covid complication.

Earlier, the state government had declared black fungus a notifiable disease, making it mandatory for healthcare units to report its cases to government authorities.

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