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The state health department detected 67 suspected cases of leprosy in Palamu district on Friday, the very first day of the 14-day-long intensive leprosy disease detection campaign (LDDC) launched in 14 districts.

The suspected cases have been found after checking for symptoms, including skin discolouration and skin patches losing sensation when checked with needle pricks or deformity of limbs among others, Palamu district leprosy officer Dr Anil Kumar Srivastav said.

Srivastav also said there are already 264 confirmed cases of leprosy in the district and the afflicted persons are on medication. Out of these 264 cases, more than 200 are of multi-bacillary leprosy which threatens to deform fingers, thumbs and feet.

He said the sahiyas have noted the cases during their door-to-door survey A total of 1,632 teams, comprising one male and female health workers each, visited 29,919 houses, checking over 26,000 households on the first day. "All suspected cases will be examined by doctors who can tell if they are paucibacillary leprosy or multi-bacillary leprosy. Medication will start thereafter," Srivastav said.

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