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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Shivamogga sees first Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) case after 2 years, Karnataka</b>			
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Amid mounting fears over the havoc the third wave of Covid-19 may have caused across the state, an old problem has reared its head again in Shivamogga. A 57-year-old woman in Kudige village of Thirthahalli has been admitted to the taluk hospital with Kyasanur Forest Disease, the first case since 2019.

The patient had been suffering from fever for a few days, following which her blood sample was collected and tested for KFD.

The health department decided to have her samples tested for KFD since Kudige, nestled amid dense forests, is situated in the zone where the disease has been rampant.

The woman was initially admitted to Thirthahalli taluk hospital, before she was shifted to Manipal in the evening on Friday.

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Shivamogga district health officer Dr Rajesh S uragihalli told TOI, “The woman’s symptoms are mild. There is no cause for worry. Of the 50 samples tested for KFD, one has been confirmed. The woman in question had taken a vaccine against the disease.”

In December 2019, Aralagodu in Sagar taluk was affected by KFD, which claimed 22 lives. In all, 26 people succumbed in two years in Shivamogga. However, in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak, the KFD graph tapered to zero.

Meanwhile, a team from National Institute of Virology (NIV) visited Aralagodu village to collect tics – the insects that spread KFD. Officials said a report is yet to be submitted to the government.

Since it was first reported in 1957 at Kyasanaur village in Soraba taluk, the virus has undergone multiple mutations. DHO Dr Suragihalli said the health department is monitoring the mutating tics. “We have surveyed villages previously affected, and of the 300 tics we have collected and tested, three were found to have KFD. We have requested villagers to be as careful as possible, and intimate us about the death of monkeys,” he added.

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