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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Dead rat found in breakfast, 18 kids allegedly take ill in district Sangareddy, Telangana</b>			
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As many as 18 Class 7 students living in the Lingampally Gurukul school hostel in Sangareddy allegedly suffered food poisoning and were subsequently hospitalised, after consuming breakfast that had a dead rat in it.

According to sources, while the incident took place on Tuesday, it came to light only on Wednesday when child rights activists kicked up a row over the issue and demanded strict action against the hostel management.

"Even after finding a dead rat in the pongal, the hostel staff served the food to the children and 18 of them suffered food poisoning. We condemn the negligent attitude of the hostel staff and demand that the state immediately remove them from the services and lodge a criminal case against them," said Achyuta Rao of Balala Hakkula Sangham. The child rights group, he said, is preparing to register a case with the state human rights commission soon.

Activists alleged that ill students had to be rushed to the nearby hospital, after the incident, for treatment. When contacted, school authorities admitted to the incident but maintained that it had not resulted in any health scare among students on the campus.

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"It's true that a dead rat had fallen into the pongal that had been prepared for breakfast. But, we noticed it right before serving it to the students and discarded the entire thing. Fresh food was prepared again for the students and nobody from the school consumed the one that had the dead rat in it," said K Vishnuvardhan Reddy, the principal.

Vishnuvardhan Reddy insisted that the students were all in perfect health and that none of them had complained of any complications after breakfast.

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