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| <b>Title:</b>                   | <b>More than 50 people, including women and children fell ill due to food poisoning in district Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand</b> |                |                                  |   |
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More than 50 people, including women and children, of Devnagar were taken ill after consuming Shani puja 'prasad' and had been admitted to a primary health centre (PHC) in Shaktifarm on Sunday morning.

As the condition of five of them was said to be serious, they were referred to community health centre in Sitarganj.

After consuming prasad — prepared of milk, flour, banana, jaggery, coconut and beans — on Saturday night, some women and children started vomiting and complained of loose motion. Although villagers gave them oral rehydration solutions, there was no improvement in their condition. And, on Sunday morning, all of them were admitted to the PHC at Shaktifarm.

Sitarganj block medical officer (BMO) Dr Harsh Singh Airy confirmed that nearly 55 people suffered from food poisoning and were undergoing treatment in PHC. "The family members of the ailing patients suspected that 'khoya' (condensed milk) used in the prasad was adulterated, which led to food poisoning. Five of them were serious

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and were taken to the CHC in Sitarganj," said Dr Airy. A medical team, which examined them, diagnosed that the cause of vomiting was food poisoning.

"It was a clear case of food poisoning. The patients were taken care by a team of health officer led by Dr B M Yadav, ANMs and aanganbaadi workers. The condition of patients is now stable and they will soon be discharged," said Narendra Bhatt, pharmacist at Shaktifarm hospital.

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