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Title:	Season's first Kyasanur Forest Disease case reported in North Goa			
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A case of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), commonly known as monkey disease, was detected in Valpoi last week. An elderly woman tested positive for the fever and was hospitalized for a brief period. "The patient is doing well," state epidemiologist Dr Utkarsh Betodkar, said.

KFD was first detected in Sattari taluka in 2015. Some cases were also detected in the Bethora taluka earlier this year. Three persons have died of KFD and 277 cases have been reported since then. Though the directorate of health services (DHS) undertook a vaccination programme in two talukas to control the infection, and many were vaccinated, the DHS faces some problems with the programme. Vaccine doses are spread over a period of five years and many don't turn up for the subsequent doses after the initial one or two doses. Betodkar said they have started issuing cards to people mentioning the dates on which they have to report to the health facility for the next vaccine dose. The effort does not seem to have yielded the expected result, and Betodkar said though people come forward to get vaccinated in the initial rounds, many don't turn up for subsequent rounds of vaccination. "We will continue our propaganda to make people aware about the danger of KFD," Betodkar said.

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