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Title:	25-year-old measles patient in AIIMS, second case in March from Dongargaon in Nagpur, Maharashtra			
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A 25-yr-old man from Dongargaon, a village in Nagpur rural, has tested positive for measles at AIIMS Nagpur. This is the second confirmed measles case in an adult in March at AIIMS. The earlier patient found positive on March 6 was also a resident of Dongargaon. This development has put the district health administration on alert. Measles in adults, especially vaccinated adults, is rare.

Authorities from AIIMS Nagpur informed that the man was admitted because of high grade fever and rash on face. Considering past experience, doctors conducted tests for measles. Both enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and RT-PCR tests of the patient revealed that the person was positive for measles. The results of these tests came on March 17, when the patient was already admitted in general medicine department. Doctors then shifted him to isolation room. The patient improved rapidly and was discharged on March 23. He is fully recovered, said doctors.

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Nagpur's district health officer Dr Deepak Selokar said that the survey in Dongargaon will be intensified in the backdrop of this new case. "When AIIMS informed us about the first case in first week of March, our teams of experts visited the locality and started survey as per standard protocol. We are aware of this second case and considering this development seriously. Fresh surveys will begin in the locality of this patient," said Dr Selokar. He added that a decision on introducing additional dose of MMR is most likely after conducting the general survey of the area.

Doctors also added that measles in adults, that too in the same village, is a cause of concern. "These two patients had severe symptoms and luckily they came to AIIMS where in-house laboratories are available for technically advanced tests for measles. Many others might have had less severe symptoms and may not have gone to see doctors," said general physician Dr Sudhir Kamble.

Experts in infectious diseases also called for proper research on the connection between Covid-19 pandemic and measles cases in Dongargaon village. "We must check if this patient was vaccinated for measles in childhood. Also, had he experienced a natural infection of measles during childhood is also important," said Dr Nitin Shinde, infectious disease specialist, adding that he has also seen adult measles case especially post-pandemic.

"As majority of them are vaccinated, they will recover without showing major symptoms. But there is always scope for fact finding research," said Dr Shinde.

According to NMC records, it's very rare to get an adult patient with measles. In December 2022, one such case of a 23-year-old boy with measles was detected. But by the time the positive results came, the patient had already recovered.

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