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Title:	70 students fall ill after meal at hostel mess in district Solan, Himachal Pradesh			
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Over 70 students from Jaypee University of Information Technology at Waknaghat, approximately 25 kilometres from state capital Shimla, fell ill allegedly after having a meal at the varsity mess.

Subsequently, 54 students were admitted to Indira Gandhi Medical College Hospital in Shimla at around 2am on Friday. some were taken to a hospital in Kandaghat.

IGMC senior medical superintendent Ramesh Chand said most of the students complained about nausea.

Doctors are suspecting food poisoning but said that they are waiting for medical reports before confirming the same. "Since all were experiencing similar pain, it feel it might be the after-effect of the meal they had last night," he added.

One student admitted in IGMC said that after having the meal, many started experiencing pain in the abdomen, at around 9: 30 pm . "I don't know what happened as the food tasted good. This has happened for the first time with us," he said, requesting anonymity. "We were served *gulab jamuns* (an Indian dessert), pav bhaaji and rice in the evening," a student said.

Students refused to talk to the media. "We don't have anything to say," one of them remarked.

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Food Samples Collected

Kandaghat sub-divisional magistrate Neelam Dulta, along with food safety officials, visited the university campus on Friday morning and collected samples of the food and water. "I have visited the university campus after coming across reports of students getting admitted to the hospital. We are waiting for the reports to come," she said.

The university is frequently ranked among the top 100 institutes in the country by various surveys. University authorities did not respond despite repeated calls.

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