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Health Dept. says death of Ballari resident was owing to heart attack

An employee of the department, he had been vaccinated on January 16

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The Department of Health and Family Welfare has stated that the death of a person on Monday was due to a massive heart attack. The person had been vaccinated for COVID-19 on January 16.

Following this, the district-level Adverse Effects Following Immunisation (AEFI) met and had a detailed discussion and concluded that the death was due to "cardio respiratory arrest secondary to acute antero septal wall MI".

The man, identified as Nagaraju, a resident of Ballari district was a permanent employee of the Health Department. A note by the department stated that there was no uneventful event in

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24 hours after vaccination and he had reported for duty on Monday and complained of chest pain around 9.30 a.m. and collapsed.

"He was treated immediately and was admitted to Jindal Sanjeevani Hospital at 11.15 a.m," the note stated and added that although the best treatment was given he could not be saved. It also added that none of the healthcare workers who took vaccine had any adverse events.

Meanwhile, 61% of the target was achieved on Monday on the third day of the vaccination drive. A total of 81,326 beneficiaries were to be vaccinated but 49,918 were ac-

tually inoculated. As against the plan of holding 1,018 sessions, 1,006 sessions were held.

Health Commissioner Pankaj Kumar Pandey said that no major AEFI was reported on Monday. A major AEFI case is when a patient gets admitted as inpatient in hospital following immunisation.

Mild AEFI

Meanwhile, some developed mild AEFI for a few minutes. At least six healthcare personnel who were vaccinated at the Bowring and Lady Curzon Medical College and Research Institute developed AEFI. A total of 612 people were vaccinated at this institute. This included three doctors and three staff nurses.

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, however, did not provide a consolidated report on the total number of mild adverse effects following immunisation. Four of them recovered within a span of 15 minutes, while another person took half an hour to recover. "Only one patient was admitted as the person's blood pressure dropped and was discharged in an hour," said Manoj Kumar, Dean and Director.

Meanwhile, two of the people who got vaccinated have been admitted in Chitradurga and are under observation. While one of them was admitted to district hospital in Chitradurga the other is in the General Hospital, Challakere, Chitradurga.