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At 149, Karnataka sees biggest single-day spike

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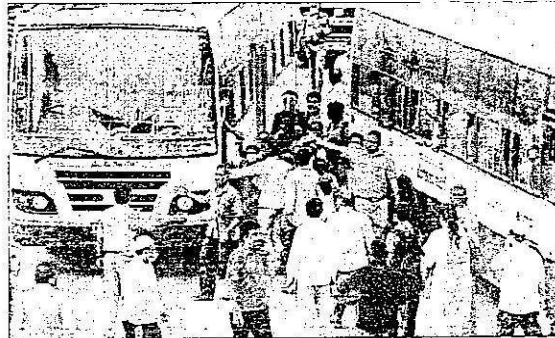
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Karnataka on Tuesday recorded the biggest single-day Covid spike with 149 fresh cases, of which 71 are from Mandya alone. The state also saw three virus deaths — from Bengaluru, Vijayapura and Ballari.

With this, the state's overall virus tally is 1,395 cases — including 811 active cases, 543 who have been discharged, 40 deaths and a suicide.

"As many as 113 of the 149 who tested positive on Tuesday have interstate travel history. Of this, 71 have returned from Mumbai," said Minister S Suresh Kumar, in charge of Covid-19 briefings.

Karnataka has tested 6,936 samples in the past 24 hours. Of the positive cases, 71 were from Mandya, 22 from Davangere, 13 from Kalaburagi, 10 from Shivamogga, six from Bengaluru, five from Chikballapur, four from Udupi, four from Uttara Kannada, and one each from Vijayapura, Bidar, Gadag, Yadgir and



Passengers rush to board a BRTC bus at Majestic on Tuesday before the day's services end at 7 pm. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

Eateries to continue takeaways for 3 days

After threatening to stop giving parcels and takeaways, hotels and restaurants have decided to wait for three more days following a meeting with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa. PAGE 3

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The minister said the government has ramped up testing capacity to 46 labs. "The state now has 28 government labs and 18 private labs."

He also tried to allay fears, saying the situation is not as

bad as it looks. "There are six people in the ICU. The bed occupancy rate is 6.09%, fatality rate is 2.8%, and 23,187 people are under observation."

About the spurt in cases from interstate travel, he said five trains have arrived in Karnataka since May 16. "So far, 1,527 passengers have been screened and only two were found to be symptomatic."

Health Commissioner Pan-kaj Kumar Pandey said even those who are asymptomatic are tested while being sent to institutional quarantine. "Those who have arrived via other modes of transport are also institutionally quarantined and tested on the 12th day, before being released on the 14th day."

Now, Karnataka is in the 12th place with respect to Covid-19 cases.