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## Mangalore North MLA tests positive for Covid-19

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**M**angalore North MLA Dr Y Bharath Shetty has tested positive for novel coronavirus on Thursday. The BJP MLA is the first legislator from the state to have contracted the virus.

Sources told *DH* that BJP MLA got admitted after his samples tested positive for coronavirus on Thursday afternoon. The MLA and former principal of a Dental college took to Twitter saying: "I have been tested COVID19 positive. With all your blessings, I'm recovering & will be under treatment for few days."

Sources said the MLA was a primary contact of a person who had tested positive to Covid 19 a few days ago.

The District Health Officer (DHO) and a pathologist serving in the laboratory of Covid Wenlock hospital were among the 90 others who tested positive for the virus in Dakshina Kannada on Thursday.

Former Bhatkal MLA J D Naik and his family members have quarantined themselves after they attended a wedding of a man, who succumbed to the virus four days later, in the port town. Former minister Vinay Kumar Sorake had also attended the wedding, he said.

Meanwhile, the virus hot-

spot Ballari reported 89 new Covid-19 infections and four fatalities in the last 24 hours. Thursday's cases took Ballari past 1000-mark (1,019). The death toll in the district has shot up to 33.

Among the fresh infections are 32 people with influenza-like illness, a health worker from Siruguppa, three Jaipur returnees and two contacts of the infected JSW employees, Deputy Commissioner S S Nakul told reporters.

In the last 24 hours, as many as 17 districts (excluding Bengaluru) have reported Covid-19 cases in two digits with three of them crossing 50-mark.