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# Karnataka reports 2,738 fresh infections, 73 deaths

## 75% of reported deaths are for non-Covid reasons: Minister

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Karnataka on Monday recorded its second biggest single-day spike of 2,738 infections taking its tally past 40,000-mark (41,581 cases to be precise). Bengaluru Urban continued to see a spurt with 1,315 fresh cases in the last 24 hours.

The state saw a big jump in Covid fatalities at 73. The death toll shot up to 757.

However, Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar told reporters that 75% of the deaths were due to non-Covid reasons. The minister made this assertion even as the death

auditing was still underway.

"A lot of people are surprised that the state's deaths have mounted to 757. I can assure everyone that only 25% of these deaths have been caused due to Covid, the rest 75% were for non-Covid reasons. The death audit committee report should clear that up in the next two or three days. If a patient is already suffering from life-threatening conditions like cancer, he or she will succumb to Covid faster," Sudhakar said.

Replying to a query on bed vacancy, the minister said that more than 3,000 beds, including 2,218 general beds and 916

high dependency unit beds, were vacant. However, complaints of patients not finding hospital beds continue to grow.

On Monday, as many as 839 people were discharged from various hospitals in the state, taking the total recovery count to 16,248. Bengaluru alone accounted for 283 discharges. The state capital now has

## 'Be at home till Covid results are out'

The state government on Monday also asked all people who have given their swab samples for Covid-19 tests to undergo home quarantine/isolation till the results are out.

"Any irresponsible behaviour by the person like going indoors, social-

ising, going to work, etc will result in the spread of infection in the community and consequently such acts shall invite stringent legal action under the Epidemic Diseases Act," stated a government circular issued on Monday.

15,052 active cases.

Meanwhile, Mysuru saw a record single-day tally of 151 cases on Monday. Covid-19 infections continued to swell in the virus hotspots - Bengaluru Urban (1315 fresh cases), Yadgir (162), Dakshina Kannada (131) and Ballari (106). Twenty districts recorded infections in two digits with five of them reporting 50-plus cases.