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## Now, ex-CM Kumaraswamy tests Covid positive

BENGALURU, DHNS

Former Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said he tested positive for Covid-19 on Saturday, after having spent days campaigning in the Basavakalyan Assembly constituency for a bypoll.

"I request everyone who came in close contact with me over the last few days to isolate themselves and get tested," Kumaraswamy, 61, said in a tweet. He had received the first shot of the Covid-19 vaccine on March 23.



H D Kumaraswamy

According to a statement from his spokesperson, Kumaraswamy did not find a bed for treatment at Manipal Hospital. Even Health Minister K Sudhakar's intervention did not help, the statement claimed. Kumaraswamy managed to find a bed at another private hospital, the statement said.

Apparently, the JD(S) leader suffered

### BSY is stable: CMO

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who is in hospital for Covid-19 treatment, is "stable and cheerful", his office said in a statement Saturday, adding that he was under medical observation. "All his vital parameters are being monitored as per protocol and he's receiving appropriate treatment," the Chief Minister's Office said.

During the day, it was reported that Yediyurappa's daughter Padma, granddaughter Soundarya and her husband Dr Niranjana tested positive for Covid-19.

from fatigue Friday evening while he was campaigning at Basavakalyan. He returned to Bengaluru and retreated into a hotel.

"This morning, he contacted doctors and got tested, which came out as Covid-19 positive. He wanted to rest at his farmhouse, but doctors did not agree. They asked him not to risk it and that he should get admitted immediately," the

statement, attributed to JD(S) MLCHM Ramesh Gowda, said.

However, Kumaraswamy tweeted later thanking cardiologist Dr CN Manjunath and Sudhakar for their "immediate response" in getting a bed at Manipal Hospital. "I decided to get Covid-19 treatment at Apollo Hospital on Bannerghatta Road, where I underwent my second heart surgery," he added.

On March 31, former prime minister and JD(S) supremo H D Deve Gowda got admitted to Manipal Hospital for Covid-19 treatment. He was discharged a few days later.

Kumaraswamy's son, actor-politician Nikhil Kumar also announced that he had tested positive for Covid-19. Kumaraswamy's wife and Ramanagara MLA Anitha has been asked by doctors to remain in home quarantine.

Kumaraswamy is the latest addition to the list of politicians who have contracted the virus in the bypoll season in Karnataka. Others include Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Deputy Speaker Anand Mamani, former Congress minister Eshwar Khandre, BJP's Maski candidate Pratapgouda Patil and Congress legislator Laxmi Hebbalkar.