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State reports huge spike with 14,378 new cases

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Karnataka on Thursday reported 14,378 new cases of COVID-19, the highest so far for a single day, taking the total to 11,09,650. Of these, 10,497 were from Bengaluru Urban.

Last year during the first outbreak, the State had reported the highest single day spike of 10,947 cases on October 7. Bengaluru Urban's 2020 record was 5,121 on October 8.

Health Commissioner K.V. Trilok Chandra said the steep rise over the past two days also includes the reports of a backlog of samples that had piled up in the State's labs during the weekend and Ugadi holidays.

The State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Thursday and examined the stricter

restrictions being enforced in Maharashtra. The committee is learnt to have recommended that the State should consider imposing Maharashtra-like restrictions. The committee's report is likely to be taken up for discussion at the all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Sunday.

On Thursday, several hospitals across the State reported zero availability of beds, resulting in patients scrambling to get hospitalised. Sources in the 108 helpline, which handles the central bed allotment system, said they were flooded with requests for bed allotment and were helpless.

The rise in cases is also not giving time for patients to recover and get discharged, said C.N. Manjunath, nodal officer for labs.