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In a second incident of a suspected case of suicide at COVID-19 quarantine facilities for COVID-19 in Karnataka within a week, a 53-year-old man in Chikkamagaluru died allegedly by suicide on Sunday.

Dr Umesh, District Health Officer, Chikkamagaluru confirmed the development to TNM.

“The patient was quarantined following protocols. His test had returned negative for COVID-19 but he was suffering from other medical conditions including haemorrhoids,” he said.

He added the patient was kept in a government-run quarantine facility in the district following normal protocol after he was found to have influenza like illness (ILI). He was found dead at the facility on Sunday.

The Times of India [quoted](#) Chikkamagaluru Superintendent of Police Harish Pandey saying th

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the person knew that he was to be allowed to return home as he had tested negative.

This incident comes after on Thursday a 55-year-old man who returned to his hometown in Dakshina Karnataka district with his family in Maharashtra allegedly took his own life.

In that instance, district officials confirmed that the man was found dead even before he was tested for COVID-19.

District officials suspected that the man had killed himself as he feared contracting the disease.

Earlier on April 27, a person in Bengaluru who had contracted the disease and was undergoing treatment at the Victoria Hospital had allegedly killed himself. The 46-year-old was three days into his treatment and was simultaneously suffering from chronic kidney diseases. He was on temporary dialysis.

If you are aware of anyone facing mental health issues or feeling suicidal, please provide help. Here are some helpline numbers.

Tamil Nadu:

State health department suicide helpline number: 104

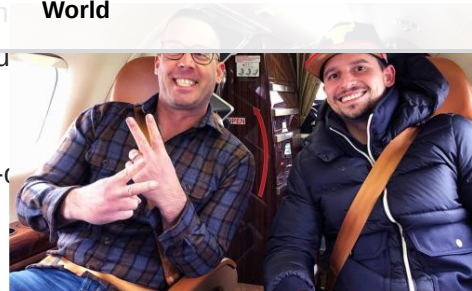
Sneha Suicide Prevention Centre - 044-24640050 (listed as the sole suicide prevention helpline in TN)

Andhra Pradesh:

Life Suicide Prevention Helpline No.78930-789

Roshni Helpline 1: 9166202000 Helpline 2: 9127848584

Karnataka:



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Chaithram helpline: 0484-2361161

Both are 24-hour helpline numbers.

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**Telangana government suicide prevention toll free
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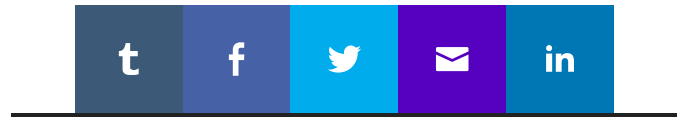
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