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Nashik, Jun 23 (UNI) A 57-year-old man from Bhokani village in Sinnar taluka of the district, who was in quarantine after coming in close contact with a corona-positive patient from a neighbouring village, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in a Zilla Parishad school room of the village on Tuesday. The deceased, Jakhu Balu Mengal, was famous in the area for giving medicine for jaundice disease and on June 10 a villager from adjacent Dodi village had approached him asking for medicine on jaundice. Later, when it became clear that the concerned person has contracted coronavirus, then the 12 members of the Mengal family were quarantined at the Zilla Parishad primary school in Bhokani from June 13, police said.

In the morning, Mengal's body was found hanging from ceiling of a school room with a rope.

Then, Arun Wagh, former chairman of the Market Committee, informed about the incident to the Wavi police station and Wavi primary health centre.

Following which, assistant police inspector Ranjit Galande and Medical officer Dr Ajinkya Vaidya visited the spot.

Mengal's body was sent to the rural hospital in Dodi for autopsy.

It is suspected that Mengal might have committed suicide fearing that he may have contracted coronavirus after coming in contact with the infected patient, sources added. UNI RDS SS 1812



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