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Title:	Dead lizard found in midday meal at Karnataka government school, 40 fell ill			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Koppal, SSU-Karnataka			

At least 40 students between class 1 and 8 of a government school were taken ill allegedly after consuming food under midday meal programme at Bevoor village in Karnataka's Koppal district on Thursday. The students were immediately shifted to the Koppal district hospital after many of them started vomiting. However, all the students of the Bevoor Primary and Middle School are now out of danger and responding well to treatment, District Surgeon Dr Daanareddy told reporters.

"They were initially admitted to the community health centre first and later transferred to the Koppal District Hospital," Daanareddy said, adding that a dead lizard was found in the midday meal prepared at the school in Karnataka's Koppal.

Meanwhile, an investigation has been ordered in a bid to take further action in the matter. In a related note, the midday meal preparation was not contracted to any third-party service provider and was cooked by the school authority itself.

In a similar incident, 10 students of a Bengaluru school fell ill after consuming their midday meals in January. In December 2018, over 100 students belonging to two

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different schools in Ballari and Bagalkot districts were rushed to the hospital after they had their midday meals.

In another such instance, over 350 children of Government Urdu Higher Primary School in Bengaluru's DJ Halli had fallen ill consuming their midday meal in 2014. At that time too, a dead lizard was found in the rice.

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