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Kids ate a poisonous fruit thinking it was a dry fruit, 10 of them fell sick

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Gwalior. In Sirsaud village of Murar block, on Sunday evening, 10 children fell ill after eating the fruit of Ratanjot. The children were returning from a Bhagwat Katha and community feast.

On the way, seeing a Ratanjot plant by the side of the field, they mistook its fruit for dry fruit and shared it among themselves. A little after reaching home, the children started experiencing stomach pain, vomiting, and diarrhea. Family members took all the children to the district hospital in Murar. From there, they were referred to Kamla Raja Hospital (KRH) of the Jai Arogya Hospital (JAH)

group. Eight children have been admitted to the PICU at KRH, and two to the ICU at New JAH. It is reported that three more children were brought from the village to the hospital. In the PICU are Puja (11), Aarti (9), Diksha (12), Praveen (10), Divya (8), Sumit (8), Gaurav (5), and Tanu (9). Hariom (15) and Sejal (14) have been kept in the ICU of New JAH due to serious condition.

According to senior pediatric specialist Prof. Dr. Ghanshyam Das, Ratanjot fruit is poisonous. Eating it can cause toxicity in the body, leading to problems like vomiting, diarrhea, and dehydration. Children ate the poisonous fruit as soon as he got the news, Prof. Dr. Ghanshyam Das reached Kamla Raja Hospital. He checked on the condition of the admitted children and gave the doctors' team the necessary instructions.

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