

# White fungus

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**In news-** Cases linked to 'white fungus' infection have been traced in Patna, Bihar.

## **About White fungus-**

- Patients of white fungus show **Covid-like symptoms** but test negative.
- It can **affect lungs** and also other parts of the body like **nails, skin, stomach, kidney, brain, private parts and mouth.**
- The infection can be **diagnosed through CT-Scan or X-ray.**
- The risk of catching the disease is highest for those with **frail immunity, suffering from pre-existing medical issues,** including diabetes, **and/or using steroids.**
- It also affects those coronavirus patients **who are on oxygen support.**
- According to the medical experts, the white fungus can be more dangerous than the black fungus.
- It may be **risky for pregnant women and children,** as per reports.
- Proper emphasis should be laid on sanitization and cleaning of supplies, environment, since molds can be directly inhaled by a suspected patient.