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The Dalai Lama arrives at Lilavati Hospital on Thursday for a medical check-up.

Dalai Lama to undergo tests today

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EXILED TIBETAN spiritual leader Dalai Lama was admitted to Bandra's Lilavati Hospital on Thursday following complaints of abdominal discomfort and fatigue.

The Dalai Lama was accompanied by Director of MEA liaison office Mallika Jain and private secretary Chimme Chhoekyapa, along with his staff and security personnel. Around 5.30 pm, his personal staff came in carrying 11 suitcases with Dalai Lama's belongings, indicating a prolonged stay.

According to the hospital

spokesperson, the 73-year-old Nobel laureate will undergo examinations on Friday.

"He has complaints of abdominal discomfort. There is no cause for concern," said Mohan Rajan, spokesperson for the hospital.

"The duration of his stay will depend on the outcome of the examinations. He is under the care of Dr Narendra Trivedi, the vice-president of the hospital," added Rajan.

On Thursday morning, the Dalai Lama had boarded a special chartered flight from Kangra airport in Himachal Pradesh to Chandigarh from where he took a scheduled Kingfisher flight to reach Mumbai.

Tibetan Prime Minister Samdhong Rinpoche met the Dalai Lama at the airport.

Speaking to *Hindustan Times*, Tenzing Takhla, the Dalai Lama's personal secretary, said the Buddhist leader was admitted to Lilavati Hospital for a day for his medical check up. "He would be examined by doctors on Friday morning," said Takhla, refusing to divulge details of medical tests.

About two weeks ago, the spiritual leader had come for a regular check-up at the same hospital.

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