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## Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus

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Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus (EEHV) is a **rare disease that** has killed five elephants in Odisha.

- EEHV is as a type of **herpes virus** that can cause a **highly fatal hemorrhagic disease** in **young Asian elephants** between the **ages of 1 and 12**.
  - If a young elephant dies before reproducing, it affects the population of the species as a whole in the concerned geography.
  - When EEHV is triggered, the elephant dies of **massive internal bleeding** and symptoms which are hardly visible, like reduced appetite, nasal discharge, and swollen glands.
- The disease is usually **fatal, with a short course of 28-35 hours**.
- There is **no cure for herpes viruses in animals or in humans**

**Source:IE**