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## First Case of LSD Virus in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 15 Sep 2021

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### Why in News

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On September 14, 2021, **four cows of the Kashipur block of Uttarakhand** were found positive with **LSD (Lumpy Skin Disease) virus** in a report given by **Indian Veterinary Research Institute**.

### Key Points

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- It is noteworthy that earlier cases of **LSD disease** were seen in the year **2012** in **West Bengal and Maharashtra**.
- LSD is a viral disease of animals, due to the infection of which lumps are formed everywhere in the animal's body. Its **virus spreads in animals through flies, mosquitoes, animal-to-animal contact and animal saliva** etc.
- In this disease, the **animal mortality rate is low, but the milk production capacity of the animals declines**.
- According to the **Department of Animal Husbandry**, the **lumpy skin virus was first detected in Zimbabwe's milch animals in 1929**.