



India's First Equine Disease-Free Compartment

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India has set up its **first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC)** in **Meerut Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh**, which has been **officially recognized** by the [World Organisation for Animal Health \(WOAH\)](#).

- **About EDFC:** It is a **scientifically managed and internationally recognized zone** that guarantees horses are **free from specific equine diseases**, enabling them to engage in global trade and competitions.
 - It has been established under the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.
- **Certification for Disease-Free Status:** The EDFC is certified free from major equine diseases, including **Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Influenza, Equine Piroplasmosis, Glanders, and Surra**.
- **Part of India's Disease-Free Compartment Strategy:** The EDFC is a key element of India's broader strategy to create disease-free compartments, which also includes **Highly Pathogenic [Avian Influenza \(HPAI\)](#)-Free Zones** for safe poultry exports.
 - India has maintained a disease-free status for **African Horse Sickness** since 2014, further strengthening its position in the global equine community.
- **Equine diseases:** These are diseases that impact **horses, donkeys, mules, and other members of the equine family (Equidae)**. They can be infectious in nature, caused by **viruses, bacteria, or parasites**.

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