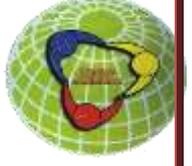




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Title:	First Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) case this year, man dies in Ahmedabad, Gujarat			
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A 51-year old man from Lakhapar village in Kutch's Anjar taluka has reportedly died due to Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) on June 29 at a private hospital in Ahmedabad, recording Gujarat's first CCHF case this year.

According to state health officials, the deceased reported symptoms of fever and nose-bleeding two to three days prior to his demise. Upon being shifted to Ahmedabad's Zydus Hospital, a test was conducted and his sample was sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune.

"The sample came back positive after his demise. We traced his close contacts and sent seven more samples to NIV. All seven samples have come back negative. We have conducted surveillance activities in the village. The animal husbandry department has also carried out tick control activities," said Nilam Patel, Additional Director (Health).

The deceased bred animals and was in the business of animal husbandry, Patel added.

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According to health officials, in 2022, the state had reported five confirmed cases of CCHF. However, as was confirmed by NIV to The Indian Express last year, two cases were reported from Bhavnagar in March and April 2022, respectively.

This included a 55-year old homemaker, who succumbed to CCHF. She used to look after livestock at her house and was later found to be infected following tick bite. The livestock was found infected as well. In March 2022, a 39-year old man, who used to rear livestock at his house, tested positive for the virus but survived.

In 2021, the state had reported one CCHF case in the Sabarkantha district, according to health officials.

Gujarat first reported a CCHF case in 2011. Since then, majority of India's CCHF cases are reported from the state. In India, confirmed CCHF cases were reported from 2011 to 2019 in Gujarat and in 2014, 2015 and 2019 from Rajasthan. In Gujarat, numbers are usually high during August, September, October and November.

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