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Title:	In Haridwar, 1,025 cattle get Lumpy Skin Disease, Uttarakhand			
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The Haridwar district administration has recorded 1,025 Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) cases among bovines and 35 related deaths in less than a month. Besides Uttarakhand, four other states -- Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan and Andaman and Nicobar Islands -- have also reported an LSD outbreak.

Like Covid-19, LSD is also a vector-borne disease and there are chances of the infection spreading from flies and mosquitoes.

The animal husbandry department authorities have confirmed that Laksar, Bhadrabad and Bhagwanpur are among the worst-affected in Haridwar district. The LSD outbreak also stokes concerns among authorities as huge milk procurement businesses rely on the several small farmers and dairies in Haridwar and cattle rearing for milk production largely takes place in the plain districts of Uttarakhand. On Wednesday, Uttarakhand's animal husbandry minister Sourabh Bahuguna chaired a meeting to discuss ways to stop the infection from spreading in the other 12

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districts of the Himalayan state. To combat the virus, Uttarakhand has also procured goat pox vaccines.

Dr Prem Kumar, director of the animal husbandry department, said, "We have procured 30,000 doses of goat pox vaccine from Gujarat and these are being administered free of cost to the affected as well as healthy livestock."

Earlier, on Monday, the central government had also conducted a meeting with the officials of the affected states to deal with the LSD spread. In Rajasthan, the disease has already spread to 11 districts. In India, LSD was reported for the first time in 2019 from West Bengal. Once an animal contracts the disease, there is no treatment available to cure it.

It is recommended to isolate and quarantine the infected animals. LSD infects both cows and buffalo through vectors like blood-feeding ticks and mosquitoes. Veterinary experts say that the disease leads to the formation of nodes on the animal's skin or hide which appear like lumps and the cattle suffer fever, reduced milk yield, runny nose and difficulty in eating.

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