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# African Swine Fever

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## **African Swine Fever is spreading in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand**

**African swine fever virus** (ASFV) is a large, double-stranded DNA virus in the Asfarviridae family.

African Swine Fever (ASF) is a **highly contagious and deadly viral disease affecting the pigs**.

In its acute form the disease generally results in **high mortality**.

ASF is a different disease to swine flu.

ASF is **not a threat to human health** and **cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans**.

It is not a food safety issue.

Clinical symptoms may look very much like those of classical swine fever: fever, listless pigs, lack of appetite, red skin, (bloody) diarrhoea, vomiting. Bleeding, cyanosis (blue skin) and necrosis of parts of the skin (blackening) may occur. Sows may abort upon infection.

**No treatment or effective vaccine exists** for African swine fever.

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