

## Equine Disease-Free Compartment

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Recently, India has established and secured global recognition for its first Equine Disease-Free Compartment (EDFC).

### About Equine Disease-Free Compartment

- It is a scientifically managed, globally recognized area **that guarantees horses are free from certain equine diseases**, enabling them to engage in international trade and competitions.
- The EDFC operates under comprehensive **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)** encompassing **disease exclusion protocols, pest control, physical security**, hygiene, sanitation, animal health monitoring, waste management, and continuous surveillance, all aligned with international best practices.
- It is recognised by the **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**.
- The facility is approved at the **Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre & College, Meerut Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh**.
- It is established under the **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**.

- The EDFC has been officially declared **free from Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Influenza, Equine Piroplasmosis, Glanders, and Surra**.
- Additionally, India has historically remained free from African Horse Sickness since 2014.

## Significance of Equine Disease-Free Compartment to India

- It marks a major step towards **enabling the international movement** of Indian **sport horses in compliance** with global biosecurity and animal health standards.
- With the implementation of robust biosecurity protocols, stringent veterinary surveillance, and adherence to international norms, Indian sport horses from this facility can now be eligible to travel and compete abroad.
- This significantly **enhances** the **prospects of Indian riders and horses** in global equestrian competitions and raises India's profile in the international equestrian arena.
- The compartment also supports the broader development of horse-related activities in the country — including **sports, breeding, and high-value equine trade** — while strengthening India's biosecurity and disease preparedness framework.

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