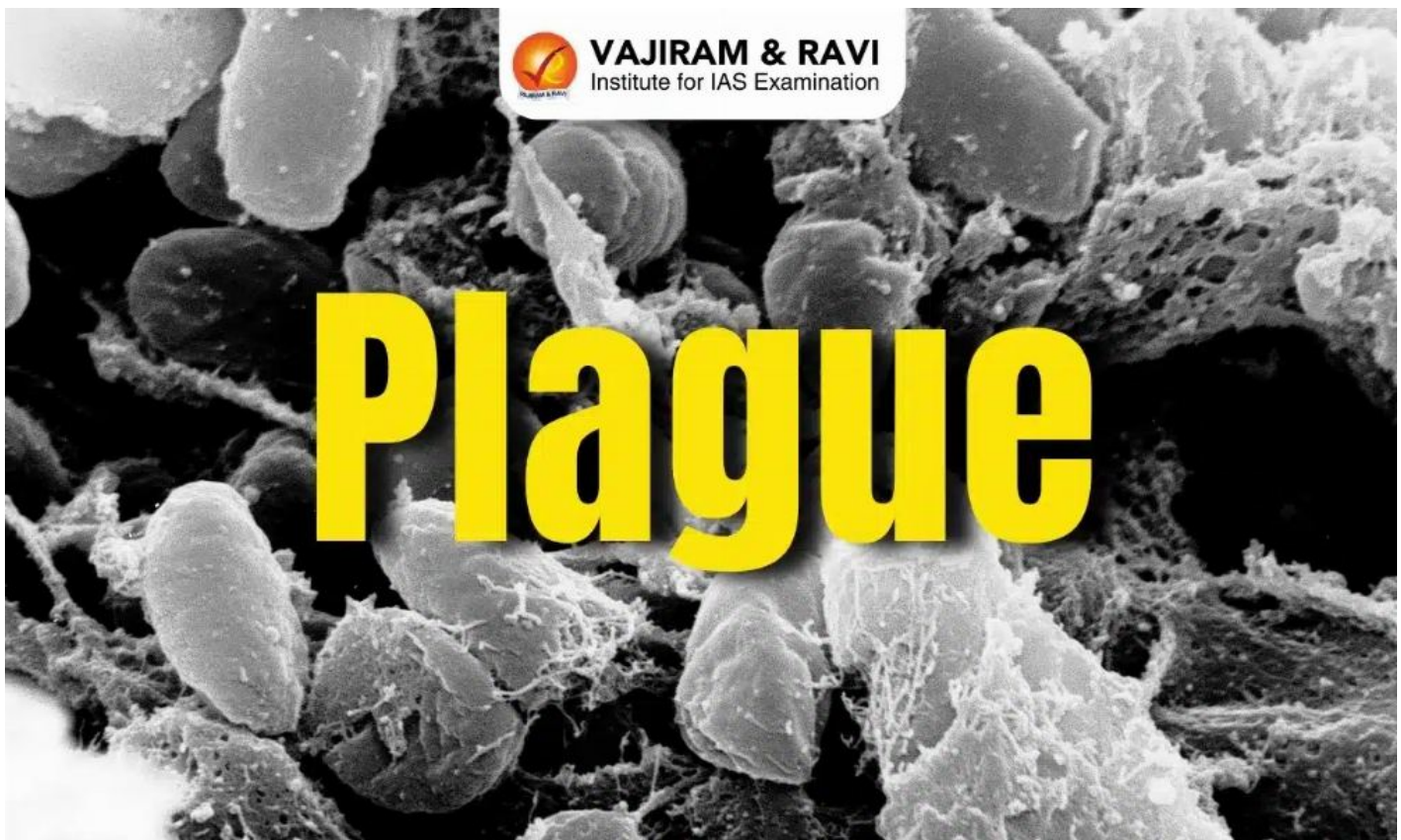


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A resident of north Arizona, United States, recently died from pneumonic plague, marking the first death in the region in 18 years.

About Plague

- Plague is an **infectious disease caused by** a specific type of **zoonotic bacterium called Yersinia pestis**.
- This disease usually **spreads through bites from fleas** that previously bit an infected animal.
- Plague is infamous for **killing millions of people in Europe during the Middle Ages**.
- Nowadays, it is a **rare but persistent cause of illness in rural areas** in the **western United States and certain regions of Africa and Asia**.
- There are **three types** of plague. **Bubonic plague** infects your **lymph nodes**, **septicemic plague** is in your **blood** and **pneumonic plague** affects your **lungs**.

- **Pneumonic plague**, which spreads to the lungs from other untreated forms of plague, is the **most serious and is usually rare**.
- Plague can be a **very severe disease** in people, with a **case-fatality ratio of 30% to 60% for the bubonic type**, and is **always fatal for the pneumonic kind when left untreated**.
- Plague can be **cured with antibiotics**, but these must be given promptly to prevent serious illness or death.

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