

# Government launches Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) and World Bank-funded AHSSOH

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**In news**– Union Minister for Fisheries , Animal Husbandry and Dairying has recently launched the APPI and World Bank-funded Animal Health System Support(AHSSOH) for One Health to enhance India's preparedness and response to potential animal pandemics, in line with the One Health approach.

## **About the APPI-**

- This initiative aims to enhance India's preparedness and response to animal pandemics, with a focus on zoonotic diseases that pose a threat to both animal and human health.
- This initiative will help to improve veterinary services and infrastructure, disease surveillance capabilities, early detection and response, build the capacity of animal health professionals, and awareness among farmers through community outreach.

## **About the AHSSOH-**

- It aims at creating an ecosystem for a better animal health management system using the One Health approach covering five (05) states in India.
- The five states are-Assam, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka.
- It seeks to strengthen district laboratories, provide mobile veterinary units in remote and high-risk areas, upgrade dispensaries and hospitals, train veterinarians and private diagnostic labs.

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