Death in the Hills

Millhunvalves, Aranachal Pradesh's hill symbols, are threatened by an epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease

OUTBREAK

The 2013 foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) epidemic in Arunachal Pradesh, India, is one of the most devastating outbreaks of the disease in the country. The disease, caused by a virus, affects domesticated and wild cloven-hoofed animals, and can be transmitted to humans. The outbreak in Arunachal Pradesh was characterized by high mortality rates and widespread spread, leading to significant economic losses for farmers and the local economy. The government and international organizations have been working tirelessly to control and contain the outbreak, implementing strict quarantine and surveillance measures to prevent further spread. The focus has been on vaccination, treatment, and control of infected areas to minimize the impact on the animal population and the livelihoods of local communities. The outbreak highlights the need for better preparedness, surveillance, and response strategies to tackle such zoonotic diseases effectively.

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