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Title:	18 animals die of sheep pox in Surendranagar, Gujarat			
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Barely has lumpy skin disease outbreak in cows been controlled, the state government is facing another health challenge among milch cattle with the highly contagious sheep pox rearing its head.

At least 18 sheep have died in the last 12 days in a village of Patdi taluka of Surendranagar district. However, the administration claimed that the viral disease was under control and a large number of animals in the 15 km radius of the affected village have been vaccinated.

According to official sources, a breeder having 145 animals in Himmatpura village, which is close to the Little Rann of Kutch, had reported that some of the sheep had fallen sick on August 21. The animals were suffering from fever, runny nose and stopped taking fodder. Some lesions, a telling symptom of sheep pox, had also developed on their bodies.

Teams of the animal husbandry department visited his farm and found eight sick and two dead sheep. Officials said 30 sheep fell ill and 18 died between August 23 and September 3.

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P N Makwana, district development officer, Surendranagar said, "The disease was found in the animals of a single owner and around 2,300 sheep have been vaccinated in the 15 km radius of the village. There has been no new case either in the village or other talukas of the district in the last two days. The situation is under control."

According to the veterinary doctors, sheep pox is a highly contagious disease, and if it's not curtailed in time, it can infect a large number of animals. The weak animals can also die.

Officials said that sheep pox is not new and scattered cases were reported in Morbi district last year. The lumpy skin disease affected 24 districts out of the total 33 in Gujarat and close to 3,800 of the 98,000 cattle have died of the infection over the past couple of months.

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