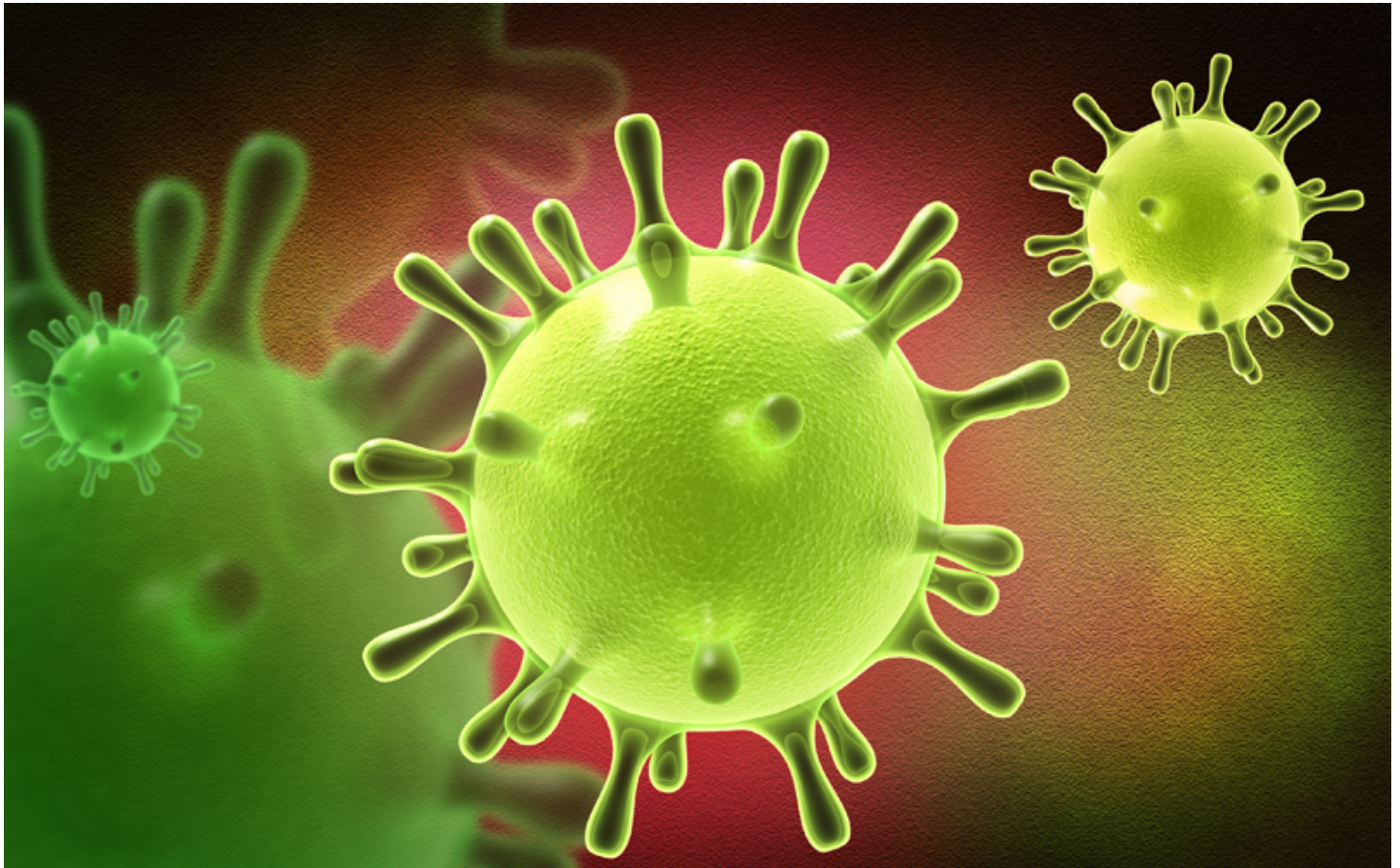


## Health Ministry takes stock of measures to control West Nile Virus

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**New Delhi:** After a section of the media reported that a seven-year-old boy from Malappuram District of Kerala is suffering from a West Nile Virus (WNV), the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Mr J P Nadda in a press statement conveyed that he is closely monitoring the situation and has spoken to the State Health Minister of Kerala in this regard. He has directed for all support to be extended to Kerala in its prevention and management.

WNV is a mosquito-borne disease, mostly reported in the continental United States.

Secretary (HFW) held a meeting with Additional Chief Secretary Mr Rajeev Sadanandan, Kerala and reviewed the situation. The Health Ministry has dispatched a multi-disciplinary Central team from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). The Central team includes Dr Ruchi Jain, RHO Trivandrum, Dr Suneet Kaur, Assitant Director, NCDC, Dr E Rajendran, Entomologist, NCDC, Calicut and Dr Binoy Basu, EIS Officer, NCDC. The team will support the State Health Authorities in managing the disease.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has also been alerted and a close watch is being maintained at Central and State level. There are no reports available so far for spread

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of this virus in other parts of the country.