



Bangladesh:

20 Oct: Import of bird flu vaccine allowed to save local poultry industry

The government's drug regulatory authority Thursday allowed three drug importing companies to import avian influenza vaccine from the US, the Netherlands and China. The vaccination will begin experimentally in Gazipur district and partly in one poultry hatchery and five firms in Kishorganj in Dhaka division. However, vaccine will not be made available commercially and it will be controlled by the Department of Livestock Services. [[more](#)]

India:

19 Oct: Rabies affect livestock in Bandipora

A large number of livestock in various villages here have died in past few days due to rabies triggering panic among the locals. Locals said the livestock have mostly been affected in Dachigam, Lankrishipora, Leherwalpora, Nusoo and Kulhama. Some villagers had recently culled few cows in Dachigam after they were found suffering with rabies like symptoms. [[more](#)]

18 Oct: Measures to be taken in the wake of bird flu outbreak in Lalitpur, Nepal

The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries says in a letter addressed to Bihar, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh officers that there is urgent need for taking all possible measures/ precautions to prevent the ingress of the disease in to their states and be fully prepared to prevent the occurrence of the disease in their states. [[more](#)]

Pakistan:

23 Oct: Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences enhances preparedness level for CCHF

The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has established dedicated isolation rooms in its Indoor Department, with requisite barrier nursing procedures in place for suspected or diagnosed cases of Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF). The measure has been taken in response to reporting of CCHF cases in a public sector hospital. Moreover, the risk of CCHF will increase during the upcoming Eidul Azha when a large number of animals will be sacrificed in public places and at the household level. [[more](#)]

Others:

24 Oct: Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever is spread by bird migration?

Bird migration could be causing the spread of Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever, a study has indicated. Researchers found that the woodchat shrike carried infected Hyalomma ticks and while this parasite prefers to live in warmer climates and cannot thrive in northern Europe, rising temperatures and migratory birds could therefore be helping the creature to spread across the globe [[more](#)]

23 Oct: OIE launches pilot project to design efficient control methods for Peste des Petits Ruminants

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation join forces to tackle *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR). The new project "Vaccine Standards and Pilot Approach to PPR Control in Africa" will establish a PPR Vaccine Bank and develop a pilot strategy to control and progressively eradicate the disease in several African countries. [[more](#)]

18 Oct: Iowa firm to develop RNA Particle (RP) FMD vaccine for USA

Iowa firm has been awarded a contract from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate to develop an RNA Particle (RP) vaccine to potentially protect the United States from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). The company's RP platform technology allows it to make a vaccine using only a gene sequence, not the whole FMD virus. Production of FMD vaccines using traditional methods is not allowed in the United States because of the risk of releasing the highly contagious virus, it noted. [[more](#)]