



BANGLADESH

20 Feb 2013: 'Nipah' kills 1 more in Rajshahi

One more baby died of suspected Nipah encephalitis at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) Monday night. Quoting the relatives the sources said the patient had eaten fallen jujube and suddenly fell sick with vomiting, headache and fever on Sunday. With this, the death toll from the virus infection rises to seven at the hospital in the current season. [read more](#)

19 Feb 2013: Foot-and-mouth disease kills 73 cattle in 20 days in Lalmonirhat district

At least 73 cattle died of foot-and-mouth disease and 1000 more have been affected in Lalmonirhat Sadar, Aditmari and Hatibandha upazilas of the district during the last 20 days. A special medical team has been working at the villages of the upazila, giving advice and distributing medicines to help cattle owners to check the disease. [read more](#)

INDIA

19 Feb 2013: Alligator deaths in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh

National Chambal Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh (MP), home to ghariyals (Indian alligator), has been besieged with cases related to the deaths of the reptiles primarily due to parasitic infection of liver, kidneys and gastrointestinal tract. Eleven ghariyals were found dead in the last four months in the sanctuary- five in Bhind region of MP and six in Agra and Etawah districts in Uttar Pradesh (UP). [read more](#)

15 Feb 2013: Around 40 birds, fishes found dead in Lakhota lake, Gujarat

Large number of birds and fishes were found dead in Lakhota Lake in the city of Jamnagar on Friday. According to sources, besides nearly 40 birds, fishes, a snake and turtles have also died. While the exact reason for their deaths is not immediately known, it is suspected that they died after consuming something poisonous. [read more](#)

NEPAL

16 Feb 2013: Bird flu on rise, farmers resist vets

According to livestock department officials, poultry farmers have even stopped reporting the death of fowls to veterinary offices, which they said is a dangerous trend and a great threat to public health. The office said that strains of H5N1 virus have been spreading rapidly in the poultry farms of the Valley and adjoining districts. This week alone, the capital witnessed four outbreaks of the virus, in which over 12,000 chickens were culled. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

20 Feb 2013: Health Ministry says only eight confirmed positive for Japanese Encephalitis

The Health Ministry says that out of the 52 patients suffering from fever reported from Ratnapura only eight were confirmed to be infected with Japanese Encephalitis. A statement issued by the ministry indicated that the rest of the reported cases were of Viral Encephalitis which is a common condition. Seven of the patients who had contracted Japanese Encephalitis were over forty eight years of age while the other patient was a two month old infant. Every child under the age of ten will be vaccinated to prevent the disease from spreading in the district. [read more](#)

OTHERS

21 Feb 2013: Novel coronavirus infection - update

The Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia has informed WHO of another confirmed case of infection with the novel coronavirus (NCoV). The patient was hospitalized on 29 January 2013 and died on 10 February 2013. The case was laboratory-confirmed on 18 February 2013. Further investigation into this case is ongoing. To date, WHO has been informed of a total of 13 confirmed cases of human infection with NCoV, including seven deaths. Based on the current situation and available information, WHO encourages all Member States (MS) to continue their surveillance for severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) and to carefully review any unusual patterns. [read more](#)

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