



BANGLADESH

27 Mar 2013: Agreement on field epidemiology training program

The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research's (IEDCR) Director and CDC's director signed the memorandum on Mar 26 at the latter's office in Atlanta to operate a Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) in Bangladesh. The two-year FETP would be introduced in Bangladesh in the wake of CDC's recognition to the country as its eighth 'Global Disease Detection' site last year. The two-year training is extensive in nature and available only in 53 countries. [read more](#)

24 Mar 2013: Bird flu affects northern districts, yet unreported to DLS

Poultry Industries Association (BPIA) Joint Secretary says that a large number of poultry farms have been affected by bird flu virus in the northern districts include Rangpur, Lalmonirhat and Gaibandha. According to farmers, at least 15 farms have been affected by the virus in Rajshahi district. The DLS has introduced vaccination experimentally in Gazipur district and partly in Kishoreganj in Dhaka division. [read more](#)

BHUTAN

26 Mar 2013: Black quarter (BQ) outbreak in Lokchina Geog, Chukha Dzongkhag

BQ outbreak has occurred in Chadokha village, Lokchina Geog in Chukha Dzongkhag from the month of December 2012 and the last case investigated was on 11th March. A total of 14 animals have died from the 11 household and have 210 susceptible animals in the area. The disease was diagnosed based on clinical symptoms, post mortem lesions and laboratory tests. The animals were not vaccinated against BQ last year because there was no outbreak in the area for the last three years. Ban on the movement of livestock and its products, ring vaccination and immediate reporting of any new cases are in place. [read more](#)

INDIA

24 Mar 2013: Kashmir: 20 rabies deaths, 80,000 dog bite cases in 5 years

In Kashmir, at least 20 persons have died of rabies while 80000 cases of dog bites have been reported in the Valley in the past five years, according to official figures. The hospitals run by the Directorate Health Services Kashmir have alone recorded 58095 dog bite cases from 2008 to 2012. The officials of the Anti-Rabies Clinic (ARC) at the SMHS Hospital here also claims that 22649 such cases have been registered in the past five years with them. Nearly half of the cases of dog bites happen to be the Class III bites where the victim has one or further bites, scratches, licks on broken skin, or extra contact that breaks the skin. The data furnished by the Srinagar Municipal Corporation and the Census Department reveals that for every 13 persons in the Valley, there is one stray dog, putting the dog-human ratio at 1:13. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

23 Mar 2013: Black quarter disease: Hundreds of cattle die in Punjab province

Farmers from Khairpur Tamewali, Budhwala Toba, Kokar Toba, Sathoowala Toba and Sher Khan Toba say they have lost hundreds of animals to the disease. According to Livestock Deputy Director the disease had spread because the animals were not vaccinated on time. The Veterinary Research Institute supplied vaccines for livestock in October last year, but they caused adverse reactions among the animals they were tested on so we had to return them. The institute has still not supplied a fresh batch of vaccines. Authorities said, that if the Veterinary Research Institute does not provide the vaccines farmers will lose more animals to the Black quarter disease. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

27 Mar 2013: Free status of haemorrhagic septicaemia (HS) in Sri Lanka

Director General of Department of Animal Production and Health has declared Sri Lanka as provisionally free of HS on 12th December 2012 to the Honorable Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development and to the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) in his capacity as the OIE Delegate of Sri Lanka. After studying the comprehensive report for its scientific and technical information the Free Status was accepted and the self-declaration was transferred to the OIE Publication Department for the announcement by the OIE. The country has intensified an active surveillance programme against HS in order to identify any carrier status as well. [read more](#)

OTHERS

27 Mar 2013: New foot and mouth vaccine offers hope for developing world

A new, synthetic vaccine for the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) virus could help turn the tide in the global battle against the disease. Developed by a team of researchers at the Diamond Light Source and the Pirbright Institute, the new vaccine crucially isn't created using the live virus, making manufacturing and administering the vaccine potentially much safer. Creating a more stable vaccine should make it easier to transport and store. The vaccine is yet to be commercialized and is unlikely to be on the market for several years. [read more](#)