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INDIA

04 June 2013: Pig disease virus detected in India for the first time

For the first time in Mizoram and perhaps in India, virus of a pandemic disease which causes reproductive failure in breeding stock and respiratory tract illness in young pigs has been detected in the samples of sick swines sent to laboratories for testing. The samples of the sick swines were tested at the laboratories in the Veterinary College in Selesih, Mizoram and at ICAR Research Complex, Borapani in Meghalaya which detected the presence of 'artevirus', the virus that carries the disease porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome (PRRS). [read more](#)

31 May 2013: Bihar encephalitis update: Eight children dead in the last month

Encephalitis has claimed the lives of eight children in Bihar in the last one month, with two of them succumbing to the disease on Thursday, an official said. The first encephalitis-related death in the state this year was reported in the last week of April in Muzaffarpur, about 70 km from here. Last year, the disease killed nearly 240 children in Muzaffarpur and Gaya districts. [read more](#)

29 May 2013: Deaths from dog bite: Stiff rise in anti rabies vaccination

After many cases of people dying from dog bite reported from different parts of the State, the latest being three deaths in Phumlou under Imphal West district on April 30 last, the number of people coming with their canine pet for anti-rabies vaccination has increased significantly. Along with that, State Veterinary Department has also carried out mass anti-rabies vaccination programme in and around Phumlou. A senior doctor stated that after the report of three persons dying from dog bites was reported in Phumlou, around 150-200 dogs are being brought to the department daily for anti-rabies vaccination. [read more](#)

NEPAL

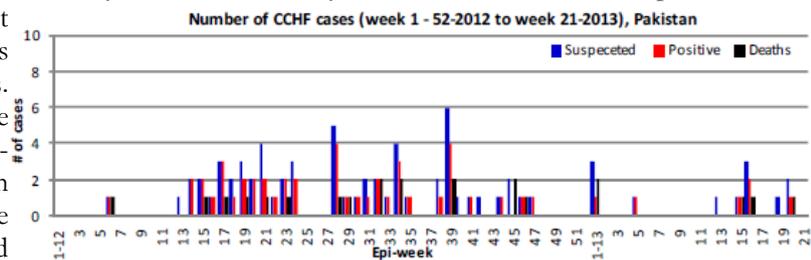
04 June 2013: As coronavirus spreads globally, Nepal on alert

Amid fears that the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) might invade Nepal, the government on Monday wrote to hospitals and laboratories asking them to be extra vigilant. An estimated 1.5 million Nepalis are currently working in various countries across the Middle East, including more than 500,000 in Saudi Arabia. The Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) has sent letters to National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL), the state-owned referral laboratory, and Walter Reed Research Unit Nepal (WARUN), a private laboratory, asking them to conduct tests of MERS-CoV and H7N9 on the patients suffering from various respiratory illness. The EDCD, however, is yet to plan to keep the airport and other areas bordering Nepal under surveillance. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

29 May 2013: Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF)- Update

In week 21, 2013, No new suspected CCHF case was reported from any area in the country. The last two cases were reported in week 20, 2013, two suspected CCHF cases reported 1 from district Quetta, Balochistan (Lab result awaited). The suspected case is 18 years old male found no contact history with animals. While the 2nd case (positive) reported from Karachi, Province Sindh, a 38 year old male resident of district Pishin, Balochistan running a hotel in Karachi, found clear contact history with animals, taking care in home, Platelets count was 14000 at the time of admitting in the hospital but could not survive and expired on 13 May, 2013. The total 13 CCHF cases have been reported in year 2013. [read more](#)



OTHERS

05 June 2013: Novel coronavirus infection - update

The Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia has notified WHO of an additional laboratory-confirmed case with Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV). The patient is a 14-year-old girl with underlying medical conditions who became ill on 29 May 2013. She is reported from the Eastern region, but not from Al-Ahsa where an outbreak began in a health care facility since April 2013. The patient is in stable condition. Globally, from September 2012 to date, WHO has been informed of a total of 54 laboratory-confirmed cases of infection with MERS-CoV, including 30 deaths. All Member States are reminded to promptly assess and notify WHO of any new case of infection with MERS-CoV, along with information about potential exposures that may have resulted in infection and a description of the clinical course. Investigation into the source of exposure should promptly be initiated to identify the mode of exposure, so that further transmission of the virus can be prevented. [read more](#)

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