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INDIA

20 June 2013: Over 5,000 dog bite incidents reported till April this year in Pune, State of Maharashtra

Dog bite cases have seen an increasing trend in the city, with as many as 5,054 incidents being reported from January to April this year. In 2012, there were 13,006 cases of dog bite. The Pune Municipal Corporation officials attributed the sharp rise to the ongoing mating season. Easy availability of food from street food joints and restaurants is another reason for the surge in these cases. [read more](#)

18 June 2013: Two suspected anthrax cases from Araku of Andhra Pradesh

Two patients from Araku Valley undergoing treatment at King George Hospital (KGH) have been diagnosed with cutaneous anthrax, informed hospital authorities. However, district health officials said that these are only suspected cases and samples have been sent to a government lab in Gwalior for confirmation. Agency areas, including Chintapalli, Munchingput and Araku, are the most vulnerable and almost every year anthrax cases, including deaths, are reported from these places which quickly turn epidemic. [read more](#)

15 June 2013: Highly pathogenic avian influenza free status. Follow up report no. 1 sent to OIE

India notified an outbreak of Avian Influenza (H5N1) at Regional Poultry Farm, Lanka Tola, Madhubani district Purnea, Bihar on 08 March 2013. Surveillance and post operative surveillance around the area of the outbreak and surveillance in the rest of the states has shown no evidence of notifiable avian influenza. In view of the above, India has declared itself free from notifiable Avian Influenza on 15 June 2013. [read more](#)

15 June 2013: NIV keeps a close watch on migratory birds for H7N9 virus

The National Institute of Virology (NIV) has stepped up surveillance on migratory birds in different parts of the country even as human-to-human transmission of bird flu is yet to be established and the chances of infection in India are found to be low. After the NIV got permission from the ministry of forests, it kept check on migratory birds with help from its 10 regional centres and network partners in India, testing hundreds of samples. However, it is yet to come across any positive H7N9 case. [read more](#)

14 June 2013: Rabies confirmed, six dead so far in Manipur

So far six deaths have been registered in the State due to rabies resulting from dog bite since the last month. Among the six dead, three are said to be from Phumlou Siphai, two from Achanbigei and one each from Kongba and Ahallup. As a measure to prevent rabies in the State the department has administered anti-rabies vaccination to 80,000 dogs. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

20 June 2013: Ranikhet on rampage in Sindh Province

Seven more peacocks died on Wednesday, bringing the death toll to 56. The Sindh Wildlife Department has confirmed the deaths. The peacocks' bodies have been sent to Poultry Research Laboratory for examination. Nineteen peacocks have died in village Subhani, seven in village Dahri, six in village Kerlo, five in village Kharoron, four in village Surachand, four in village Dadvero, four in village Cheeraro of Deplo, two in village Jaggi Jotar, and one in village Railo. Last year, Newcastle disease virus killed more than 300 peacocks in different parts of Tharparkar. More than 40,000 wild peacocks are present in Tharparkar. [read more](#)

18 June 2013: New Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) case from Islamabad

In week 23 (2 to 8 June 2013) 1 new CCHF case was reported from Islamabad in a resident of district Killa Abdulla, Balochistan (Lab result Positive for CCHF). The case is a 45 years old female (housewife) with clear contact history with animals. So far this year 23 confirmed cases have been reported from Balochistan; 7 from Sindh; 6 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 5 from Punjab.. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

Epidemiology Unit of the Ministry of Health recorded 84 human Leptospirosis cases so far in June. This brings the total number of cases to 2215 in 2013 highest being in April. [read more](#)