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INDIA

09 Aug 2013: Leptospirosis claims five more in Surat, Gujarat

Leptospirosis has claimed five lives in the past two days, taking the toll to 11. Every year, monsoon brings fear of an outbreak among farm workers in the state. During the monsoon, farm workers run the risk of being affected by leptospirosis, a disease that can turn fatal very fast. This year, the disease had raised its ugly head a little late, with patients starting to come for treatment during the last week of July. While five new suspected patients had been admitted to the hospital recently, the total number of patients who came in this season have reached 50. [read more](#)

NEPAL

15 Aug 2013: Bird flu emergency declared in Bhaktapur district

Nepal has declared a bird flu emergency in Bhaktapur, one of the three districts of the Kathmandu valley, an official said Thursday. The decision was taken at a meeting between government officials and poultry farmers Wednesday. [read more](#)

12 Aug 2013: Bird flu spreads to Kavre, fowls culled in three poultry farms

Despite maintaining high alert in the wake of bird flu outbreak in neighbouring Bhaktapur district, the disease was confirmed in three poultry farms in Kavre, for the first time, today. The district livestock office, Kavre said that bird flu was confirmed at hatcheries at Bhaisepati of Nasikasthan VDC, Nasikasthan Ward No 2 and Mahendrajyoti. [read more](#)

12 Aug 2013: Bird flu in 5 more poultry farms

Bird flu was confirmed in five more poultry farms in Bhaktapur. According to the Bhaktapur District Livestock Office, bird flu was confirmed at the farms at Jhaukhel-7, Bageshwori-2, Sipadol-8, Sudal and Nakhel-2 in the district. [read more](#)

09 Aug 2013: Government to introduce bird flu vaccine

Concerned over the unchecked spread of H5N1 virus in the capital's poultry farms, the government is mulling to introduce bird flu vaccine soon. Entrepreneurs and poultry farmers have been demanding the permission to use the vaccine since long as they have incurred heavy losses from the spread of disease. The Directorate of Animal Health (DAH) under Ministry of Agriculture Development (MoAD), however, said that it would not allow private sectors to import the vaccines and the office itself will regulate its supply. [read more](#)

OTHERS

14 Aug 2013: SAARC experts discuss setting up epidemiology network

Seeking to establish a SAARC epidemiology network and regional disease information system, veterinary experts from SAARC countries including India have discussed ways to deal with disease prevention and control mechanisms in the South Asian region. Attended by around 18 veterinary epidemiologists and animal health officers from the member countries, the "Regional Epidemiology Networking Workshop" held at Paro aims at enhancing the epidemiological capacity to deal with the transmitted animal diseases which is a concern at the regional level. [read more](#)

11 Aug 2013: Meeting on rabies elimination in SAARC region begins

A three-day advocacy meeting on elimination of human rabies in the SAARC region begins in the city (Dhaka) tomorrow. The meeting aims to find concrete solutions to the preventable disease that claims several thousand lives in the region, over 2,000 alone in Bangladesh annually, official sources said today. Around 50 delegates, mostly public health professionals and government officials, from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the nations that group the South Asian Association for Regional cooperation (SAARC) are scheduled to join the meeting from August 12—14. [read more](#)