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BHUTAN

22 October 2013: Foot and mouth disease outbreak in cattle

Foot and mouth disease outbreak have occurred in two migratory herds of Shebji and Pajab in Sangbaykha and Sama Geogs respectively. A total of 79 animals were affected with one mortality. The first suspected outbreak was observed on 24 September. The source of infection is suspected to be from wild animals. [read more](#)

INDIA

20 October 2013: FMD scare: Vaccination drive launched in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

The Animal Husbandry Department on Saturday launched a 15 day vaccination drive for over 10 lakh cattle in the district to prevent the seasonal foot and mouth disease. The official said that as many as 120 teams were formed all over the district to record population of cows and buffaloes. At present, the district administration received 9.31 lakh doses of vaccine and if need be the stock would be procured additionally. [read more](#)

18 October 2013: Anthrax scare: Forest department on alert

The Karnataka Forest Department is on 'high alert' following the death of an eight year old tusker, suspected of anthrax, at Urigam reserve forests in Tamil Nadu on Monday. An official said "Department of Veterinary has agreed to vaccinate cattle for anthrax in villages all along the sanctuary border after 8-10 days as they had vaccinated them for foot and mouth disease recently". The forest officials have sealed all entry points for cattle into the sanctuary as a precautionary measure. Villagers have also been asked not to enter forests, he added. [read more](#)

16 October 2013: Foot and mouth disease outbreak reported in Kozhikode, Kerala

Despite a relatively successful vaccination campaign undertaken by the Animal Disease Control Project of the government, foot-and-mouth disease outbreaks have been reported from different parts of the district, including the City Corporation limits, in the past two months. Veterinary officials have attributed the cause of spread of virus to the transit of unvaccinated livestock from the neighbouring States. Though the government had imposed a ban on the entry of cattle to the State from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka recently even that could not be enforced strictly. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

22 October 2013: Suspected Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) patient dies in Pakistan Punjab

A patient who had symptoms of the CCHF died on Tuesday in Lahore. According to sources, 31 year old, a suspected patient of the fever, was under treatment at a private clinic in Ferozepur Road area, Lahore. He was brought to the hospital five days back, but died of the illness. His family member said victim's health destabilized after he visited local cattle market to purchase sacrificial animal. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

24 October 2013: Sri Lanka's MERS-CoV alert on Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) bound flights

The Sri Lankan government is warning passengers heading to Saudi Arabia to take precautions against the Middle East respiratory syndrome-coronavirus (MERS-CoV), which has infected 119 people and caused 51 deaths in the Kingdom. An official from the Colombo Ministry of Health told "We are discouraging people who have chronic problems such as diabetes, kidney, lung and cardiac diseases, from going to the Kingdom. These diseases will increase the risk of becoming victims of the virus". [read more](#)

OTHERS

16 October 2013: "Wrong, but Useful": Negotiating uncertainty in infectious disease modelling

Authors examined uncertainty in modelling, utilizing a range of data: interviews with scientists, policy-makers and advisors, and analysis of policy documents, scientific publications and reports of major inquiries into key livestock epidemics. They show that the discourse of uncertainty in infectious disease models is multi-layered, flexible, contingent, embedded in context and plays a critical role in negotiating model credibility. They argue that usability and stability of a model is an outcome of the negotiation that occurs within the networks and discourses surrounding it. [read more](#)