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## INDIA

### 29 October 2013: Stray dogs menace continues to haunt Thane residents in Maharashtra

As many as 45,000 stray dogs are estimated to be roaming on the streets of Thane, causing fear among residents. The strays have been banding together into packs, biting people and terrorizing the city. An official from the Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) health department said that on an average they receive at least eight to ten dog bite cases on a daily basis. [read more](#)

### 25 October 2013: Anthrax fears in Dalma deer deaths

Four sambars have died at Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary deer park in Jharkhand during the past 48 hours, triggering fears of an anthrax infection that also affects humans. Sensing danger, a team of vets from Chandil and Seraikela, along with sanctuary officials, sent blood samples of the carcasses today to Veterinary College, Kanke, in Ranchi, to confirm anthrax. The report is expected early next week. Dalma range officer said they requested the state government to supply anthrax vaccines. [read more](#)

### 23 October 2013: Foot and mouth disease claims nilgai at Mysore zoo

Foot and mouth disease has claimed the life of an adult nilgai (*Boselaphus tragocamelus*), one of the largest Asian antelopes, at Mysore zoo. This is the first death reported at a zoo since the outbreak of the disease in the State. Confirming these deaths, an official told that about 75 nilgais had been kept away from the display section in the last 20 days. All animals are being administered antibiotics to prevent secondary infections, he added. [read more](#)

### 20 October 2013: Rising cattle deaths in Karnataka puzzle experts

The foot and mouth disease among cattle in the State is proving to be a headache for scientists of the central team as well as specialist veterinarians. It is suspected that the cattle may have been afflicted with the anthrax disease, spread by the bacillus anthracis bacteria, and hence, it is becoming difficult to control its spread. After a visit to the disease affected districts, the experts held discussions in this regard with medical officers of the department of animal husbandry and veterinary science. [read more](#)

## NEPAL

### 28 October 2013: Affected poultry farmers getting compensated

Poultry farmers in Bhaktapur, who incurred huge losses in avian influenza outbreaks and mopup campaign aimed to control the disease, have started receiving compensation. The Bhaktapur District Livestock Office (DLO) at Bhaktapur municipality-17 started distributing compensation from yesterday. The DLO is providing Rs 130 for a chicken, Rs 50 for a chick, Rs 250 for parent chicken, Rs 10 for a kg of chicken feed destroyed, Rs 100 for a kg of meat destroyed, and Rs 3 for an egg destroyed during the campaign. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 23 October 2013: Hospitals in capital facing shortage of rabies vaccine

According to reports, the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) and the Polyclinic Hospital do not have rabies vaccine and the National Institute of Health (NIH) has failed to provide the vaccine to both hospitals. Sources in PIMS said, many patients had been seen in miserable condition due to the lack of rabies vaccine, and the hospital administration was vaccinating dog bite patients with local vaccine. [read more](#)

## OTHERS

### 29 October 2013: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) - update

WHO has been informed of an additional laboratory confirmed case of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection in Qatar. The patient is a 23-year-old man who was identified as a close contact of a previously laboratory-confirmed case as part of the epidemiological investigation. He is a worker in the animal barn owned by the previously laboratory-confirmed case. The man developed mild symptoms of illness and is in good condition. Preliminary investigations revealed that he did not recently travel outside the country. [read more](#)

### 24 October 2013: New China H7N9 bird flu cases 'signal potential winter epidemic'

Fresh human cases in eastern China of a deadly new strain of bird flu signal the potential for "a new epidemic wave" of the disease in coming winter months, scientists said on Thursday. [read more](#)