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BHUTAN

31 Oct 2013: FMD outbreak in Haa Dzongkhag (District)

FMD outbreak has occurred in Pajab migratory cattle herd at Sama and Shebji villages in Haa Dzongkhag. All the 68 animals belonging to one herd in Sama Geog were affected and 100 out of 267 in Sombaykha were affected. The source of infection in Pajab herd is suspected to be from wildlife and the infection in Shebji was from Pajab where affected animals got mixed during grazing. [read more](#)

INDIA

07 Nov 2013: Outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Tamil Nadu

Teams of veterinary doctors have been camping at villages in Chidambaram and Kattumannarkoil blocks after many cows were affected by foot and mouth disease (FMD). Sources said that cows were affected by the disease in neighbouring Nagapattinam district and it might have spread to Cuddalore as well. [read more](#)

31 Oct 2013: Foot and mouth disease under control in the State of Kerala

The outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) which led to the death of more than 200 head of cattle in Kerala has been brought under control, though the virus causing the disease persists in most parts of the State, says the Department of Animal Husbandry. Officials maintain that the disease has crossed its peak and is on the decline, but farmers are concerned. Most of the 200 dead animals were calves which succumb easily to the deadly virus. [read more](#)

31 Oct 2013: Encephalitis claims six more lives in Uttar Pradesh; toll climbs to 479

Six more children died due to encephalitis in Gorakhpur district, during the past 24 hours taking the death toll to 479 this year, health officials said today. The six died at the Baba Raghav Das Medical College Hospital (BRD-MCH) here yesterday. They belonged to different district of eastern Uttar Pradesh. [read more](#)

25 Oct 2013: Anthrax fears in Dalma deer deaths in Jharkhand

Four sambar deer have died at Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary deer park triggering fears of lethal 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 (25/10/13) to Veterinary College, Kanke, in Ranchi, to confirm anthrax. The report is expected early next week. There are 11 sambar deer and 35 spotted deer at the 10-hectare park in Makulakocha village, part of the sanctuary, a tourist attraction some 25km off Jamshedpur. [read more](#)

NEPAL

01 Nov 2013: FAO to conduct study on recent bird flu outbreaks

The FAO of the United Nations will soon carry out a diagnostic study on the recent bird flu outbreaks in the country that led to the culling of over 1.5 million chickens, mostly in Kathmandu Valley and Kavre district. "At the initiative of the government, FAO proposes to conduct a situation assessment of avian influenza in order to provide additional assistance in response to the current situation. Relevant components required include economic value chain analysis, epidemiological analysis, laboratory diagnostic results, disease response efforts (prevention and control) and communications," says the letter sent by FAO. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

05 Nov 2013: Blackleg disease: A serious threat to cattle farming

Seven hundred and fifty cows from six districts were selected randomly and sampling of disease suspected animals was done throughout the year. The results showed that highest number of positive cases were observed in district Muzaffargarh and Bhakkar followed by Rahim Yar Khan, Layyah and Nankana Sahib, respectively. Highest number of cases of this disease appeared in district Layyah and Muzaffargarh during the months of May to August while in district Rahim Yar Khan, maximum number of cases appeared during the months of January to April (15.5%). [read more](#)

OTHERS

06 Nov 2013: Human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus – update

China notified WHO of two new laboratory confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus. The first patient is a three-year-old boy from Guangdong Province who had contact with live poultry. The second patient is a 64 year old woman from Zhejiang Province who is a farmer and had contact with live poultry. She is currently in a critical condition. To date, WHO has been informed of a total of 139 laboratory confirmed human cases with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus infection including 45 deaths. [read more](#)