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INDIA

21 Nov 2013: Milk procurement in Tiruchi not deterred by FMD

Prevalence of foot and mouth disease (FMD) among cattle in Perambalur and Ariyalur districts has not hit milk procurement by cooperative societies, thanks to the precautionary steps taken by Aavin with the active support of district administration and Animal Husbandry Department. Almost normal milk procurement is being maintained in both the districts, said Aavin sources on Wednesday. [read more](#)

NEPAL

24 Nov 2013: Double the compensation for bird flu victims

A panel formed to study the implication of recent bird flu outbreak across the country has recommended the government to double the compensation package offered to the affected poultry farmers. The panel set up by the government after the devastating bird flu of July and August has recently submitted its report. The authorities had culled some 1.68 millions of chicken and destroyed 2.15 million eggs in the outbreak of bird flu in the month of July and August in some ten districts including those in the Kathmandu valley. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

22 Nov 2013: Pinnawela, Dehiwela elephants and humans tested positive for TB

Some of the employees at the Pinnawela elephant orphanage in Sabaragamuwa province were tested positive for Tuberculosis (TB) this week after an elephant there was diagnosed with TB a month back. In addition a two and half year old male elephant brought from Pinnawela to the national zoological gardens in Dehiwela, Colombo has been diagnosed with TB this week. Though found in captive elephants, TB has not yet been reported in wild elephants. [read more](#)

OTHERS

28 Nov 2013: China reports 3rd H7N9 case in November

A new human H7N9 bird flu case was reported in east China's Zhejiang Province, the fifth in China this autumn, according to local health authorities on Thursday. This is the third case reported in November, following the one confirmed on Nov. 4 in Zhejiang and one on Nov. 5 in southern Guangdong Province. In October, two new human H7N9 avian flu cases were reported. No new cases were reported in September. China had reported 134 cases by the end of August, with 45 fatalities, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission. [read more](#)

27 Nov 2013: Three camels hit by MERS Coronavirus in Qatar

The Supreme Council of Health and the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with the National Institute of Public Health and Environment (RIVM) of the Ministry of Health and the Erasmus Medical Centre in the Netherlands announced confirmation of the first case of middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in 3 camels in a herd in Qatar in a barn, which is linked to two confirmed human cases who have since then recovered. [read more](#)

21 Nov 2013: Recent emergence and spread of an arctic related phylogenetic lineage of rabies virus in Nepal

Based on a subset of 24 new Nepalese isolates collected from 2003 to 2011 and representative rabies virus (RABV) strains at a global scale, phylogenetic analysis based on the complete nucleoprotein and glycoprotein gene sequences revealed the presence of a surprising wide genetic diversity of RABV circulating in this country. These data has raised some concerns about the exchange of RABV between different countries, and provided key elements for implementation of effective control measures of rabies in Nepal. [read more](#)

21 Nov 2013: Spatial and temporal analysis of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in China, 2013

Descriptive and geographic information system methods were used to depict the spatial and temporal characteristics of the outbreak of human infection with a novel avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in mainland China, the peak of which appeared between 28 March and 18 April 2013. As of 31 May 2013, there was a total of 131 reported human infections in China, with a cumulative mortality of 29% (38/131). The outbreak affected 10 provinces, with 106 of the cases being concentrated in the eastern coastal provinces of Zhejiang, Shanghai and Jiangsu. [read more](#)