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BANGLADESH

29 Nov 2013: Foot and mouth disease of cattle spreading in Syedpur

Foot and mouth disease (FMD) of cattle has broken out in Syedpur Upazila in Nilphamari district. More than 30 cattle have already died of the disease and hundreds of them are reportedly affected. Sources said officials of Animal Husbandry are working hard to control the disease from spreading further. In the meantime officials of Animal Husbandry asked the concerned persons to vaccinate their cattle which they ignored so far. [read more](#)

BHUTAN

27 Nov 2013: FMD outbreak in Paro Dzongkhag

Foot and mouth disease outbreak was reported on 18 November 2013 from Dhakaphu village Lamgong Geog under Paro Dzongkhag. A total of 6 animals were affected (Cattle 5 and Swine 1). The source of outbreak as per the flash report received from in-charge Lamgong was suspected to be from the meat purchased from Phuentsholing. As per the laboratory result, two out of five animal's serum samples have antibody against the NS protein of FMD virus. [read more](#)

22 Nov 2013: Positive Rabies case from Deothan

A suspected rabies case was reported on 14 November 2013 from Army Camp, Deothang geog, Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag. The case was jointly investigated by officials of the Satellite Veterinary Laboratory, Livestock Extension Centre & Military Medical Officer, Deothang. The source of infection was not known. About 200 dogs were vaccinated in the recent past in the outbreak area. The brain sample was collected from the suspected dog and was referred to NCAH, Thimphu. The sample was tested and was found positive by FAT test at the centre. [read more](#)

INDIA

04 Dec 2013: Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) outbreaks in state doubles this year

The outbreaks of Congo fever seems to have doubled in Gujarat, the first state to have reported the prevalence of tick borne viral disease in the country. In the last three years alone, there have been 30 positive cases and 14 deaths due to CCHF, half of which were reported in a cattle rearing community. [read more](#)

02 Dec 2013: A year after bird flu, Central Poultry Development Organization (CPDO) back to life

The CPDO began fresh rearing of poultry in June this year after it was hit by bird flu few months ago. Unlike previous practices of allowing visitors, CPDO has limited the entry for visitors and has ensured that workers follow biosecurity guidelines of wearing proper gears before entering the poultry cages. Potassium permanganate dips have been made mandatory before stepping into the institute and shelters have been built to disinfect any vehicle that enters the CPDO premises. The institute which also reared turkeys and emus has now limited its fresh rearing to chicks and ducks. [read more](#)

29 Nov 2013: Failure to vaccinate leads to cattle deaths in Tamil Nadu

Thousands of cows which recently died in the state due to foot and mouth disease were denied their regular annual vaccinations by farmers who feared loss of milk yield if their animals were vaccinated, a recent investigation by the Animal Husbandry Department revealed. [read more](#)

OTHERS

03 Dec 2013: WHO Statement on the fourth meeting of the IHR Emergency committee concerning MERS-CoV

The fourth meeting of the Emergency Committee convened by the Director-General under the International Health Regulations (2005) [IHR (2005)] concerning MERS-CoV was held by teleconference on Wednesday, 4 December 2013. After discussion and deliberation on the information provided, the Committee concluded that it saw no reason to change its previous advice to the Director-General. Based on a risk assessment of current information, it was the unanimous decision of the Committee that the conditions for a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) have not at present been met. [read more](#)

02 Dec 2013: Hong Kong reports its first H7N9 flu case

Hong Kong today reported its first case of H7N9 avian flu, the patient is a 36 year old domestic helper from Indonesia who traveled to Shenzhen in November, bought a chicken at a live bird market, and slaughtered and ate it, said secretary for food and health, according to a Hong Kong government news release. Meanwhile, mainland China recently confirmed its fifth H7N9 case since October. [read more](#)