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INDIA

29 May 2014: MERS-CoV ruled out in Mangalore case

Health authorities have ruled out the suspected case of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection reported in Mangalore. A 63 year old woman was quarantined in a private hospital here after it was suspected that she had contracted the infection. District Health Officer said that her blood and respiratory secretion tests, done at the Manipal Centre for Virus Research, Manipal, were negative for MERS-CoV. The woman, who had returned from Saudi Arabia, got herself admitted to the private hospital on May 22 after she had cold, fever and cough. [read more](#)

28 May 2014: Anthrax in Odisha

An anthrax scare has gripped Koraput district of Odisha state after 3 persons died and 18 others were affected by the disease at Jangaljadi village under Boipariguda block in the last 7 days. A team of health officials was sent to the village from the district headquarters hospital on 27 May 2014. Anthrax affected 30 persons in the village in the beginning of this month [May 2014], but it could not be identified and the diseased people took medicines from quacks. However, when 3 persons succumbed, the affected persons were admitted to a health centre in Ramgiri village. Later, doctors confirmed the disease was anthrax and the patients were shifted to Jeypore hospital. [read more](#)

20 May 2014: Rabies in Bhopal district of Madhya Pradesh

Last week, a 12 year old boy died after he was bitten by a dog in his abdomen while he was playing in Arera Colony area. It was first canine attack death in the city of Bhopal after two people had died of rabies in 2012. In Bhopal city with an estimated 90,000 stray dogs roaming the streets, 38 cases of dog bite and injuries are reported daily. However, just 5,700 have been sterilized and vaccinated for rabies since November last year in the city. [read more](#)

NEPAL

25 May 2014: Nepal declares itself free from HPAI H5N1

After the completion of stamping out operation following the last HPAI outbreak occurred on 13/02/2014 in Sunsari district, surveillance activities were intensified outside the zone and throughout the country. During the period, morbidity and mortality in poultry were investigated; samples collected were tested for avian influenza virus. All samples were negative for HPAI H5N1. Therefore, Nepal declares itself free from HPAI H5N1 with effect from 22 May 2014. [read more](#)

24 May 2014: FMD claims 100 cattle in Doti district

As many as 100 cattle have died due to foot and mouth disease outbreak in Barchhain and Ghangal VDCs of Doti in the past one month. The outbreak has now spread to Lanakedareshwor, Mannakapadi, Pashchimka, Bajhakakani, Kalikasthan, Dahakalika, Mudbhara, and Tijali VDCs and Dipayal Silgadhi Municipality, informed sources at the District Livestock Office. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

25 May 2014: Three cases of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF)

The first patient was 45 years old, landed in Peshawar, came from Kabul, Afghanistan, and was an animal handler by profession. He was admitted to the hospital on 3 May 2014 and expired on 6 May 2014. He had high-grade fever, bleeding from gums, nostrils, and rectum. He was negative for dengue, however his CCHF status could not be confirmed. His dead body was taken back to Kabul. The second patient who died of CCHF was a 92 year old retired government employee from Kohat, based in the Islamabad rural area. One of his nephews who had taken care of the patient and his dead body is having symptoms now and is under investigation. The fatal case was in contact with animals. The third patient was a 24 year old taxi driver from Wah Cantt, Rawalpindi, with no direct contact with animals, who presented to PIMS with bleeding symptoms and expired within 14 hours of admission. [read more](#)

OTHERS

25 May 2014: FAO and OIE boost collaboration on animal health

The FAO and OIE today pledged to step up their existing collaboration to control animal diseases, ensure the safety of food from animal origin and promote safe trade. The two organizations said they would reinforce their partnership in priority areas that include joint response to animal health crises and programmes to prevent and control foot and mouth disease, *peste des petits ruminants*, African swine fever, rabies, zoonotic influenza and antimicrobial resistance. Speaking at the World Assembly of Delegates to the OIE in Paris today, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said animal health was of "paramount importance" in the work of the Organization to eliminate hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. [read more](#)

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