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24 June 2014: Rabies outbreak in Chukha Dzongkhag

One case of suspected rabies was reported from Medical Supply Depot colony, Phuentsholing Geog Chukha Dzongkhag on 24th June 2014. The case was seen in dog with clinical signs like aggressive, body incoordination, chorea-fits, slightly reddish eye and severe pain with typical signs of terminal stage. The dog after sometime died and the sample was collected by SVL Phuentsholing and was referred to NCAH, Serbithang for laboratory confirmation. The result released from Laboratory Service Unit, Serbithang has confirmed the disease as Rabies by Florescence Antibody Test. [read more](#)

INDIA

30 June 2014: Nearly 190 dead due to suspected encephalitis

Nearly 190, mostly children from poor families, have died due to suspected encephalitis in Bihar in the last month with three more deaths on Monday, an official said. The maximum number of deaths took place in the state's Muzaffarpur district. Most of these children died at the government-run Sri Krishna Memorial College Hospital and the private run Kejriwal Charitable Hospital. State health officials said they have identified half a dozen districts where the disease has spread. These include Bhagalpur, Motihari and Samastipur districts. Bihar is, however, yet to officially declare an acute encephalitis syndrome (AES) epidemic. [read more](#)

25 June 2014: Four affected by anthrax in Koraput district, Odisha

Four persons have been affected by anthrax in a tribal village of Koraput district. Sources said the affected villagers had killed a sick goat a few days ago and eaten its meat which might have led to the outbreak of the disease. "Patients have abnormal swellings and boils on their body, which are symptoms of anthrax. At present, the situation is under control with teams of doctors and health workers monitoring the situation and visiting the affected village," said chief district medical officer (CDMO) of Koraput. [read more](#)

25 June 2014: Two more succumb to rabies; toll reaches 17 in Pune

An elderly person and a young boy died of rabies infection at the PMC-run Naidu infectious diseases hospital on Wednesday, taking the death toll in the city so far to 17. Civic officials said both the victims were bitten by dogs three months ago and that they had not taken the anti rabies vaccines on the scheduled days. [read more](#)

OTHER

02 July 2014: MERS-CoV infects Iranian health worker, kills Saudi man

Iran's health ministry has reported the country's fourth Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection, a 44-year-old male healthcare worker, and Saudi Arabia has had another death from the disease, according to official reports today. [read more](#)

01 July 2014: "Top Ten" list of food-borne parasites released

A "Top Ten" list identifying the food-borne parasites of greatest global concern has been released today, and new guidelines are being developed to control them. Despite their huge social costs and global impacts, information is generally lacking regarding just where these parasites come from, how they live in the human body, and – most importantly – how they make us sick. As a first step in tackling the problem, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO) are initially focusing on the ten food borne parasites with the greatest global impact. The rankings contained in today's FAO-WHO report, Multicriteria-based ranking for risk management of food-borne parasites, are based on the parasites' burden on human health and other factors, and includes information on where they can be found. [read more](#)