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BANGLADESH

16 Jul 2014: Poultry feed made from toxic tannery waste detected in Bangladesh

Poultry and egg, two popular and affordable protein sources are not safe anymore as chickens are fed highly toxic tannery waste and excessive antibiotics, two studies have found. Use of tannery waste lowers the production cost of poultry feed while antibiotics help to reduce deaths of chicks. [read more](#)

BHUTAN

11 Jul 2014: Chicks die by the thousands on Tsirang and Sarpang poultry farms

Over the last few weeks, thousands of diseased chicks have died in poultry farms in Tsirang and Sarpang leaving farmers aggrieved and prompting a rise in the price of eggs. Most recently, two poultry farmers of Patshaling gewog lost 52 and eight chicks resp. to the disease, suspected to be infectious bursitis disease (IBD). About three weeks back, nine farmers of Goserling gewog lost over 4,000 chicks to the same disease. The chicks were three to four weeks old and bought from a private poultry farm called Satara farm in Sarpang. [read more](#)

08 Jul 2014: Rabies outbreak in Sarpang Dzongkhag

One case of suspected rabies was reported from Resumgang (Tanjuri) village, Shompangkha Geog under Sarpang Dzongkhag on 8th July 2014. The case was in dog. The sample was collected and tested by Satellite Veterinary Laboratory, Gelephu by using rapid rabies antigen detection test kit and was confirmed positive. Control measures are in place. [read more](#)

INDIA

15 Jul 2014: Anti-rabies vaccine in short supply in Ernakulum, Kerala

Hospitals in Ernakulam district of Kerala state are facing erratic supply of rabies vaccine, though the district medical office claims there is no supply shortage. However, anti-rabies immunoglobulin injectibles, a one-time medicine if the bite is severe and there is tissue damage are neither being supplied by government nor available in the market. Local hospitals do not stock anti-rabies immunoglobulin injectibles, for which the people are directed to either medical college or the district general hospital. [read more](#)

10 Jul 2014: Woman succumbs to rabies in Beed, Pune; toll rises to 18

A 50-year-old woman from Beed district succumbed to rabies infection at Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital here, taking the toll to 18 in Pune City this year, so far. The victim, identified as Subhadra Adagale, a resident of village Chincholi in Ashti taluka, was bitten by a cat five months ago. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

13 Jul 2014: Congo fever claims fifth victim in Peshawar

A patient of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) passed away at a Peshawar hospital on Saturday as cases of the deadly disease continue to pile up, local media reports said on Sunday. According to media reports, three patients suffering from Congo fever were brought to Peshawar's Hayatabad Medical Complex on Friday. As per the hospital data, 11 Congo virus patients, including six from Afghanistan and one staffer, have been brought to Hayatabad Medical Complex. [read more](#)

11 Jul 2014: FAO comes up with help to contain diseases

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has delivered to the Livestock Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa some 100,000 PPR (Peste des Petits Ruminants) vaccines to help contain the spread of disease among the internally displaced persons and their host communities. More than 800,000 people have moved out of North Waziristan and 70 per cent of the families took with them their animals. [read more](#)

OTHERS

15 Jul 2014: Ebola virus disease, West Africa – update

The World Health Organization (WHO) continues to closely monitor the evolving Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The current epidemic trend in Sierra Leone and Liberia remains serious, with high numbers of new cases and deaths being reported. Between 8 – 12 July 2014, 79 new cases, and 65 deaths were reported from Liberia and Sierra. In Liberia, 30 new cases and 13 deaths were reported, while in Sierra Leone, 49 new cases and 52 deaths have been reported. These include suspect, probable and laboratory confirmed cases. This trend indicates that a high level of transmission of the Ebola Virus continues to take place in the community. The epidemic situation in Guinea is being closely observed, with 6 new cases and 3 deaths reported. [read more](#)