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## BHUTAN

### 29 July 2014: Peste des petits ruminants outbreak- follow-up report no. 1

Two new PPR outbreaks were reported from Chhukka and Dagana districts. The first outbreak was reported at Chhukka district on 8/7/2014 from goats that were rescued from slaughter and kept in a closed shelter away from human habitation. The second outbreak was reported on 17/07/2014 at Dagana district. A total of 140 goats were imported on 1st July for setting up a nucleus farm at Lhamoy Zingkha, Dagana district. In both outbreaks, 15 deaths were reported out of 148 sick animals from a susceptible population of 205 goats. [read more](#)

The National Centre for Animal Health reports that Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) outbreak has occurred in Lhamoy Zingkha, under Dagana Dzongkhag on 23rd July 2014. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 30 July 2014: Antibiotics in chicken 'hitting Indians' resistance to drugs

A study conducted by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has linked growing antibiotic resistance in humans to its large-scale, indiscriminate use in the poultry industry. Of the 70 chicken samples taken from the Delhi-NCR region for six commonly used antibiotics, the CSE found 40 per cent samples positive with residues of more than one antibiotic in 17 per cent samples. [read more](#)

### 26 July 2014: Arunachal Pradesh sounds high alert after girl dies of encephalitis

Arunachal Pradesh has sounded a high alert following the death of a 10-year-old girl and reports of 11 other persons being affected by Japanese encephalitis in the state. The other affected persons include children in the age group of 1 to 14 years besides an 18-year-old teenager. They were undergoing treatment at the Arunachal State Hospital (ASH) since last week, while two cases being treated in Guwahati Medical College Hospital in Assam were reportedly improving. Anticipating similar cases associated with convulsions, seizures, rigidity and also loss of consciousness, the state health department has geared up its surveillance mechanism besides initiating testing facility at the ASH. [read more](#)

### 26 July 2014: Japanese encephalitis strains flagged in four districts in 2011-12

A team of scientists from the Centre for Research in Medical Entomology (CRME), Madurai, had detected mosquito strains carrying the Japanese encephalitis virus in four north Bengal districts of West Bengal in 2011 and 2012, sources in the state health department said. The team had visited Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, South Dinajpur and Darjeeling thrice in September 2011, January 2012 and May 2012 to investigate Japanese encephalitis cases. National Institute of Virology, Pune, report today said that six of the 10 blood samples sent to it from north Bengal had tested positive for the Japanese encephalitis virus. In 2011-12, the CRME team had collected 279 mosquito pools in north Bengal, of which one pool of *Culex pseudovishnui* and three pools of *Culex quinquefasciatus* were found to be carrying the Japanese encephalitis virus. [read more](#)

### 26 July 2014: Anthrax claims one life in Koraput district of Odisha

One person died of anthrax in Khadagpur village under Nandapur block on Wednesday. After consuming partially cooked meat at a feast in the village, the victim had taken ill. As he did not take the help of doctors, his condition deteriorated. Later, he was found to be suffering from anthrax by ICDS staff who shifted him to Koraput hospital where he succumbed. Meanwhile, a team of doctors rushed to the village and provided medicines to eight other villagers who had also taken the meat in the feast. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 30 July 2014: Pakistan allows import of live animals

The Government of Pakistan approved a proposal lifting the ban on the import of live animals from countries which have been declared as negligible risk for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, on 4 July 2014. This means that US live cattle can now be exported to Pakistan once all technical procedures are completed including; A formal notification by the Government of Pakistan in its official gazette which is expected later this month, and establishment of a health protocol. A protocol is expected to be completed in time to allow import of US dairy cattle this fall, once the weather turns cooler. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 30 July 2014: Ebola virus disease, West Africa – update

Between 21 and 23 July 2014, 96 new cases and 7 deaths were reported from Liberia and Sierra Leone. In Guinea, 12 new cases and 5 deaths were reported during the same period. These include suspect, probable, and laboratory-confirmed cases. In an effort to accelerate the response to the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa, the Director General of WHO held discussions with the donor community and development partners on 24 July 2014 in Geneva. [read more](#)