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## INDIA

### 05 Aug 2014: Vaccination drive to fight foot and mouth disease in Kerala

The State Animal Husbandry Department of Kerala launched a programme to eradicate foot and mouth disease across the state on Friday. Thousands of cattle were vaccinated on the first day of the drive which was launched in every district. According to the plan, 15 lakh cattle will be vaccinated as part of the 21-day drive, which will end on August 27. "It was after taking the gravity of the issue into account, the Animal Husbandry Department has opted for an early launch of the vaccination drive, this year. "Though, the department has been vaccinating the cattle for the last 10 years effective curbing of foot and mouth disease is still a distant dream. And last year, the disease had claimed hundreds of animals," he said. [read more](#)

### 02 Aug 2014: Youth contracts leptospirosis via goat excreta; doctors advise caution

Ten days ago, on his way back home from the goat farm, 21-year-old male went into convulsions. Alarmed, his family admitted him to hospitals in Shahpur and Kalyan before ferrying him to Mumbai. Three days ago, they discovered that he was diagnosed with leptospirosis, a bacterial infection which infects humans through animals. Every monsoon, a spurt of leptospirosis infections is seen across the state, including Mumbai. Since the onset of monsoon, BMC has recorded eight cases of leptospirosis in Mumbai. The number in private hospitals, however, is higher. [read more](#)

### 02 Aug 2014: Six cattle die of anthrax in West Bengal

Six cattle died of anthrax during the past four days at Hanspukuria under Tehatta police station in Nadia district, Animal Resource Department official said today. "Anthrax generally break out during the rainy season". We have vaccinated the public cattle of the affected area. In addition to that, we have been keeping a surveillance over the issue," he added. [read more](#)

### 30 July 2014: 305 encephalitis deaths in Assam

Assam Chief Minister on Wednesday directed the Health department to take all possible measures to check the spread of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE), which have jointly claimed 305 lives in Assam this year. The vector-borne AES has claimed 212 lives while Japanese Encephalitis 93 in Assam this year, a senior Health Department official said. The total number of people suffering from AES was 1,286, including 488 by JE, Joint Director Health Services-Malaria told. [read more](#)

## NEPAL

### 05 Aug 2014: A person has died due to the infection of Japanese encephalitis in Morang district

The deceased has been identified as 22-year old male, hailing from Sanishchare, Pathari. It has been learnt that another person of the same place, is also seriously infected and is undergoing treatment in BP Koirala Institute of Health and Science (BPKIHS), Dharan. District Health Office (DHO), Pathari has launched awareness programme on the virus after infection was seen in two persons of the same village, said Chief of a sub-health post. [read more](#)

## SRI LANKA

### 05 Aug 2014: 24 hour Ebola virus monitoring unit at Bandaranaike international airport (BIA)

A 24-hour Emergency Centre has been set up at the Bandaranaike International Airport to detect to prevent passenger infected with the deadly Ebola virus from entering the country. Travelers from African countries would be especially screened at the Emergency Operation Centre set up at the BIA, said Director General Health Services. If any Ebola infected person was found, he/she would be referred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH), he stressed. When a visitor from an African country entered Sri Lanka, the person would be monitored for three weeks to find out whether he or she had contracted the disease. The Emergency Operation Centre would be in operation round the clock with nurses and an ambulance from the Negombo hospital. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 06 Aug 2014: Ebola virus disease update - West Africa

Between 2 and 4 August 2014, a total of 108 new cases of Ebola virus disease (laboratory-confirmed, probable, and suspect cases) as well as 45 deaths were reported from Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone. As of 4 August 2014, the cumulative number of cases attributed to EVD in the four countries stands at 1 711, including 932 deaths. The distribution and classification of the cases are as follows: Guinea, 495 cases (351 confirmed, 133 probable, and 11 suspected), including 363 deaths; Liberia, 516 cases (143 confirmed, 252 probable, and 121 suspected), including 282 deaths; Nigeria, 9 cases (0 confirmed, 2 probable, and 7 suspected), including 1 death; and Sierra Leone, 691 cases (576 confirmed, 49 probable, and 66 suspected), including 286 deaths.

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