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BANGLADESH

30 Sep 2014: Bangladesh tackles rabies through mass dog vaccination

Bangladesh's mass canine vaccination programme aims to break the cycle of transmission from dogs to humans. Evidence has shown that this can be achieved by reaching 70% of a dog population with 3 rounds of vaccinations. Following a successful WHO-supported pilot project in Cox's Bazaar, a district of Bangladesh, the government is now vaccinating dogs in nearly all 64 districts in the country. [read more](#)

INDIA

30 Sep 2014: Bihar can now avail central funds for controlling FMD

Bihar has been included under the centrally-sponsored foot and mouth disease (FMD) control programme' during 2014-15 so as to enable the state government to officially start work on its implementation, an official statement said. A decision in this regard was taken after the Agriculture Ministry assessed the feasibility and preparedness of the state to implement intensive FMD control programme in the state, it said. The state government has been requested to assess the available infrastructure and inform the central government about the schedule for carrying out vaccination of eligible cattle and buffalo population in the state in pulse mode along with action plan, it added. Under the programme, vaccination is done twice a year with trivalent (O,A, and Asia-1) vaccine. The cattle are screened prior and post vaccination to check. [read more](#)

30 Sep 2014: 23 PRRS outbreaks in swine reported in four States

The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi, India has reported 23 new porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRS), type 2 outbreaks to OIE on 29 September 2014. These outbreaks have been recorded from 02/05/2013 to 22/04/2014 from Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur. The source of the outbreaks are unknown or inconclusive. Random sero-surveillance is going on and 24,991 samples have been tested so far. No clinical cases have been recorded till date. However, during sero-surveillance, sero-positive animals are being detected and control measures are being followed. [read more](#)

30 Sep 2014: 4 die of rabies, 9,000 bitten by dogs in Kovai

The menace posed by stray dogs has hit an alarming high in Coimbatore. Four persons have died of rabies after being mauled by rabid dogs this year and at least 9,000 people, who suffered dog bites, were treated at the government Coimbatore Medical College Hospital in just the first nine months this year in Coimbatore. Four patients including one woman have succumbed to the rabies virus in the last nine months." In 2013, five men died of rabies at the government hospital, the hospital official added.

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29 Sep 2014: Acute encephalitis syndrome outbreak in Araria claims eight kids

An outbreak of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Araria district of Bihar has claimed the lives of eight children over the past six weeks. The outbreak came after the disease killed over 130 children and affected over 700 of them in Muzaffarpur and its adjacent districts in north Bihar in May and June this year. All children who died due to AES are in the age group of one to seven years and they belonged to families who live in the rural areas of Araria, and are not financially well off. The Civil Surgeon said intensive vaccination drive was being conducted in the affected areas of the districts and the disease seemed to be under control now. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

27 Sep 2014: Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) claims second life in Karachi

The Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever claimed another life in Karachi as a 51-year-old man died on Friday. This was the third case reported in the Karachi city this year, with two of them fatal. According to Karachi Health Director that patient, a resident of Liaquatabad, had gone to the sacrificial cattle market on Super Highway a few days back and had developed high fever and other symptoms related to the Congo virus. He was taken to a private health facility where he died within 24 hours. [read more](#)

OTHER

30 Sep 2014: CDC and Texas Health Department confirm first Ebola case diagnosed in the U.S.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed today, through laboratory tests, the first case of Ebola to be diagnosed in the United States in a person who had traveled to Dallas, Texas from Liberia. The patient did not have symptoms when leaving West Africa, but developed symptoms approximately four days after arriving in the U.S. on Sept. 20. The person fell ill on Sept. 24 and sought medical care at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas on Sept. 26. After developing symptoms consistent with Ebola, he was admitted to hospital on Sept. 28. CDC and the Texas Health Department reported the laboratory test results to the medical center to inform the patient. A CDC team is being dispatched to Dallas to assist with the investigation. [read more](#)

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