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INDIA

01 Jan 2015: Is Telangana toothless in fight against rabies?

Telangana recorded 23 deaths from rabies in 2014, and these were just those recorded at the Ronald Ross Institute of Tropical Diseases here in the city. Since there does not exist an effective centralized state-wide reporting system, the number of deaths from this deadly disease could be much more. The institute, popularly referred to as the Fever Hospital, is also having the clinical facility, where rabies positive patients are usually brought. [read more](#)

05 Jan 2015: 23 cases of dog-bite in 4 days reels under rabies scare in Manipur

There has been a record surge in the number of dog bite cases with over 23 people seeking treatment since 1 Jan 2015. The startling figure was obtained, when the Sangai Express sought information from the casualty registry of the district hospital, Churachandpur. Barely in a span of four days, Jan 1 to 4, 23 dog bite cases have been treated by the hospital with 3 cases on Jan 1, eight cases each on Jan 2 and 3, and four cases on Jan 4. Interestingly, the hospital has no dog-bite cases recorded today. [read more](#)

07 Jan 2015: Dead pigeons point to bird flu in Odisha's Brahmagiri

An unusual number of pigeon deaths in Odisha's Brahmagiri area has left the villagers worried as they suspect it to be bird flu virus spreading its tentacles in the region. As per reports, the birds have been seen dropping dead from trees along the roads shedding saliva from their mouths. Plenty of dead birds were seen in Brahmagiri market, Brahmagiri Kusubenti and Delang Brahmagiri roads. While the cause of death of pigeons have not been ascertained, possible spread of avian influenza has worried the locals. [read more](#)

NEPAL

02 Jan 2015: Poultry entrepreneurs seek friendly policy

Poultry entrepreneurs have urged the government to introduce policies and programs for reducing their production cost. Speaking at a programme held in Bharatpur on Thursday to mark 2nd National Poultry Day, poultry entrepreneurs said though Nepal is self-sufficient in poultry products they cannot compete with neighboring markets of India in terms of prices. According to Nepal Chicken Entrepreneurs' Forum (NCEF), couple of years ago, 60 percent of maize consumed by poultry industry used to come from domestic sources. Now, we need to import about 60 percent of the maize for the industry. [read more](#)

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07 Jan 2015: Ebola Situation report: WHO

Reported case incidence of continues to fluctuate in Guinea, with no identifiable downward trend. Ebola virus disease (EVD) continues to spread geographically within the country, with the prefecture of Fria reporting two confirmed cases for the first time. Case incidence has declined to low levels in Liberia. There are signs that incidence has leveled off in Sierra Leone, although transmission remains intense in the west of the country. There have been in excess of 20,000 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases of EVD in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, with more than 8000 deaths (deaths are under-reported). A stratified analysis of cumulative confirmed and probable cases indicates that the number of cases in males and females is about the same. [read more](#)

07 Jan 2015: MERS-CoV Updates: Saudi Arabia, new cases and new fatality

There have now been a total of 830 laboratory-confirmed cases of MERS-CoV infection including 358 deaths (case fatality rate 43.1 percent), 466 recoveries and 6 currently active cases reported by Saudi Arabia since June 2012. The newly reported laboratory confirmed case from Najran is now the 4th case reported from Najran since the beginning of December 2014 and the 2nd case reported in the past week (the previous case from Najran was reported on 30 Dec 2014). Information on newly confirmed cases of MERS-CoV (1 case each on 6 and 7 Jan 2015). [read more](#)

07 Jan 2015: FAO notes mutations in H5N1 samples from Egypt's poultry

Amid a flurry of human H5N1 influenza cases in Egypt, scientists have found H5N1 viruses in Egyptian poultry that have two mutations that are usually associated with adaptation to mammals, a United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) official reported. Juan Lubroth, the FAO's chief veterinary officer, told CIDRAP News that the mutations were identified through genetic sequencing of 52 recent isolates from poultry. But he also said a recent analysis of viruses from two human patients in Egypt showed no major genetic changes. [read more](#)

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