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INDIA

17 Jan 2015: Rabies infected stray dog bites 16 people: Mumbai

A rabies-infected stray dog bit 16 people, including 10 children, at Juhugaon in sector 11 of Vashi on Saturday morning. To add to the victims' troubles, the civic hospital in Vashi, which administered anti rabies vaccine to them, ran out of haemoglobin shots, after which, ten patients had to go to KEM hospital in Parel. Five men, a woman, four girls and six boys were bitten by the dog around 11am. While 14 people have been discharged after treatment, Milka Kamble, eight, and Omkar Jadhav, eleven, are undergoing treatment at the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) hospital. [read more](#)

20 Jan 2015: Woman dies of rabies

A 40-year-old woman died of rabies at the Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital on January 15. PMC health officials confirmed that it is the first rabies death reported in the city this year though the victim is not from Pune city. Patient, a resident of Gavaliwada in Lonavla, was bitten by a dog on her left leg 25 days ago. But she did not take anti-rabies vaccine and fast-acting rabies antibodies in time due to which the infection spread. [read more](#)

20 Jan 2015: Over 230 cases of swine flu reported across India

Swine flu seems to be increasing at an alarming rate throughout the country with the national capital having recorded more than 100 cases this year alone. The overall cases have been recorded in the country has crossed 230 with the death toll over 30. The Health Ministry said that it has placed an order for procuring 30,000 doses of the drug to treat a potential outbreak in India. The central government is also in the process of adding four more laboratories to test cases more efficiently. Concerns over swine flu are increasing with sporadic cases being reported from across the country. [read more](#)

22 Jan 2015: Congo fever scare haunts AIIMS now

A 30-year-old nurse from Jodhpur who was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi with Ebola-like symptoms died of extensive internal bleeding on Wednesday but doctors said it was unlikely he was infected with the deadly virus. Doctors suspect he was suffering from Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), a contagious disease with a high fatality rate. India's last Congo fever outbreak was reported from Gujarat in 2011 with four fatalities. Neighbouring Pakistan has had more regular cases with seven deaths last year. Congo fever kills up to 40% of those infected. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

20 Jan 2015: Evaluating the role of vaccine to combat PPR outbreaks in endemic disease situation

Among the main intimidation to the sheep and goat population, PPR outbreaks are causing huge losses especially in endemic areas. During recent times, six outbreaks of PPR were confirmed at semi-organized goat farms/ herds in various regions of Punjab province and Islamabad capital territory (ICT), Pakistan. The disease started after introduction of new animals at these farms with no history of previous PPR vaccination. Disease caused mortality of 10-20% and morbidity of 20-40% within a time period of four weeks. Morbidity and mortality rates were 30.38% (86/283) and 15.55% (44/283), respectively. [read more](#)

OTHER

19 Jan 2015: Human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus

The National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFP) of China notified WHO of 15 additional laboratory confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, including 3 deaths. A total of 514 confirmed human cases and 178 deaths have been reported so far. Over 500 virological samples from chickens, pigeons, ducks, tree sparrow and the environmental samples have been tested positive; positives samples are mainly from live bird markets, vendors and farms. [read more](#)

21 Jan 2015: Situation summary: Ebola

A total number of 21,689 cases and 8626 deaths have been reported from all three of West Africa's hardest-hit countries (Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia). The new cases continue to be detected from all these countries with the total of 10,340 cases and 3145 deaths from Sierra Leone, 8478 cases and 3605 deaths from Liberia and 2871 cases and 1876 deaths from Guinea. [read more](#)

21 Jan 2015: Saudi Arabia reports 2 MERS cases, strategy changes

Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Health (MOH) today reported 2 new MERS-CoV cases in Riyadh and 2 deaths, bringing the country's total to 839 cases and 363 deaths. The newest case-patients include a 76-year-old Saudi man, now deceased. He had an underlying medical condition, and had no animal exposure or contact with MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) cases in the community. He was not a healthcare worker, but the MOH is investigating his history of contact with MERS cases in clinical settings. [read more](#)