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BANGLADESH

26 Mar 2015: 8th One Health Bangladesh Conference organized

Health Minister Mohammed Nasim today came heavily on Bangladesh's sanitary inspectors for not playing due role in curbing food adulteration and contamination. "There was a time when we found sanitary inspectors checking food quality in market places. Now they are not seen there. According to the organisers, the idea of one health is coordinating programme of the ministries of health, environment, forest, food and agriculture to address the threats of emerging infectious diseases like Nipah virus, Avian influenza and Ebola that originate from animals. [read more](#)

INDIA

26 Mar 2015: Confirmed two H5N1 outbreaks in crows, Uttar Pradesh

On 20 March 2015, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries reported two outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 in crows to OIE. These outbreak include in Pahadpur Gaderiya Deeh, Musafirkhana, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh; and Haliapur, Haliapur, Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh. [read more](#)

29 Mar 2015: Kutch resident dies of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) fever, Gujarat

A 27-YEAR-OLD man from Mundra taluka of Kutch district who died on Thursday had contracted CCHF virus, lab reports have confirmed. The victim has been identified as Kiran Rajgor, a resident of Ratadiya village in Mundra taluka of Kutch. Health officials of Kutch said that Rajgor had went down with fever on March 22. "Doctors of the private hospital in Rajkot had informed us that Rajgor had displayed symptoms of CCHF. Blood samples were sent to National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune and found positive for CCHF. [read more](#)

29 Mar 2015: Five Affected by Anthrax, Odisha,

A total of 5 tribals of Kankadaamba village under Semiliguda block of the Koraput district in Odisha are suffering from anthrax. They were admitted to different hospitals on [Sat 28 Mar 2015]. It is suspected that the tribals might have contracted the disease after feasting on cattle meat. Sources said about 20 families of the village had taken half-boiled cattle meat about a fortnight back. On being informed, a medical team rushed to the village and found 5 persons suffering from the disease. The team shifted 3 persons to Kunduli PHC [Primary Health Centre] and 2 to District Headquarters Hospital. [read more](#)

30 Mar 2015: Bird Flu alert shifts to Agra- the cause of death of 4,000 poultry is under investigation

The death of thousands of poultry birds in some districts of Uttar Pradesh have put the state administration on high alert, reports India Today. Still reeling under the deadly H1N1 influenza virus, the state has issued a warning to district heads to take necessary measures to prevent any instance of bird flu. However, no case has been reported so far. The deaths were reported earlier this month from the Saari Ka Purwa village of Shukulbazar block in Amethi district. [read more](#)

NEPAL

01 Apr 2015: Terror in Chitwan as 121 test positive cases of H1N1 influenza virus

Just when H1N1 influenza virus had dropped out of the headlines, there has been a spurt in positive cases in Chitwan. According to the District Public Health Office (DPHO), 121 individuals, including four children, have tested positive for the H1N1 influenza virus until Friday. Till date, more than 200 patients have been diagnosed with H1N1 influenza virus while three deaths have been linked to the disease. [read more](#)

OTHERS

02 Apr 2015: Avian influenza vaccination no long term solution- Vaccination focus

Today's ever increasing prevalence of Avian influenza, in particular the H5N8 subtype, shows weak spots of the poultry industry. Unfortunately a vaccine has not been made available, but no doubt this will change in 2015! An effective inoculation programme will bring sighs of relief and once again a feeling of security will prevail. Is this the answer? Maybe short term, but certainly not long term. Avian influenza just has losers, no winners and there is no insurance available. [read more](#)

02 Apr 2015: Countries pledge to wipe out sheep and goat plague globally

High-level authorities from 15 countries on Thursday pledged to collaborate on a global plan to wipe out forever the devastating animal disease known as 'Peste des petits ruminants' by 2030, a lethal plague for goats and sheep and the scourge of rural households in vast swathes of the developing world. Ministerial delegations, along with more than 300 participants from across the continents, representatives of regional bodies and international organizations, agreed to a plan to control and eradicate PPR drawn up by FAO and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and presented at a meeting organized by the two institutions with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire. [read more](#)