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BHUTAN

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak has occurred in Taraythang (B) village, Taraythang Geog under Sarpang Dzongkhag. Officials from the Satellite Veterinary Laboratory, Gelephu and Dzongkhag Livestock Sector, Sarpang have investigated the outbreak and samples were referred to the National Centre for Animal Health, Serbithang for further confirmation. As per the investigation report, 15 cattle were affected out of 100 susceptible animals from seven household in the locality. The disease specific control measures are put in place. [read more](#)

INDIA

25 Jun 2015: 40 Lakh (4 million) domesticated animals vaccinated against FMD

Punjab government has vaccinated 40 lakh domesticated animals to prevent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the state. "The government has already issued instructions to provide free vaccination and appealed to the farmers to get their cattle vaccinated in the nearest veterinary hospitals," Gulzar Singh Ranike, Animal Husbandry Minister said here today. [read more](#)

26 Jun 2015: Six more anthrax cases detected in Koraput village

With six fresh cases reported on Thursday, the number people affected by anthrax at Biriguda village in Laxmipur block has gone up to 12. On Monday, two persons died of the disease. "We have shifted one patient to Koraput district headquarters hospital as his condition deteriorated. Others are being treated in the villages by our mobile health units," said additional district health officer (public health), Koraput, Anand Kumar Padhi. [read more](#)

29 Jun 2015: Control room for livestock vaccination

The Chhattisgarh Government has established a host of control rooms for vaccination drive launched for livestock in various districts of State. Every year, a month-long restrictive vaccination drive is organized in Chhattisgarh in the month of June-July to save livestock from contagious seasonal diseases, officials stated. This year, this vaccination drive has commenced from June 25, officials stated. Under this drive, vaccination teams hold camps in villages to vaccinate livestock and go door-to-door to ensure that each and every farm animal is vaccinated. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

01 Jul 2015: Suspected Congo virus patient arrives at hospital

A woman suspected of suffering from Congo virus was admitted to the Holy Family Hospital (HFH). The Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) patient was brought from Kallar Kahar in Chakwal with symptoms making the doctors suspect she is suffering from the virus. "The patient's condition is improving fast," said Dr Javed Hayyat, the doctor in charge of the infectious diseases ward at HFH. The doctor said that samples have been sent to the National Institute of Health (NIH) for confirmation of Congo fever and a report will arrive in a day or two. He said that the HFH has taken precautionary measures, in accordance with the protocol issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to prevent the disease from spreading. [read more](#)

29 Jun 2015: Dog bite cases on rise

Dog-bite cases are on the rise in the city during last 10 days as over 50 persons reportedly became victim in different areas of the city. In a number of localities in the city, it has become almost impossible for citizens to move freely at night because of great increase in number of stray dogs. A large number of dog-bite cases are reported monthly of which many have to succumb to death because of developing rabies. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

25 Jun 2015: AH1N1 claims 40 lives

The Influenza AH1N1 epidemic has so far claimed the lives of 40 persons. Among the victims were 10 pregnant mothers. Persons in the high risk groups should seek prompt medical treatment from a state hospital if they show flu like symptoms, Health Services Director General Dr. Palitha Mahipala said. Addressing a special press briefing held at the Epidemiology Unit Auditorium yesterday, Dr. Mahipala said that persons in the high risk groups are pregnant mothers, elderly over the age of 60, children below the age of two, persons who suffer from chronic diseases, such as chronic obstructive airways disease, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, cancer etc. [read more](#)

OTHERS

July 2015: Rapidly expanding range of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses (HPAI)

The recent introduction of HPAI subtype H5N8 virus into Europe and North America poses major risks to poultry industries, zoological collections, and wildlife populations; thus, this introduction warrants continued and heightened vigilance. First discovered in early 2014 in poultry and wild birds in South Korea, HPAI H5N8 virus apparently arose in China from reassortment events between HPAI subtype H5N1 virus (clade 2.3.4.4) and several low pathogenicity viruses (LPAIVs). The H5N8 virus was subsequently detected in waterfowl in Russia in September 2014, and since then, H5N8 virus and reassortants have been detected in poultry and wild birds in Europe, Taiwan, Japan, Canada, and the western and central United States. Wild waterfowl are a primary natural host for LPAIVs, and infection rates in these populations peak at autumn migratory staging locations, where large numbers of immunologically naive juvenile birds congregate. It seems probable that the virus was disseminated out of Russia into Europe, East Asia, and North America by migrating waterfowl during autumn 2014. [read more](#)