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### INDIA

#### 10 Jul 2015: Officials on alert for anthrax

The Animal Husbandry Department has directed its officials in all districts to immediately report any outbreak of anthrax, a bacterial infection affecting cattle. The directive comes following the deaths of two heads of cattle to the disease in Gowribidanur and Srinivasatarahalli of Chikkaballapur district on Wednesday. [read more](#)

#### 13 Jul 2015: Rise in leptospirosis and swine flu cases worry doctors in Mumbai

The civic administration is struggling to deal with an increase in leptospirosis and swine flu cases in Mumbai. On Sunday, a 31-year-old Vikhroli resident died of leptospirosis, taking the death toll caused by the bacterial infection to 16 this year. Meanwhile, a 34-year-old Kalachowkie resident died of the H1N1 virus at the Kasturba hospital in Chinchpokli on Saturday. The hospital is treating six swine flu patients. [read more](#)

#### 13 Jul 2015: Indian state's plans to cull stray dogs hits opposition

A state in India has announced drastic action to deal with its problem of dangerous stray dogs with rabies culling. But the Animal Welfare Board of India, a statutory board that advises the government, urged the state of Kerala to hold off on euthanizing any dogs. India has a major problem with rabies. The WHO reported in April 2014 that India has about 18,000 to 20,000 cases of rabies a year and 36% of the world's deaths from the disease are found in the country. After a conference on the problem last week, the government of Kerala said in a statement: "Street dogs will be injected with rabies vaccine and tagged with an identification mark. Current laws or court judgments do not prevent the putting down of rabid or dangerous strays." [read more/ more](#)  
India's plans to cull stray dogs draws rage

#### 14 Jul 2015: Child dies of Japanese Encephalitis in WB

A child, suffering from Japanese Encephalitis, died today at the North Bengal Medical College and Hospital, taking the death toll from the dreaded disease to 24 in North Bengal since January. The boy, under treatment at the hospital in Siliguri for the past several days, died at the hospital, NBMCH acting Superintendent Nirmal Bera said. He said 14 persons have died of the mosquito-borne disease since July 1 at the hospital. A total of 24 have died since the outbreak of the disease in January first week, Bera added. [read more](#)

#### 15 Jul 2015: Stray cattle bitten by rabid dog- Goa

A cow which was affected by rabies and terrorizing people in and around Valpoi was caught by members of Shriram Gosanvardhan Kendra Nanuz on Monday and is kept in the cattle shed of Valpoi municipality under observation. The cow was attacked and bitten by a rabies affected dog. Since the disease was transmitted to the cow, it was attacking people. Stray cattle have been a big nuisance for the residents of Valpoi municipality. On account of the aggressive behaviour of the cow, Valpoi locals and those residing in the surrounding areas on Monday complained to the police. [read more](#)

### NEIGHBORING COUNTRY

#### 16 Jul 2015: Strengthening animal health risk assessment capacities in Myanmar

The influenza H7N9 virus that emerged in March 2013 in China continues to pose risks for human health and the poultry sector in China, its neighbors and the world. However, this single virus is just one of many threats countries deal with on a daily basis. H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza has long persisted in Asia, has recently resurfaced in Africa and has appeared for the first time in North America. Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus is currently causing a public health scare in the Korean peninsula, and peste-des-petits ruminants is afflicting livestock in Africa and the Middle East. These are just a few of today's numerous disease threats, many of which pose severe risks for animal health, family livelihoods, national economies, international trade and even human health. [read more](#)

### OTHERS

#### USDA updates interagency HPAI surveillance plans

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) released two updated interagency plans related to the surveillance of avian influenza in wild birds. As part of USDA's ongoing preparation efforts for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), these updated plans will help USDA with further monitoring of wild birds for the HPAI virus during the fall migration. Between now and March 2016, HPAI surveillance in wild birds will increase as APHIS Wildlife Services biologists and their state partners collect approximately 41,000 samples from apparently healthy wild birds from targeted areas throughout the U.S. This is the second updated plan "2015 Surveillance Plan for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Waterfowl in the United States" — outlines specific wild bird surveillance efforts for 2015-16. [read more](#)