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BANGLADESH

31 Oct 2015: Dog bite on rise and planned dog birth control yet to take off

Everyday 665 people are bitten by dogs and review of information provided by Director General Health shows that numbers of dog bite cases are on a rise and among the bitten 42% are children. In 2012 about 121,000 people sought treatment in different government hospitals across the country. In 2013 the number increased to 235,000 and in 2014 the number increased again reaching to 243,000. Expert says, the actual numbers would be higher than cases seeking treatment to government facilities. Some of the critiques blame imposing ban on stray dog culling for the rise, however, many experts opines that the rise in dog bite reporting is the result of increased awareness. The government planned for dog birth control campaign 4 years back but government has to yet kick off the campaign. Government has started mass dog vaccination campaign as pilot in some part of the country but mass dog vaccination is yet to start in both the city corporations of the capital. However, mass dog vaccination in all the city corporations and municipalities has been initiated and Government has a plan to eradicate canine rabies by 2020. (translated from Bangla) [read more](#)

INDIA

04 Nov 2015: Kerala High Court says local bodies to act against stray dogs in line with legal provisions

Observing that there has to be more concern for protecting the lives of human beings than stray dogs, Kerala High Court on Wednesday said local bodies can exercise their power to capture, sterilize or destroy the strays, provided it is done in accordance with legal provisions. The division bench insisted authorities should ensure strict compliance of Rules 7, 9 and 10 of Animal Birth Control Rules (Dogs) 2001. Rules 7, 9 and 10 deal with capturing dog on specific complaint, euthanasia and handling of rabid dogs. The court also criticized the local bodies' inaction in implementing the provisions of Act and Rules in the state. The High Court, which pronounced the 86-page judgement while disposing of 12 writ petitions related to stray dogs, ruled that vaccination and sterilization of stray dogs be made compulsory and veterinary hospitals and polyclinics should be set up in district and taluk level. [read more](#)

01 Nov 2015: Rabid dog bites constable, six others in Karnataka

A rabid dog bit a police constable and six others persons near Mahalingeshwara Temple in Puttur on Saturday. According to the police, the dog was seen at the Puttur traffic police station on Friday night where it bit the mat placed at the entrance to the police station. In the morning, the dog bit a police constable from Kadaba police station, a homemaker and five others. Those injured went to the nearby government hospital and a few private nursing homes, where they were given anti-rabies vaccine. There were reports that Puttur Town Municipal Council staff had shot down the dog. [read more](#)

NEPAL

01 Nov 2015: Suspected peste des petits ruminants (PPR) outbreak in Jajarkot district

An outbreak of infectious peste des petits ruminants disease has claimed over 3,000 animals, mostly goats, in Jajarkot district. Over a dozen of village development committees (VDCs) in the northern belt in the district are affected from the outbreak of PPR, also known as goat plague. The local farmers have expressed their dissatisfaction over the oblivious nature of the stakeholders to contain the disease on animals. The disease has gone out of control in Paik, Talegau, Archhani, Pajaru, Majkot, Daha, Kortang, Garkhakot, Nayakbada, Rokayagaun, Ramidanda and other areas, killing thousands of goats and sheep. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

03 Nov 2015: Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) patient dies in Peshawar, death toll rises to 24

The fresh victim of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever was a 26-year-old woman, from Afghanistan. According to the hospital administration, the number of the deaths by CCHF in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has reached to 12, including two Afghan nationals and 10 from Peshawar and Bannu districts of the province. Another 32 patients of CCHF have been admitted in hospitals. In other parts of Pakistan, six patients of the disease died in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan. Still 150 patients of the deadly fever have been admitted at various hospitals of the province. [read more](#)