

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### BHUTAN

#### 13 Nov 2015: Royal Centre for Disease Control inaugurated

A centre of excellence on health and disease prevention and control in the country, the Royal Centre for Disease Control (RCDC) was inaugurated yesterday at Serbithang in Thimphu. Built at a cost of Nu 320M under the Project Tied Assistance from Government of India, the centre is a new version of the Public Health Laboratory in Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital. The main facility of the centre is the bio-safety level-3 laboratory, a highly specialized laboratory constructed in accordance with World Health Organization guidelines. [read more](#)

#### 6 Nov 2015: Foot and mouth disease outbreak in Lhuntse Dzongkhag

Foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak has occurred in Nagnay village, Jaray Geog under Lhuntse Dzongkhag on 6 November 2015. A total of 15 cattle in three household were affected out of 120 susceptible animals. Dzongkhag Livestock Sector, Lhuntse and Regional Livestock Development Centre, Khangma have investigated the outbreak and relevant samples were referred to NCAH Serbithang for further analysis. Control measures are put in place. The source of infection is suspected to be from Bumthang Dzongkhag. [read more](#)

### INDIA

#### 15 Nov 2015: Encephalitis toll goes up to 24 in Gaya district of Bihar

With one more death reported from Anugrah Narain Magadh Medical College Hospital (ANMMCH), the number of Encephalitis deaths has gone up to 24. Altogether, 123 Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) patients were admitted to the children's ward of the ANMMCH with AES symptoms. Of these, 35 of the patients were found suffering from Japanese Encephalitis (JE), the more deadly form of the disease. Confirming 24 deaths due to AES this season, ANMMCH superintendent said that 35 of the 123 AES patients admitted to the hospital this season were tested JE positive. [read more](#)

#### 13 Nov 2015: Influenza A (H1N1) on the rise as 52 die in Gujarat

With the onset of winter, influenza A (H1N1) is back again in India. At least 52 deaths have been recorded in Gujarat from August to mid-October, while Chattisgarh, Maharashtra and Telengana have begun to see a rise in numbers. In Nagpur, eight deaths have been recorded in November alone, according to media reports. Earlier in the year, between January and April, Gujarat and Rajasthan reported over 400 deaths with lower but considerable numbers reported from Maharashtra, Chattisgarh, Telengana and Karnataka. The national death toll from influenza A (H1N1) was at 1,674 and the number of cases exceeded 29,000 as on 13 March, according to the health ministry. Experts now fear that the virus has adapted to weather changes and become endemic in some parts of the country like Gujarat. [read more](#)

#### 13 Nov 2015: Rabid dog on biting spree stoned to death in Anantapur district

A rabid dog went on a biting spree in Guntakal town, Anantapur district and injured 30 people on Thursday before it was stoned to death by people. The dog entered the State Bank of India branch near the Guntakal railway junction road in the morning and bit an employee. The bank staff drove it out of the premises. People gave the dog a chase and continued to pelt stone at it. The canine bit more than 30 people on the junction road before it died of the stone pelting. All the injured were administered anti rabies vaccine at the government hospital in Guntakal. [read more](#)

#### 12 Nov 2015: Leptospirosis raising its ugly head in Karnataka

As many as 18 cases of leptospirosis (fild fever) have been reported in Uttara Kannada district. It is caused by both domestic and wild animals and the most common animal that spread the disease and rodents. Therefore, it mostly affects those working in paddy fields, those connected with diary/animal husbandry/fishing industry, those cleaning water drains and those working in slaughter houses. In the last few years, leptospirosis has been raising its ugly heads in Ankola, Kumta, Honnavar, Bhatkal, Sirsi and Siddapur taluks in the district. Around 40 cases each were reported in both 2013 and 2014. This year, one person has also died of Leptospirosis. [read more](#)

### NEPAL

#### 12 Nov 2015: Rabies long incubation, human, Kailali district, Nepal

A 63-year-old, previously healthy, non-alcoholic from Pahalwanpur, Kailali district (Seti Zone) was referred from Nepalgunj Medical College (Kohalpur, Banke district), who presented with pain in right arm, aggressive behavior, hydrophobia, aerophobia, has been admitted (on 11 Nov 2015) to Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Kathmandu. He developed extreme photophobia after hospital admission. He died on 12 Nov 2015. According to the patient, a stray dog had bitten his left lower leg 53 years ago, when he was 10 years old. He did not receive anti-rabies vaccine, because at that time it was not readily available in remote areas of Nepal. [read more](#)

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