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BHUTAN

13 Nov 2015: Highly pathogenic avian influenza - Follow up report

Director, Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, has informed the resolution of HPAI (H5N1) outbreak reported to OIE on 16/04/2015 by follow up report No. 1 (Final report) on 23/11/2015. No new outbreaks reported in the follow up report. [read more](#)

INDIA

24 Nov 2015: Influenza A(H1N1) rears its ugly head again in Pune

Sahakarnagar, Hadapsar, Bibvewadi and Tilak Road have emerged as Influenza A(H1N1) hotbeds with 400 of the total 743 cases being reported from these areas since the beginning of this year, revealed an area wise mapping of Influenza A(H1N1) cases. Experts attributed the rise in Influenza A(H1N1) cases here to the floating population. "Besides being densely populated, hills in these areas cause wide fluctuations in day and night temperatures providing conducive atmosphere for the virus to grow and propagate," they said. [read more](#)

24 Nov 2015: Dog bites six in Surat

Six persons suffered injuries after being bit by a stray dog in Kanyasi village of Olpad taluka in Surat district early on Monday. One of the victim was a two year old girl child who suffered bite injuries on her hand. The villagers alleged that it was a rabid dog and they killed it on the spot, while health officials claimed that it was not a rabid dog. The victims were shifted to Sayan Referral Hospital for treatment. They were administered anti rabies vaccine and tetanus injections. Their condition was stable and they were out of danger, health officials informed. Two patients were allowed to go home as their condition was normal. [read more](#)

21 Nov 2015: Mystery virus stalks Pune city in new outbreak

With cases of body ache, joint pain and fever getting reported every day, most sufferers would believe they are carrying symptoms of dengue or chikungunya but now, a new conundrum has presented itself. Doctors are increasingly being exposed to cases of a virus that presents familiar symptoms, but isn't the expected infection. They have gone so far as to claim an outbreak of such cases, since after running several tests, the illness is still unspecified among several patients, leading them to believe it is the curious case of a virus of unknown origin. [read more](#)

19 Nov 2015: Chandigarh hosts meeting to discuss how to check diseases among livestock and poultry

In the wake of 'Highly pathogenic avian influenza' that struck geese at Sukhna Lake last December, Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries took an initiative to organize the quarterly meeting of nodal officers of Animal Husbandry Department of northern states. The meeting was held at the state guest house here in collaboration with the Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RDDDL), Jalandhar, and with the coordination of Statistics Wing of Animal Husbandry. [read more](#)

18 Nov 2015: Japanese encephalitis claims girl's life

A six-year-old girl died of suspected Japanese encephalitis at a private hospital at Nandyal in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday. The girl, who belonged to Bukkapuram village in Mahanandi mandal, was suffering from high fever from Saturday and died on Tuesday afternoon. A pediatrician diagnosed that the girl had suffered from Japanese Encephalitis. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

18 Nov 2015: Procurement of 450,000 doses of rabies vaccine for 2015-2016 field programme

The Department of Animal Production and Health has decided to implement a programme with a target of eradicating the rabies infected by dogs in 2020. Accordingly, the proposal made by Honorable Minister of Rural Economic Affairs, to procure 450,000 doses of rabies vaccine required to launch the above programme, was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. [read more](#)

OTHERS

26 Nov 2015: South Korea's last confirmed Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) patient dies

South Korea's last confirmed Middle East respiratory syndrome patient died Wednesday, after fighting both the disease and cancer for more than five months since contracting the virus. The 35-year-old had suffered the longest battle against the disease among all MERS patients worldwide to date, according to Korea's Health Ministry. He was the 38th Korean to die from the viral respiratory illness since its outbreak in May, raising the nation's MERS fatality rate to 20.4 percent. The patient was Korea's 80th confirmed MERS case. [read more](#)

23 Nov 2015: Flare up of ebola in Liberia

On 19 November 2015, Liberia identified a new "flare-up" of Ebola after stopping transmission in September. There are currently three confirmed cases from the same family being treated in an Ebola treatment unit in Monrovia and 150 contacts being monitored. [read more](#)

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