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BANGLADESH

20 Mar 2016: First case of Zika virus found in 2014

Medical researchers in Bangladesh have detected the first case of Zika virus, ringing alarms for the authorities to take strong preventive measures at the early stage. "The trace was found in the blood sample taken in 2014 from a sexagenarian man in Chittagong," State Minister for Health told a press briefing at his office yesterday. "The person is now at home and is doing fine," said, Director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR). He had given his blood sample to test for dengue, which came out negative. Tests of 159 blood samples taken from people who came to his contact, however, suggest that the virus has not apparently transmitted to anyone. [read more](#)

INDIA

20 Mar 2016: Canine rabies in Thiruvananthapuram of Kerala

A stray dog which spread scare at Pappanamcode biting people and cows three days ago has been found infected with rabies, pointing at the presence of growing number of rabid dogs in the city. The animal birth control (ABC) team of city corporation had found the dog dead in a house at Pappanamcode after the locals had driven it away. The carcass was then sent to disease investigation laboratory at Palode and it has been confirmed that the dog carried rabies virus. [read more](#)

20 Mar 2016: Two patients test positive for Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) in Belgaum district of Karnataka

Two of the nearly 20 persons from villages of Khanapur taluk, who suspected to be infected by monkey fever and were under treatment over the past week, have tested positive for KFD. The National Institute of Virology, Pune, had confirmed that two of the three samples of blood were infected by KFD virus. While the officials of Health Department, Goa, had confirmed that six samples collected from the patients from Khanapur taluk under treatment in hospital in Goa had tested negative. A doctor said nearly 20 persons from Amte, Chapoli, Madgai and Kapoli villages under Kankumbi Primary Health Centre jurisdiction, nestled in forest areas in Karnataka-Goa border were infected by the KFD virus. Following confirmation of infection in two persons, preventive measures had been taken for further spread of the disease in Amte, Chapoli, Kapoli, Madgai and other adjoining villages of Khanapur taluk.

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17 Mar 2016: Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) case reported from Ahmedabad hospital

A fresh case of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever has been reported from Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation-run VS Hospital. A 26-year-old farmer from Dhandhuka was admitted to VS Hospital on March 12 with complaints of fever, headache and myalgia for the last one month. Later, his blood samples were sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune. According to the NIV report, he was tested positive for CCHF infection. The farmer had been infected by the virus in the past too. The civic body's health department officials so far have reported 3-4 cases of the CCHF virus infection this year. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

19 Mar 2016: Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) case in Rawalpindi

A suspected dengue patient turned out to be a victim of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever at Holy Family Hospital (HFH). A male, 53-year-old, from Talagang, Chakwal was brought to HFH on March 15 with symptoms of dengue fever. However the doctors suspecting CCHF his blood samples were sent to National Institute of Health (NIH) for serology as the patient was a cattle handler. HFH Medical Superintendent (MS) told that the NIH had confirmed that the patient was suffering from CCHF, adding that his condition was stable and was discharged on his request as the patient wanted to get treatment from the government hospital in his native town. Another patient from Azad Jammu and Kashmir also arrived in the hospital with symptoms of CCHF fever but the NIH report showed that he did not have the disease. [read more](#)

OTHERS

20 Mar 2016: Fourth person dies of Ebola in Guinea

A fourth person has died of Ebola in Guinea in the latest flare-up of an epidemic that has killed more than 11,300 people in that country, Sierra Leone and Liberia since 2013 but now claims few victims. "The young girl who was hospitalised at the Ebola treatment centre in Nzerekore is dead," said a spokesman for the centre that co-ordinates Guinea's fight against the virus. Three others have died of the virus since February 29. Health workers on Saturday also stepped up efforts to trace anyone who could have come into contact with the family. [read more](#)

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