

South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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INDIA

21 April 2016: Mysterious disease killing buffaloes in Peren and Dimapur districts in Nagaland has been diagnosed as hemorrhagic septicemia

According to Nagaland Veterinary and Animal Husbandry department the 'mysterious' fatal bovine disease that has been reported in earlier issues claiming hundreds of buffaloes in Peren and Dimapur districts has been diagnosed as hemorrhagic septicemia based on tests conducted at the State ELISA Laboratory, Kohima. [read more](#)

22 April 2016: The Animal Husbandry Department in Kerala is gearing up for a mass vaccination drive against foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) in dairy animals

According to the Director, Animal Husbandry, Kerala the animal disease surveillance wing has been directed to remain vigilant against diseases affecting cattle and poultry. The department was gearing up for a mass vaccination campaign against foot-and-mouth disease in dairy animals. The extreme summer heat this year had forced to postpone the campaign which is now being launched from April 25 with the instruction to carry out the vaccination in the early hours of the day to avoid heat stress for staff and animals. [read more](#)

23 April 2016: Monkey fever spreads to 17 more villages in Dodamarg taluka in Sindhudurg district

The tick-borne Kyasanur Forest Disease (Monkey Fever), reported in earlier issues and confined initially to a village has now been reported in 18 villages of Dodamarg taluka in Sindhudurg district. It has claimed three lives and infected 94 people in the state since the last week of January. The viral infection starts with high fever and body ache and produces a haemorrhage similar to the one in dengue patients. It has a mortality rate of 5% to 10%. Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV) has confirmed the presence of the virus in the blood samples of the patients. [read more](#)

26 April 2016: National Rabies Control Program launched in India

According to Union Health Minister J P Nadda rabies related deaths of 334 human during 2013-2015 prompted the government of India to approve and include "National Rabies Control Program" in their 12 Five Year Plan. This program comprised of human and animal component which aimed to prevent human deaths due to rabies and transmission of the disease. The animal component is being pilot tested in Haryana and Chennai by the Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. [read more](#)

27 April 2016: 13 infected with anthrax in Vizag in Andhrapradesh

Thirteen cases of cutaneous anthrax has been reported from Panasaputtu village at Hukumpeta mandal in the Agency area. The victims have been admitted in the dermatology ward of King George Hospital (KGH). [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

27 April 2016: Balochistan resident dies of Congo virus at Agha Khan University Hospital (AKUH) Karachi

The death of 32-year-old man at the Aga Khan University Hospital due to the Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) was confirmed by authorities on Tuesday. The victim namely Abdul Qadir Achakzai who died of Congo fever in the Karachi was a resident of Chaman town, Balochistan. [read more](#)

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18 April, 2016: Global Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccines Market Gains Momentum from Demand in Asia Pacific

Based on an in-depth survey, the report pegs the value of the global FMD market at US\$0.5 bn in 2013. Rising at a robust CAGR of 8.80% between 2014 and 2020, the market is anticipated to reach US\$0.9 bn by 2020. The market is driven by frequent outbreaks of foot and mouth diseases in livestock, particularly in the emerging economies of Asia Pacific and the Middle East. To prevent such crises, governments across emerging nations have adopted several initiatives to eradicate the outbreak. The meat and dairy industries are subsequently benefiting from these initiatives and investments focusing on R&D of more effective FMD vaccines. The report analyzes the market dynamics and trends such as drivers, restraints and opportunities that influence the current nature and future status of the global FMD vaccine market. [read more](#)

26 April 2016: Iraq reports first bird flu outbreaks in 10 years

Iraq has reported six outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 bird flu to OIE that happened from mid-December to early February in different parts of the country. This is the first occurrence of the disease in nearly 10 years. Nearly 720,000 birds died as a result of the outbreaks which were mostly on farms. Of these 77,101 birds died of the virus and the rest were culled. [read more](#)

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