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BANGLADESH

13 Jul 2016: 11 more human cases of anthrax in Sirajganj

Eleven more people have been infected with anthrax in Shahzadpur upazila of Sirajganj district within the last 24 hours. The affected people were from Moshipur Uttarpara village in the upazila. They were given primary treatment at the upazila health complex. Although the district administration took initiatives and issued orders to stop slaughter of sick cattle, such act did not stop the incidences. [read more](#)

13 Jul 2016: Modern slaughterhouse can prevent many diseases

In a Workshop organized by the Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) and German Development Cooperation (GIZ), titled "Slaughterhouse Cum Biogas Plant" earlier this week, it has been emphasized that both government and non-government organisations should come forward to set up modern slaughterhouse to protect the public health from becoming infected with various diseases including the zoonotic ones. If modern slaughterhouses were set up in urban and rural areas, many more biogas plants could be established, thereby the wastages of slaughterhouses could be managed properly and hygienically. [read more](#)

INDIA

07 Jul 2016: One lakh animals get free rabies vaccination held by Indian Immunologicals (IIL)

The Indian Immunologicals Limited, the market leader in production of veterinary biologicals and one of the largest animal & human health service players in India, had organised free rabies vaccination camps in 100 centres across the country through veterinary dispensaries on July 6th on the occasion of 'World Zoonosis Day'. Nearly a total of 1 lakh doses of Raksharab, a Rabies vaccine produced by IIL, was administered free of cost in all the vaccination camps through the veterinary dispensaries. [read more](#)

07 Jul 2016: Dogs vaccinated on World Zoonosis Day

Dog owners arrived in large numbers to get their pets vaccinated in free camps organized across the city (Hyderabad) on World Zoonosis Day. The camp, which was inaugurated by Dr D Venkateswarlu, director of animal husbandry department at the veterinary hospital in Narayanguda, saw around 950 dogs being vaccinated. "India accounts for more than 30,000 rabies deaths per year, which is almost one-third of all such death cases in the world. [read more](#)

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09 Jul 2016: Glanders outbreak updates, more equines culled, Gujarat

Investigations into the rapid spread of glanders, a fatal disease affecting Equidae, have resulted in panic sale of horses by stud farm owners across Gujarat. So far, 44 positive cases have been reported in Gujarat, and 33 equines have been "put to sleep (culled)" since outbreak of the disease was detected in January this year, said Bhagirath Patel, deputy director of animal husbandry, Jamnagar. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

09 Jul 2016: Peacocks feared died due to deadly Newcastle Disease in Thar

According to a media report, at least 20 peacocks died and more than two dozen have been affected by the deadly Newcastle disease in Thar during the last couple of days. The deaths were reported from the Mithi area where local sources complained they failed to contact the wildlife officials due to the Eid holidays and feared that the death toll would increase. Hundreds of peacocks have died after being affected by the Newcastle virus in Tharparkar. [read more](#)

OTHERS

First phase of PPR global eradication effort taking shape

The first five-year phase of the global programme to eradicate Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) has taken a step closer to finalization, following a two day strategy session (11-12 July) at FAO's Rome headquarters that brought together animal health experts, government representatives, livestock professionals and other stakeholders from around the world. Convened by FAO and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), through their Joint PPR Secretariat, the aim of the meeting was to present participants with a workplan for the first five years of the global effort to completely wipe out PPR by 2030 and gather their feedback and input. Now FAO and OIE will incorporate that feedback into the plan, which they will finalize by September and begin mobilizing resources to implement it. [read more](#)

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