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INDIA

15 July 2016: PRRS has claimed 3,613 pigs since April in Mizoram

As reported in our earlier issue dated 29 June 2016, the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary department of Mizoram have confirmed that about 3,613 pigs have died of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) disease in six districts including Champhai, Serchhip, Lunglei, Lawngtlai, Saiha and Aizawl of Mizoram since early April this year. A proposal on an Action Plan for Control and Containment of PRRS to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare in Delhi has been submitted that included establishment of quarantine camps in the state and recruitment of additional para-veterinarians. [read more](#)

15 July 2016: Over 3,500 ducks died of toxic water contents in Palar river bed in Tamil Nadu

According to daily "Business Standards" over 3,500 ducks in Periya Komeswaram village in Tamil Nadu have died after consuming suspected polluted water on the Palar river bed. No negative effects on other 1,000 more ducks which were reared in a separate enclosure and who did not consume water from the Palar river bed have suggested that the water might have been contaminated and toxic probably due to discharge of effluents let out by tanneries. The negative results for the presence of any infectious agent have also supported this point of view. [read more](#)

17 July 2016: 'Beijing strain TB in Mumbai is drug-resistant'

The virulent Beijing strain that was found in most multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) cases in Sikkim is a concern in Mumbai as well. Not only has the strain been identified in tuberculosis patients in Mumbai over the past decade, but in most cases it was also found to be drug-resistant. According to Director, Foundation for Medical Research, 95% of the strains collected from tuberculosis patients in the last one year in Mumbai were found to be drug resistant. Similarly, the ICMR's institute in Dibrugarh had over the last year studied 120 MDR-TB strains in patients from Sikkim and identified 70% of them as Beijing strains. [read more](#)

18 July 2016: Chandipura Virus detected in Children in Bihar for the first time

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Pune, and Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, has identified a new virus in 4 children as Chandipura which was named after Chandipura village in Maharashtra, where it was first detected. Of the four children affected by Chandipura virus two have died and the other two are battling for life. This is the first time that Chandipura virus has been detected in Bihar. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

16 July 2016: 193 new cases of Cutaneous Leishmaniasis reported in Mohmand Agency

According to daily "Daily Times" the 193 cases of the Cutaneous Leishmaniasis, in Safi tehsil of Mohmand Agency has raised alarms as the the disease might break into other parts of the Agency. The disease has been a major public health problem in the Agency, especially alongside regions bordering Afghanistan having a heavy influx of refugees. The public health agencies in Pakistan, especially the National Institute of Health and the provincial health departments have been called for to design and implement policy on the control of disease spreading vectors in Pakistan. [read more](#)

OTHERS

20 July 2016: National animal H7N9 avian influenza monitoring indicated sero-conversion of H7N9 in China during June 2016

During June 2016 National animal H7N9 influenza monitoring, a total of 77,302 samples including 98,797 serum samples and 21,771 virology samples were collected from 3,893 locations in 20 provinces. Of these 76 serum samples tested positive for H7N9 antibodies however, no virology sample tested positive for virus antigen. The positive serum samples were originated from inner Mongolia (27 samples from chicken), Hebei (5 samples from chicken), Sichuan (10 samples from chicken), Shaanxi (3 samples from chicken), Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (31 samples from chicken). [read more](#)

21 July 2016: "Short-term Professional vacancy announcement for veterinarian".

The European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease (EuFMD), in collaboration with the FAO Regional Support Unit for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (RSU-SAARC) seeks to recruit a Short Term Professional (STP) officer. The officer will work in within the European Commission (EC) funded work programme (Pillar III) which focusses on support to the progressive control of FMD at the global level. The position will be particularly to support training and e-learning activities in the SAARC region. [read more](#)