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INDIA

23 July 2016: Cattle samples tested positive for leptospirosis in Mumbai

According to the National Leptospirosis Reference Centre (NLRC) at Port Blair, most of the cattle samples from Mumbai have tested positive for leptospira bacterium. Following a surge in leptospirosis cases, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC's) health department collected blood and urine samples of cattle and sent to the NLRC to determine the strain of leptospirosis circulating in the city. The bacterial infection has returned this year and claimed one life in July. [read more](#)

24 July 2016: More than one-and-a-half dozen peacocks were found dead in Madhya Pradesh

Two interior pockets in Madhya Pradesh reported carcasses of 45 peacocks across their pastoral lands this week. While 25 peacocks perished in Ashok Nagar district, more than one-and-a-half dozen birds were found dead in Jhabua district over the last three days. The forest department while suspecting the food poisoning has sent visceral samples to Gwalior and Jabalpur for forensic examination to ascertain the cause of deaths in peacocks. [read more](#)

26 July 2016: Japanese encephalitis in Manipur confirmed

The Manipur health department confirmed an outbreak of Japanese encephalitis in the state. Director of the health department reported 9 positive cases however, he clarified that the outbreak has not taken the form of an epidemic. The positive cases are reported from the six districts including Thoubal, Imphal West, Churachandpur, Chandel, Ukhrul and Imphal East. Another news item reported Japanese encephalitis in Puri district of Odisha. An expert team of Animal Disease Research Institute (ADRI) collected serum samples from six apparently healthy pigs out of which three samples were tested positive for Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV) by Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA). [read more](#)

26 July 2016: Mysterious' disease is killing buffaloes in Haryana

The Haryana government sent a team comprising of scientists from Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (LUVAS) to Nidana village of Jind district to identify the "mysterious" disease which has claimed 15 buffaloes. Round-the-clock vigil was being maintained to apprise the government. [read more](#)

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22 July 2016: An update on human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus in China

The National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of China notified seven additional laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, including 4 deaths to WHO. The cases ranges in age from 52 to 68 years, with a median age of 61 years. Of these 7 cases, 4 (57%) are male. The majority (5 cases, 71%) reported exposure to live poultry, slaughtered poultry or live poultry markets. One case has no history of exposure to poultry and the remaining case worked in a market where live poultry is sold. No human to human transmission was reported. [read more](#)

24 July 2016: China confirms first rift valley fever case

The first imported case of the deadly Rift Valley Fever has been confirmed in China in a middle-aged man who had returned from Angola. The 45-year-old man from Henan Province got fever and headache and suffered pain in his joints and muscles on July 14 in Angola. On July 21, he returned Beijing by plane and was admitted to a local hospital for quarantine and treatment and was tested positive for Rift Valley Fever (RVF). [read more](#)

25 July 2016: Migratory birds are not a reservoir for highly pathogenic flu viruses, evidence suggests

The research lead by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appeared online in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences concluded that the H5 avian influenza A virus which was initially spread by migratory waterfowl in North America do not persist in wild birds. [read more](#)

28 July 2016: "Short-term professional vacancy announcement for veterinarian". Application date extended to 5 August 2016

The date for submission of application for the recruitment of Short Term Professional (STP) officer under a European Commission (EC) funded work programme (Pillar III) being launched by 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) has been extended to **5 August 2016**. [read more](#)