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INDIA

30 July 2016: Dog bite cases reported in Nashik district of Maharashtra

According to Times of India, there were 17271 cases of dog bite in rural parts of Nashik district of during an year of 2015-16 which indicated that the canine menace is not just an urban problem but the situation in the rural parts is not in no way different. This year from April to June, there have been 3,675 cases of dog bites with an average of about 1,200 cases every month. [read more](#)

31 July 2016: Reporting of Japanese encephalitis continued in Manipur

The spread of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in Churachandpur district of Manipur state is still on going as at least three new positive cases of Japanese Encephalitis have been detected in the district. Fogging had been done in the localities of the infected persons to exterminate mosquitoes. [read more](#)

1 August 2016: Anthrax contained in Tamil Nadu

More than 8,500 livestock have been vaccinated in and around the affected Ambur village of Bairapalli in Mittalam following the death of an animal due to anthrax last week. Awareness sessions among farmers on the symptoms of anthrax in the livestock have also been arranged. The disease is claimed to be under control now. [read more](#)

1 August 2016: 33 spotted deer died of rabies in National Zoological Park

Thirty-three spotted deer have died of rabies in the National Zoological Park here since January this year. Several measures such as installation of CCTVs in the feeding/retiring cell as well as the paddock area of the enclosure to identify the feral animal species responsible for the spread of disease have been recommended by the Central Zoo Authority besides the vaccination of all staff involved with upkeep and management of rabies. [read more](#)

31 July 2016: Fear of diseases looms after flood, Dibrugarh Guwahati

With the flood situation in Dibrugarh district showing signs of improvement in the last couple of days, the big challenge for the authorities now is to prevent outbreak of diseases. The deluge has left behind mounds of garbage and animal carcasses, exposing people to serious health hazards. Eighteen mobile medical teams have started working among people in the affected areas. [read more](#)

28 July 2016: Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) gears up to tackle Leptospirosis

The BMC has prepared a comprehensive plan to prevent and control leptospirosis, which had claimed several lives in the city last year. They have involved several of its departments, including Pest Control, Water, Insecticide and Animal Disease Control in tackling this deadly disease. The various initiatives in this regard include inspection of cattle sheds, killing of rats, dog immunisations and also taking criminal action against those whose negligent act likely to spread the disease. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

1 August 2016: Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever claims two lives, Punjab

According to daily The News, senior registrar of the Bahawal Victoria Hospital (BVH), Bahawalpur who got congo infection while conducting a surgery on a student-nurse of Lodhran district on July 16 have died of Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever. The former was tested positive for congo virus at Aga Khan Hospital laboratory, Karachi. Following confirmation of Congo virus in the victims, the BVH staff including 102 paramedics were immediately underwent screening and four of them had been quarantined in a ward. An alert had been issued in Lodhran and Bahawalpur districts and called for serious attention from all stakeholders including experts from health department and livestock department to stop the spread of disease. [read more](#)

2 August 2016: NIH receives four suspected CCHF samples from Punjab

National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad received four suspected samples of CCHF from different cities of Punjab on August 2 including the one 62 year old male patient brought to the Holy Family Hospital, Rawalpindi from [Chakwal](#) with a high fever and tested positive for CCHF by NIH. In view of this recent upsurge of CCHF cases, NIH has issued an advisory for prevention of the deadly disease by breaking the transmission chain ahead of Eidul Azha, when large-scale animal movement can further increase the risk of disease transmission to humans. [read more](#)

OTHERS

12 July 2016: Investigating poultry trade patterns to guide avian influenza surveillance and control: a case study in Vietnam

In order to address the knowledge gap on AIV dynamics, a cross-sectional survey was conducted through interviews with 791 traders in 18 Vietnamese live bird markets. Markets greatly differed according to the sources from which poultry was obtained, and their connections to other markets through the movements of their traders. These features suggest that markets could be used as sentinels for monitoring virus strains circulating in specific segments of the poultry production sector. [read more](#)

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