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BHUTAN

1 September 2016: Rabies case in a yak in Merak, Trashigang

A rabies case was reported from a yak herd in Serkem Laptsa, Merak village, Trashigang Dzongkhag on 13th August 2016. The animal showed aggressive behaviour and died on 13 August 2016 and the brain tissue sample tested using Rapid Antigen Detection Test turned out positive to rabies virus. This case is a follow up case of rabies incursion into Merak on 29th July 2016. [read more](#)

INDIA

7 September 2016: Karnataka State Government orders killing of 49 cows affected with Brucellosis

The Karnataka Government has ordered culling of 49 cows at a farm in Kolar district, Karnataka due to detection of dreaded "Brucellosis" disease in the animals. The farm has about 1000 cows. Blood samples tested found positive and a team of veterinarians also visited the farm recently and confirmed the infection. [read more](#)

4 September 2016: Children death toll from suspected Japanese Encephalitis reaches 224 since January in and around Gorakhpur District of Uttar Pradesh

The death toll in the recent spate of encephalitis cases rose to 224, as 5 more children died of this dreaded disease during the past 24 hours. All the deaths were reported from Baba Raghav Das (BRD) Medical College in Gorakhpur. Among 5 latest deaths reported today [4 Sep 2016], 2 each were from Gorakhpur and Kushinagar and one from Sant Kabir Nagar. The patients admitted to the hospital belonged to the districts of Gorakhpur, Deoria, Gonda, Basti, Sidharthnagar, Sankabinagar, Kushinagar, Maharajganj, Balrampur, Ghazipur, Azamgarh along with some patients from Nepal and Bihar. [read more](#)

3 September 2016: Rise in dengue, leptospirosis: 17-yr-old succumbs to infection

A 17-year-old boy from Kurla, Mumbai succumbed to leptospirosis at a local municipal hospital on 2 September 2016. Further, 53 confirmed cases and 428 suspected cases of leptospirosis were reported in August. [read more](#)

2 September 2016: Child dies of Rabies in Hyderabad, Telangana

A 10-year-old boy succumbed to rabies on 29 August 2016. He had contracted the virus following a dog bite 25 days ago in Trimulgherry district, Hyderabad, Telangana while he was playing. [read more](#)

NEPAL

4 September 2016: A 12 year old boy from Rajbiraj Municipality-9, Saptari district dies of Japanese Encephalitis

Locals in Saptari district in Province Two have been terrified after a child died of Japanese encephalitis in the district. The boy died while undergoing treatment at the BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS), Dharan, on 21 August 2016. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

5 September 2016: Congo virus toll hits 27 in Quetta & another patient admitted to JPMC, Karachi over Congo fever fears

A 12-year-old boy was diagnosed with Congo virus [Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever virus, CCHFv] on 3 September 2016, taking the total number affected in Balochistan to 27 with 10 dead so far. Of the 94 people who were admitted to different hospitals in Balochistan for scans for the fatal virus 27 were found positive. [read more](#)

Another patient was admitted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) on Thursday, 1 Sep 2016 in Karachi, Sindh province over Congo fever fears. So far 6 people have died from Congo fever in the port city. [read more](#)

1 September 2016: Anthrax kills several animals and affects humans in Mamond tehsil of Bajaur Agency (Federally Administered Tribal Areas –FATA)

Several people have been affected by anthrax, which has also killed some animals in Mamond tehsil of Bajaur Agency [FATA], it was informed on Friday 26 August 2016. The disease had been reported in Niaga area, some 16 km from the agency headquarters, Khar. They said at least 6 people had been affected by the disease, while 6 cattle died. [read more](#)

OTHERS

8 September 2016: Highly Pathogenic Re-assortant Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus Clade 2.3.2.1a in Poultry, Bhutan

Highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1), clade 2.3.2.1a, with an H9-like polymerase basic protein 1 gene, isolated in Bhutan in 2012, replicated faster in vitro than its H5N1 parental genotype and was transmitted more efficiently in a chicken model than in a ferret model. These properties likely help limit/eradicate outbreaks, combined with strict control measures. [read more](#)

5 September 2016: Singapore's Zika cases send warning signal to Asia

Surge in Zika cases in Singapore, the only country with active Zika virus transmission in Asia has raised concerns in the region. A recent study estimates that roughly 2.6 billion people in the region and Africa could be at risk of contracting the virus. Many of the cases are thought to be locally-transmitted by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. [read more](#)

The number of locally-transmitted Zika virus cases in Singapore jumped to 242 as of 4 September, with most cases linked to the existing cluster in the city-state's east, the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the National Environment Agency (NEA) said. 91 new Zika cases were added since Friday, of which 83 cases were connected to the Aljunied Crescent, Sims Drive, Kallang Way and Paya Lebar Way areas. [read more](#)

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