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INDIA

14 Sept 2016: India declares itself free from bird flu

India declares free from Avian influenza (H5N1) on 5 September 2016. The last reported outbreak was in Bidar, Karanataka last May.

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14 Sept 2016: Anthrax caused jumbo deaths in Similipal

A calf and an adult elephant, whose carcasses were found near Gudgudia under Karanjia forest division in Similipal Tiger Reserve two days ago, died of anthrax. The diagnosis was made at Animal Disease Research Institute, Phulnakhara, Cuttack.

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13 Sept 2013: Foot-and-mouth disease spelling doom for livestock in Pali, Jaipur

The shepherds belonging to the Rebari community of Kothar Panchayat in Pali district are in low spirits after a harsh infection killed their livestock, battering a trade to the area's already fragile economy. One shepherd of Vellar village lost 61 goats. In the past one week, more than 500 sheep and goats succumbed to foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease.

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12 Sept 2016: Brucellosis virus hits veterinarians in Kerala and KVASU decides to cull affected cattle in the farm

Many veterinarians, especially youngsters, have been affected by Brucellosis that has gripped a large number of cattle at the veterinary university's Thiruvazhamkunnu farm in Palakkad [read more](#). The Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU) in an emergency meeting decided to cull cattle that have contracted Brucellosis at its Thiruvizhamkunnu farm in Palakkad district. 30% of the farm animals were affected.

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10 Sept 2016: Scrub typhus kills couple in Gandhinagar

A farmer couple in Vasan village of Gandhinagar district, has sent shock waves after it was found that they had succumbed to the deadly Scrub Typhus disease caused by the bite of mites. The husband died on August 30 and the wife on 5 September 2016.

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7 Sept 2016: Goat pox in Mizoram, 102 serows killed

Goat pox has killed at least 102 serows or wild goat-antelopes in the state from May, 2015 till August 2016. Capripox virus hit Mizoram early last year and the first death was reported in May, 2015.

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NEPAL

10 September 2016: Scrub typhus cases on the rise

The number of scrub typhus cases has been growing in central Tarai, with 27 patients found infected with the disease in Chitwan in the past 10 days. 189 people were diagnosed with the bacterial disease in the district so far.

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PAKISTAN

9 Sept 2016: Suspected Congo fever patient dies at Nishtar Hospital, Pakistan

An elderly suspected Congo patient died at Nishtar Medical Institute (NMI) on Friday, a source at the hospital said.

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8 Sept 2016: Man dies of Congo fever in Rawalpindi

A 20-year old man died of Congo fever in Holy Family Hospital on Thursday. 20 more patients were being tested for the Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever or Congo virus that has killed scores of people in Pakistan this year.

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Sept 2016: Investigation into the Airborne Dissemination of H5N2 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus During the 2015 Spring Outbreaks in the Midwestern United States

The plausibility of aerosol transmission of H5N2 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) virus during the 2015 spring outbreaks that occurred in the U.S. Midwest was investigated to assess HPAI virus concentration (RNA copies/m³ of air), virus viability, and virus distribution by particle size. The findings demonstrated HPAI virus aerosolization from infected flocks, and that both the transport of infectious aerosolized particles and the deposition of particles on surfaces around infected premises represent a potential risk for the spread of HPAI.

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11 Sept 2016: Zika - Singapore outbreak update, Bangkok cluster

The Singapore Ministry of Health (MOH) reported an additional 11 new confirmed cases of locally transmitted Zika virus infection. To date, there are a total of 329 cases of locally transmitted Zika virus infection in Singapore, with 7 clusters. 8 pregnant women have been confirmed to have Zika. In Bangkok, Thailand, 21 cases of the Zika virus have been reported in Bangkok's Sathon central business district. 16 out of Thailand's 76 provinces have confirmed cases of Zika since January.

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11 Sept 2016: Zika is spreading in another Asian country –Thailand & Malaysia reports its first locally transmitted Zika virus

As of 11 September twenty-one new cases of locally-transmitted Zika virus have been confirmed in central Bangkok, including a pregnant woman [read more](#). Meanwhile Malaysia reported its first locally transmitted case of the mosquito-borne Zika virus on Saturday, 10 September 2016, news likely to add to fears of a full-blown outbreak in the tropical nation.

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