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INDIA

19 Sept 2016: Woman bitten by stray dog dies of rabies in Kozhikode, Kerala

A woman in her mid-forties residing at Feroke, Kozhikode died of rabies at the Kozhikode Medical College Hospital on Sunday (18 September). She was referred to the Hospital on September 17 after detecting symptoms of rabies. She was reported to be bitten by a rabid dog near Mannur Valavu about one-and-a-half months ago. [read more](#)

15 Sept 2016: Cattle farm in Kolar tested positive for Brucellosis

As many as 19 heads of cattle, including two calves, from the dairy farm in Kolar, Karnataka were tested positive for Brucellosis, an infectious disease caused by *Brucella* bacteria. The Indian Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAHVB) confirmed the disease. There are as many as 891 heads of cattle in the farm. [read more](#)

15 Sept 2016: Andhra Pradesh (AP) self declares 'free' of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)

Andhra Pradesh has become the first State in the country to self declare free from FMD as the State has not reported any new cases of the disease in the last two years. The State government's Animal Husbandry Department on Wednesday issued the official notification. Cattle from other states will not be allowed into AP unless they are vaccinated. [read more](#)

NEPAL

19 Sept 2016: Scrub typhus infection taking toll in Chitwan

As many as 205 people in Chitwan district have been directly affected by scrub typhus infection which was first spotted some five months ago. Two among the infected so far have died. The deceased are from Tanahun and Chitwan. One patient was found infected in the month of Baisakh (mid-April to mid-May) while the number increased to 31 in Asar, 77 in Saun and 95 in Bhadau (mid-August to mid-September) showing an increasing trend. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

18 Sept 2016: First case of Congo virus surfaces in Faisalabad

First Congo virus case has been reported in Faisalabad on Sunday (18 September). The 20-year-old patient's blood samples were tested and the disease confirmed in a lab in Islamabad. [read more](#)

16 Sept 2016: Congo virus claims another life in Quetta

One more patient of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus has died in Quetta raising concerns for the deadly virus. The 55-year-old deceased is from Ziarat city, Balochistan Province. Another Congo patient is still battling the disease in the hospital. [read more & more](#)

OTHERS

21 Sept 2016: At UN, global leaders commit to act on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

World leaders today signaled an unprecedented level of attention to curb the spread of infections that are resistant to antimicrobial medicines. For the first time, Heads of State committed to taking a broad, coordinated approach to address the root causes of AMR across multiple sectors, especially human health, animal health and agriculture. This is only the fourth time a health issue has been taken up by the UN General Assembly (the others were HIV, non-communicable diseases (NCD), and Ebola). [read more](#)

September, 2016: Chimeric Bivalent Virus-Like Particle Vaccine for H5N1 HPAI and ND Confers protection against a lethal challenge in Chickens and allows a strategy of differentiating infected from vaccinated Animals (DIVA).

The Korean scientists developed a bivalent virus-like particle (VLP) vaccine which produced high levels of HI antibody titres against H5N1 HPAI virus and anti-NDV antibody detected in ELISA and protected chickens against subsequent lethal HPAIV and NDV infections. DIVA test using the commercial NP-c-ELISA tests against HPAIV and HI assay against NDV could also be performed. The article was published in PLOS-one on 14 September 2016. [read more](#)