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BANGLADESH

25 Sept 2016: 12 infected with Anthrax in Rajshahi district, Rajshahi Division

Twelve people got infected with Anthrax in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi district. Those who prepared and ate the meat of a sick buffalo purchased from across the international border and slaughtered on 10 September got infected. [read more](#)

INDIA

28 Sept 2016: New cases of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) surfaces in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

14 patients from the rural area of the district having symptoms of JE were admitted in various hospitals including at MGM Medical College and Hospital and Mercy Hospital. The encountering of several cases of JE during the last 48 hours have forced the health officials here to remain vigilant. [read more](#)

27 Sept 2016: Teen dies of leptospirosis infection in Mumbai

An 18-year-old boy from Jankalyan Nagar in Mumbai died due to leptospirosis. 30 confirmed leptospirosis cases were recorded this month. The teenager, from M East ward had waded through waterlogged areas during Ganpati festival and is suspected to have caught the infection from there. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

24 Sept 2016: Another Congo patient dies in Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

A 45-year-old man was admitted in Peshawar local hospital for Congo virus treatment later confirmed as Congo virus disease by the doctors. He was being treated in special ward. Eight patients are being treated in Peshawar hospital. Three patients have died in Peshawar due to Congo virus this year. [read more](#)

23 Sept 2016: Congo virus claims six lives in Punjab

At least six people have died in Faisalabad, Punjab from Congo virus, raising the death toll to 24 in the country in 2016. At least 129 patients have been admitted to government-run hospitals of which 12 have tested positive for Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF). [read more](#)

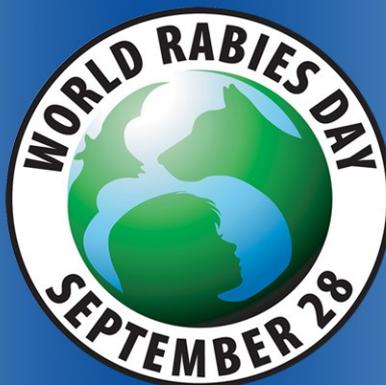
OTHERS

September 2016: South-East Asian Zika virus strain linked to cluster of cases in Singapore

On 27 August 2016, Singapore reported its first case of local ZIKV transmission and identified an ongoing cluster. Researchers from Singapore found, through phylogenetic analysis, that the genome sequences of ZIKV strains from two cases form an earlier branch distinct from the recent large outbreak in the Americas. The article is published in *Eurosurveillance*, Volume 21, Issue 38, 22 September 2016. [read more](#)

Sept 2016: Combating multidrug-resistant Gram-negative bacteria with structurally nanoengineered antimicrobial peptide polymers

Shu Lam, a PhD student and her team from Melbourne University, Australia have developed a 'star-shaped peptide polymer' that targets the drug-resistant superbugs, rips apart their cell walls and kills them. The discovery may have found a possible method to kill antibiotic-resistant superbugs. It took Shu Lam three years of research to make the discovery, which scientists are calling "a breakthrough that could change the face of modern medicine". Their findings were [published in Nature Microbiology](#) early this month. [read more](#)



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