

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### FAO NEWS ON PPR GLOBAL CAMPAIGN

#### 28 Oct 2016: FAO and OIE present initial battle plan in global campaign to eradicate Peste des petits ruminants (PPR)

The ground has been broken on a major international initiative to rid the world of Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) also known as sheep and goat plague - a highly contagious viral animal disease that causes major losses in regions home to millions of the world's poorest people. The \$996.4 million plan launched by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) today is the first phase of what will be a 15-year effort to eradicate PPR by 2030.

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### BANGLADESH

#### 02 Nov 2016: Public health at risk for lack of abattoirs, Chittagong

Due to lack of adequate abattoirs, meat sellers slaughter the cattle at germ-infested fetid roadsides, posing a serious threat to public health and environment in Chittagong city. On an average, around 100 animals are sacrificed every day during peak season, while 30-35 cattle are slaughtered during the lean season in the three abattoirs located in Firingi Bazar, Oxygen and Pahartali of the city. There is a high risk of consumers getting infected with various diseases, including the zoonotic ones in the conventional slaughterhouses. The risks can be reduced by setting up modern slaughter houses. [Read More](#)

### INDIA

#### 27 Oct 2016: Leptospirosis kills four people in Udupi, Karnataka

Four (4) deaths seen recently in Pethri (2), Iruvathoor, and Kundapur, have been attributed to leptospirosis, causing fear among the population in the Coastal Karnataka, Udupi. Health officials are currently trying to ease the tension among the public by creating awareness programs about the bacterial disease. Rat and other animals can be the important reservoirs of the disease. These animals can spread the disease in their urine, contaminating water, soil, or food. People who live in close contact with domestic animals or wildlife are at higher risk for getting the disease. [Read More](#)

#### 28 Oct 2016: Japanese Encephalitis (JE) toll mounts to 72, Odisha

Japanese Encephalitis claims 2 more lives in Odisha and the toll mounts to 72. Health Minister Pradeep Amat and Secretary Arti Ahuja visited some villages in Malkangiri district and took stock of the situation arising out of the deadly Japanese Encephalitis (JE) virus. [Read More](#)

### Avian flu H5N8 Updates

#### 28 Oct 2016: Avian flu H5N8 enters Punjab for the first time

In the first case of bird flu in Punjab, samples from two ducks found dead in an industrial unit's reservoir at Rajpura in Patiala district last week have tested positive for H5N8 avian influenza (commonly known as bird flu). The samples were sent to National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal, which confirmed that the deaths were due to bird flu. [Read More](#)

#### 02 Nov 2016: Odisha issues Avian flu H5N8 alert across state

With birds tested positive of avian influenza, H5N8 in some parts of the country, Odisha Government on Wednesday alerted all district authorities and issued a health advisory to take precautionary measures to prevent outbreak of bird flu in the state. With the onset of winter and arrival of migratory birds which act as reservoir of infection, the risk of spread of avian influenza amongst poultry and other bird increase. [Read More](#)

#### 02 Nov 2016: Carcasses of five ducks found in Hisar

Carcasses of five ducks were found under mysterious circumstances in a lake at the state-owned Blue Bird tourist complex here on Tuesday. Talking to media persons, animal husbandry department sub-divisional officer (SDO) said, "We took out the carcasses from the lake and sent to a Jalandhar laboratory to find out if they had any bird flu virus." [Read More](#)

#### 03 Nov 2016: One more bird dies of Avian flu H5N8, toll over 80 in Delhi

Over 80 birds have died due to avian influenza. "The monitoring committee, constituted by the Environment Ministry to oversee the outbreak of H5N8 avian influenza, reviewed the control and containment of the situation on Wednesday. [Read More](#)

### PAKISTAN

#### 30 Oct 2016: Veterinarian diagnosed as a Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

Health officials confirmed a fresh case of Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), informing that a 28-year old person was being treated at a private hospital after being diagnosed with the deadly viral infection. The veterinarian and resident of Gulistan-e-Jauhar, was later brought to the emergency department in serious condition and has been confirmed with CCHF, an official of the Sindh health department said. CCHF is a highly lethal viral disease and it has claimed nine lives so far in Karachi alone this year, while over 76 patients have been taken to various hospitals in the city on suspicion of having the fever. [Read More](#)