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BANGALDESH

18 Nov 2016: 80 percent of antibiotics consumed by livestock- Discussion

About 80 percent of antibiotics available in the market are consumed by livestock while the rest is being applied for treating human diseases, according to a paper presented at a discussion at the Department of Livestock Services. Department's Assistant Director presented the paper at the discussion, which the department organised at its headquarters in Dhaka marking the ongoing world antibiotic awareness week. Fisheries and livestock officials told a discussion that the government should initiate an immediate awareness campaign as indiscriminate use of antibiotics in both animal and human became a matter of concern. [Read More](#)

INDIA

18 Nov 2016: Three peacocks found dead, Chandigarh

The recovery of three peacock carcasses near fields at Ramgarh Daun village has put Forest Department officials on alert here. The death of these peacock is to be the suspected due to avian influenza or bird flu. The officials, reached the spot and sent samples to the Regional Diagnostic Laboratory at Jalandhar for examination. While officials said only three carcasses had been recovered, however the residents of the area claimed that nearly 20 birds had died. [Read More](#)

22 Nov 2016: Action plan to control the spread of Avian Influenza, H5N8

Outbreak of bird flu (Avian Influenza sub-type H5N8) was first reported on 18th October, 2016 among wild birds in National Zoological Park, Delhi. Since then samples of wild/ migratory birds from Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab and Haryana have been tested positive for Avian Influenza H5N8 at National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Samples drawn from poultry birds in Bellary district, Karnataka have also been tested positive for Avian Influenza H5N8 at National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India took all necessary precautions to control the outbreaks of bird flu. Advisories were issued and Teams of Experts were deputed to the affected areas to assist in control and containment measures. Based on the current knowledge, the public health risk to human population is considered low for Avian Influenza sub-type H5N8. However as a matter of abundant caution Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued an advisory to the States/UTs to minimize bird-human interface, use personal protective equipment by those handling dead/sick birds, keep persons exposed to the dead/sick birds under surveillance and provide them chemoprophylaxis (Oseltamivir 75 mg) once daily for 10 days. No human case of Avian Influenza (bird flu) has been reported in India. [Read More](#)

NEPAL

17 Nov 2016: Death due to scrub typhus in Chitwan and Kailali

A 35-year-old woman of Bharatpur-22 in Chitwan has died of scrub typhus during treatment at the Narayani Community Hospital in Chitwan district during the last week. The death toll has reached four during this month. [Read more](#)

20 Nov 2016: Similarly, at least four people have died of scrub typhus in Kailali in the last four months. At least 101 people were found to have been infected with the disease last year. At least 113 cases of scrub typhus have been reported in the last four months. The Epidemiology and Disease Control Division records showed that of 675 people infected with the scrub typhus, 14 have died across the country in the past four months. The death toll from the disease last year across the country was 8. [Read More](#)

PAKISTAN

21 Nov 2016: Over 180,000 animals to be vaccinated in drive against foot and mouth disease (FMD)

Sindh Minister for Livestock and Fisheries has inaugurated the second phase of a vaccination drive in which 187,311 animals will be vaccinated. During the campaign, booster dose of vaccine will be administered to cattle, sheep, goats and other cloven-hoofed ruminants to prevent them from FMD. Addressing the ceremony, livestock minister Muhammad Ali Malkani said the Sindh government had made all-out efforts to eradicate the FMD. [Read More](#)

OTHERS

21 Nov 2016: A(H5N8) risk to humans is very low

Eight European countries have reported highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N8) viruses in wild birds, zoo birds and poultry holdings. This is the second time this virus has been introduced into Europe via the autumn migration of wild birds although A(H5N8) has been circulating continuously in Asia since 2010. Full genome sequencing of recent HPAI A(H5N8) viruses suggest that these viruses remain essentially bird viruses without any specific increased risk for humans. No human infections with this virus have ever been reported world-wide. ECDC's updated rapid risk assessment concludes that the risk of transmission to the general public in Europe is considered to be very low. [Read More](#)