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INDIA

02 Dec 2016: Health department alerts people against Scrub Typhus, Madhya Pradesh

State health department alerted people against scrub typhus, a mite-borne infectious disease, after rise in suspected cases in various districts including Raisen, Raigarh, Sehore, Vidisha and Bhopal. The department has also instructed Chief Medical and Health Officers (CMHO) to monitor cases in their respective districts and conduct a door-to-door survey for reporting cases of fever. [Read More](#)

04 Dec 2016: Brucellosis spreads, 22 heads of cattle and 5 human affected, Karnataka

An outbreak of brucellosis, a highly contagious disease in cattle, in Kolar a couple of months ago had triggered panic across the state. The veterinary department had quarantined the infected livestock and ruled out further spread of the disease. However within a month, as revealed by the state government, the disease had silently spread to other parts of the state – and this time, not just among animals, but humans too. So far, five people have been infected by the bacterial disease in Bagalkot. In September, Brucellosis was first reported at a farm owned by Kolar MLA Varthur Prakash. According to sources in the veterinary department, the infected livestock were procured from a private farm in Baramati, Maharashtra. As many as 19 cattle heads out of the 915 were tested positive for the bacteria. [Read More](#)

05 Dec 2016: Rabies death toll reaches 20 this year, Maharashtra

A 58-year-old man from rural Satara died of rabies at the Pune Municipal Corporation-run Naidu Infectious Diseases hospital last week. With 20 victims, this year the number of rabies casualties has shown a marked increase compared to last year's 16 registered rabies deaths. The Association for Prevention and Control of Rabies in India (APCRI) attributed the high numbers to lack of awareness and poor treatment. An expanding city, escalating human population and increasing instances of non-vegetarian food being dumped on the streets should be borne in mind while talking about dog-bite cases, an animal rights activist pointed out. [Read More](#)

07 Dec 2016: Assam has recorded the highest number of Japanese encephalitis (JE) deaths

According to latest National Health Mission (NHM) figures, Assam has recorded highest number of JE casualties in the country with 85 death cases. Uttar Pradesh recorded the 2nd highest number with 68 JE deaths, followed by Odisha with 39 JE deaths. From 1 Jan-27 Nov 2016, as many as 183 persons died of acute encephalitis syndrome (AES), while 85 persons succumbed to Japanese encephalitis (JE). [Read More/More](#)

OTHERS

06 Dec 2016: Highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N8 updates

There has been more countries who has reported their first highly pathogenic H5N8 avian influenza outbreaks over the past few days. This has been linked as part of a recent wave of activity linked to migratory birds from Russia. So far countries affected with HPAI H5N8 include Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, the Netherlands, Poland, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland and Russia. [Read More](#)

A webinar titled Intercontinental spread of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza – Analysis of the current situation and recommendations for preventive action, targeting national veterinary services and FAO regional and country teams, was conducted by FAO on 24 November 2016. [More](#)

7 December 2016: 11 New cases reported during the week made a tally of 1499 confirmed human cases of MERs-CoV since 2012

With the incidence of 11 more cases during the week ending 7 Dec 2016, there have been a total of 1499 laboratory-confirmed cases of MERS-CoV infection, including 621 deaths yielding case fatality rate of 41.4 %. Of the total affected 863 have been recovered and 14 are under treatment and considered to be active cases. Of the 11 new cases, there were 10 males and one female. They were all adults with their age ranging from 24 to 90 years. They were all Saudi citizens except one expatriate. [Read more](#)