

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### INDIA

#### 22 Mar 2017: Glanders causes panic in two districts of Gujarat

District authorities in Anand and Jaunagadh have restricted movement of equine animals (mules, donkeys and horse) after the deadly Glanders disease was detected there. The disease is commonly contracted by consuming food or water contaminated by the nasal discharge of carrier animals. The disease is caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia mallei*. The disease causes ulcers in the upper respiratory tract, lungs, and skin of the animal. Humans and other animals are also susceptible and infections are usually fatal. In July last year, around 40 equines including over a dozen horses and mules, across the state, have been put to sleep after they were found infected with this highly contagious and fatal disease found in the horse family. [Read More](#)

**28 Mar 2017:** The Gujarat state government will euthanise three horses after they were found to be infected with deadly disease glanders. Animal husbandry department based on the sample reports on Monday issued the orders. A total of 240 serum samples of horses and animals from the family of equines were collected from across the state and sent to National Research Centre on Equines in Hisar. Out these, five were found to be positive. By the time government received the report, two horses were already dead. [Read More](#)

#### 25 Mar 2017: Zoos across country on alert over possible outbreak of fatal protozoan disease

The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has alerted all zoos across India to take preventive measures to avert a possible outbreak of Trypanosomiasis, a protozoan disease that have, in the past, killed more than a dozen tigers and leopards in Indian zoos. The alert, in the form of a circular marked as 'urgent', was issued on March 6 following the death of a wild dog at the Indira Gandhi Zoological Park in Vishakhapatnam recently. [Read More](#)

#### 26 Mar 2017: Foot-and-mouth disease breaks out in Tiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) has affected Karani village on the outskirts of Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur district. According to the cattle raisers, from past two months, more than 10 cattle have died and the condition has not improved even after medical treatment. [Read More](#)

#### 26 Mar 2017: Suspected Anthrax cases reported in Human, Odisha

A person died while two others were reportedly affected in a suspected breakout of anthrax at Munda Jhola village under this block in Koraput district of Odisha state. Anthrax has been reported in this Bulletin last week also from the same state but from Sundargarh district. The present incident triggered panic in the village. Locals claimed that patient's hands and legs swelled with blisters all over his body and suffered severe pain and arson and succumbed to the disease. [Read More](#)

### OTHERS

#### 28 March 2017: FAO facilitated Cross Border Consultation Meeting among the Gangetic Plain Countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal)

A two-day Cross Border Consultation Meeting among the Gangetic plain countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan India and Nepal was successfully held from 27 - 28 March, 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal. The meeting was jointly organized by FAO and SAARC Secretariat, and was attended by national participants from four Gangetic Plain countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal. The meeting was also attended by key representatives from Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAP), Regional Support Unit for SAARC (RSU-SAARC), and ECTAD Bangladesh and Nepal. [Read More](#)

#### Mar 2017: A(H7N9) Updates- 18 additional H7N9 avian influenza cases reported in past week

Influenza A (H7N9) first emerged in China in March 2013, over 1200 human infections were reported since then. A steep increase in the number of humans, who were infected with H7N9 virus, was observed in December 2016. 106 cases of H7N9 human infection were reported in the country in that month, which had raised a great public concern. In January 2017, the number of human infections has continuously risen up to 192. The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)'s surveillance results showed that the positive samples of H7N9 infected birds, which were found in poultry in December 2016 and January 2017, were increased compared with the previous months. The China National Health and Family Planning Commission reported that 18 additional human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9), including 2 deaths, were recorded from 17-23 Mar 2017. [Read More](#)