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INDIA

29 Mar 2017: Four new cases of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) reported in Karnataka State

Tirthahalli taluk in Karnataka continues to remain in the grip of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), also known as monkey fever. There has been four positive cases among humans reported in the past five days. With this, the total number of KFD positive cases reported in the taluk in 2017 has raised to 48. Four persons have succumbed to the disease here during the same period. All the fresh positive cases have been reported from Kudumallige Grama Panchayat limits that includes two cases from Kudige village and one case each from Chiduva and Heggargudda village. Of the four persons, three have recovered completely and were discharged from the hospital. KFD is a tick-borne viral infection that transmits from monkeys to humans through tick bite. [Read More](#)

02 April 2017: Anthrax killed elephants at Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR), Odisha State

Blood samples of all 16 elephants were sent for test at the Animal Disease Research Institute in Phulnakhara, Cuttack, out of which 11 turned out to be negative, the RTI pointed out. Of the five positive cases, three were from STR and two from Baripada forest division. This indicates that 11 elephants didn't die due to anthrax and poaching by electrocution trap or poisoning could be the reason behind their deaths. The RTI, filed by the Wildlife Society of Odisha (WSO), suggested that in 70 per cent cases tests for anthrax returned negative. "The ADRI data seems realistic. Had the anthrax spread, as is being claimed by the forest department, it could have been an epidemic. It could have spread to the cattle in the nearby habitation area and other prey animals. But there has not been a single instance of anthrax spreading to other animals," WSO secretary Biswajit Mohanty said. [Read More](#)

02 April 2017: Foot and Mouth Disease affects cattle, immense losses forecast in Karnataka State

FMD outbreak has occurred in 11 districts of the state; but what has emerged as a grave threat is the large-scale mobilisation of cattle to state-run 'goshalas' (cattle shelters) for want of fodder on account of continuing draught situation, which could easily spread the highly contagious FMD among the cattle across the state, threatening to wipe out a considerable cattle population. The disease, which has gripped the state in panic, has already claimed the lives of 10 cattle and forcing the state government to shut down two 'goshalas' to contain the spread of the disease, that is also threatening to affect the state's milk production. The situation is compounded by complaints pouring in from members of the farming community over quality and dependability of vaccines supplied to check the spread of FMD even as the disease is rampantly being diagnosed among already vaccinated cattle. [Read More](#)

05 April 2017: Over 29 lakh (2.9 Million) cattle to be vaccinated for foot-and-mouth disease in Uttarakhand State

All cattle in the state will be vaccinated for foot -and-mouth disease (FMD), a contagious viral disease, under a month-long campaign launched on Wednesday. The vaccination programme was launched in Uttarakhand under the scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). The project will cost over Rs 3.35 crore (33.5 million), of which Rs 2.96 (29.6 million) crore is provided by the central government. Teams of the animal husbandry department will visit households across all villages and towns as part of the drive that aims to make the hill state free of FMD. The campaign was launched for the first time in Uttarakhand under which all cows and buffaloes would be vaccinated. [Read More](#)

OTHERS

Mar 2017: A(H7N9) Updates- China reports six new cases and one death

The infections were reported in the last week of March by the Provincial Center for Disease Control and prevention, according to a report by Xinhua news agency on Sunday. A total ban on live poultry trading in the provincial capital of Changsha has been in effect since March 17 and will continue for another five days, the agency said. In March authorities reported an outbreak of the virus in the province originating from a farm with about 29,760 infected birds. Over 170,000 birds were culled as a result. The number of human infections this season has surged to the highest level since 2009. At least 162 deaths have been reported since October. [Read More](#)