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On April 11, Bangladesh officially notified Highly pathogenic influenza A viruses (H5N1) outbreak in House Crow, *Corvus splendens* (*Corvidae*), located at Mohakhali Wireless, Ramna Park, Dhaka University, Suhraward Uddan, Hemayetpur, Dhamrai, Gulshan, Ramna, Shahbag, Savar, Dhamrai, Dhaka. During the outbreak, a total of 124 crows died and 44 crows were destroyed. The outbreak started on 14 January, 2017. The outbreak has been resolved on 16 March 2017. Post surveillance operation activities are underway in the infected zone. The source of the incursion is yet unknown. [Read More](#)

INDIA

06 Apr 2017: Safety measures intensified following monkey fever scare, Goa State

The Goa Health Services have intensified fever surveillance and other precautionary measures in areas near North Goa's border, adjacent to Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district, following rise in deaths due to Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) or monkey fever, particularly in Banda town of the district. Nine deaths have been reported in Sindhudurg as of now. On Monday evening, some KFD cases from Banda, which is adjacent to Pernem (North Goa border), had been admitted at the State owned Goa Medical College (GMC) Hospital in Bambolim for treatment. [Read More](#)

09 Apr 2017: Half of country's dog-bite deaths in West Bengal State

West Bengal accounted for the maximum number of rabies and snakebite deaths in India in the last few years. While 156 people died due to rabies in the state in the last three years, as many as 1,273 people lost their lives there due to snakebite from 2011 to 2015. According to figures provided by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI), a government body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 324 people have died of rabies from 2014 to 2016 all over the country. An average of 48 people die every year in West Bengal, reporting the maximum number of casualties among all the states in the country. In all these three years, West Bengal reported the maximum number of deaths 52 in 2014, 47 in 2015 and 47 in 2016. In 2016, while there were 19 deaths reported from Karnataka, four such cases were reported from Delhi and Bihar each. Rest of the death cases were reported from Tripura, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Jharkhand. [Read More](#)

OTHERS

10 April 2017: A(H7N9) Updates- China's Tibet reports first human infection

China's Tibet Autonomous Region on Saturday reported its first human infection of the H7N9 strain of bird flu, Xinhua news agency said, citing local health authorities. The 41-year-old patient, a migrant worker from neighboring Sichuan Province, reported symptoms on Monday and the diagnosis was confirmed on Tuesday. He was quarantined at Tibet's Third People's Hospital in Lhasa, according to the local health authority. The patient had been working in poultry trading in Lhasa since February. Live poultry trading across the region has been suspended. A(H7N9) is a bird flu strain first reported to have infected humans in China in March 2013. [Read More](#). The Chinese National Health and Family Planning Commission announced 14 additional human cases of avian influenza A(H7N9), including one death, were recorded from March 31 to April 6. China has now reported at least 598 cases and at least 177 deaths in the fifth H7N9 wave. [More](#)

April 2017: Researchers find evidence of rabies virus in Indian bats

Researchers from the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS) and the National Institute for Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru have detected the first evidence of rabies virus in Indian bats. The team of researchers isolated rabies neutralising antibodies in samples of fruit bats and insect bats from six villages in Nagaland. The samples were tested at NIMHANS, which is a WHO Collaborating Centre for reference and research on rabies. While dog bites are the primary cause for death because of rabies in south Asia, incidents of contracting rabies from a bat bite have been reported in Western countries for decades, say the researchers. [Read More](#)