

South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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INDIA

14 Apr 2017: Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) spread to Savoï Verem, Goa

Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) also known as Monkey Fever has reached to Savoï Verem, Ponda taluk of Goa. Blood report of a suspected patient has confirmed to be KFD positive. Health department is taking safety measures and the precautionary vaccination drive has been started in the areas. [Read More](#)

NEPAL

18 Apr 2017: Tick bite human case reported, Dolakha, Province-3

On 11 Apr 2017, a 51-year old female resident of Mati village development committee-5, Dolakha, Province Three, a mountainous district of Janakpur Zone, Nepal, presented to Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital (STIDH) with a history of high grade fever (up to 104.5 deg F [approx. 40.3 deg C]), chills and rigors, severe joints pain, and severe muscle pain. According to the patient's son, they removed a tick from her lower back, where a red oval-shaped plaque with central crust had developed. She was first admitted to a local hospital (Dolakha Samudaya Hospital), later referred to STIDH with suspected scrub typhus infection. On serological testing, scrub typhus, dengue, brucellosis, leptospirosis, and typhoid fever were found negative; however, common tick-borne diseases, could not be ascertained due to lack of testing resources. Little is known about tick-borne diseases in Nepal, and hence, more research is needed to understand exactly how rural communities in particular, are being affected by tick-borne diseases in Nepal, as happened in this case. [Read More](#)

PAKISTAN

16 Apr 2017: Newcastle disease suspected: at least 20 peacocks died in Tharparkar

As summers approach and temperatures rise in the Thar Desert region, reports of death of the region's indigenous birds, the peacocks and their offspring, are increasing, with at least 20 of them reported dead in Sindh's Tharparkar district on Sunday. A renowned activist from Dadsar village, said more than 15 birds were found dead in his area in the last two days. Over the past few days, more than 100 peacocks have died in various villages of Tharparkar district. Though the cause of death of the birds remains undetermined. Villagers observed the peacocks and the peafowls develop swelling around their necks and beaks, following which they fall on the ground suddenly and die. [Read More](#)

OTHERS

19 Apr 2017: A(H7N9) Updates- Beijing reported 10 Cases of A(H7N9) in 2017

The latest two cases were reported on 5 April. The two patients had contact with live poultry. One of them died of the infection on 8 April after treatment failed. The other is still being treated in a hospital and is in stable condition. Beijing has launched environmental monitoring in six districts involved in agriculture. H7N9 is a bird flu strain first reported to have infected humans in China in March 2013. Infections are most likely to occur in winter and spring. Disease control and prevention experts have said that the H7N9 virus was not transmitted from person to person. Experts recommend that people avoid contact with dead and live poultry, and only buy poultry with quarantine certificates. [Read More](#)