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19 May 2017: Workshop to set up surveillance and monitoring rabies

Following the recent outbreak of rabies in Trashigang, residents have become vigilant especially when they come across stray dogs. During a multi-stakeholders workshop on active surveillance and monitoring for rabies control programmes in Trashigang on May 15, participants shared incidences of excessive fear among the public from stray dogs. Officials from the dzongkhag livestock department said the excessive hysteria is frequently observed among the public although a series of awareness and risk communication programme have been conducted in the dzongkhag. A veterinary officer with the dzongkhag veterinary hospital, said the workshop was conducted to build a strong surveillance and monitoring system among the stakeholders and to enhance communication for rabies control. [Read More](#)

INDIA

16 May 2017: Food poisoning affects 200 cows in Banaskantha, leaves 29 dead, Gujrat State

As many as 29 cows died after eating green fodder containing castor plant residues at Dod village in Tharad taluka of Banaskantha late on Sunday night. Over 200 cows were affected in the cattle shed run by a private trust, 15km from Tharad town. Of the cows that suffered food poisoning 18 died on the spot while 11 others succumbed during treatment at the animal hospital, said district animal husbandry officer on Monday. [Read More](#)

22 May 2017: Youth dies of suspected rabies, Karnataka State

23-year-old youth from Thokur, suspected for rabies infection, died in a private hospital here (Managaluru). District Disease Surveillance Officer said that the person was admitted to the private hospital in Kankanady on Friday. The doctors reported that the youth had hydrophobia and photophobia, both clinical symptoms of rabies infection. Sushant told doctors that he was bitten by a dog in his house three months ago. [Read More](#)

24 May 2017: Government on high alert after seven horses are detected with Glanders, Maharashtra

After seven horses in Maharashtra, including one in Thane, were detected with the fatal Glanders disease, the state government is on an alert to prevent its transmission to animals and humans. A total of 841 blood samples collected and tested since last month, a total of seven had tested positive. [Read More](#)

NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES: IRAN

23 May, 2017: Warning on Tick-Borne Viral Fever- Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

The Health Ministry's Communicable Diseases Center has urged the public to only buy meat products approved by Iran's Veterinarian Organization so as to be safe from the life-threatening CCHF that often breaks out in the hot seasons. CCHF is a widespread tick-borne viral disease that is endemic in Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East and Asia. It is a zoonotic disease carried by several domestic and wild animals. [Read More](#)

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Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians conducted for SAARC countries

A Field Epidemiology Training Programme for Veterinarians (FETPV) was conducted by ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India from 15 - 23 May, 2017 in partnership with the SAARC-Agriculture Centre, Dhaka, and FAO Regional Support Unit for SAARC (FAO-RSU-SAARC). A total of sixteen participants from six SAARC Member Countries (Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka) participated in the training programme.