

South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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INDIA

26 May 2017: Zika Virus infection- Gujarat State

On 15 May 2017, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare-Government of India (MoHFW) reported three laboratory-confirmed cases of Zika virus disease in Bapunagar area, Ahmedabad District, Gujarat, State, India. The routine laboratory surveillance detected a laboratory-confirmed case of Zika virus disease through RT-PCR test at B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The etiology of this case has been further confirmed through a positive RT-PCR test and sequencing at the national reference laboratory, National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune on 4 January 2017 (case 2, below). Two additional cases (case 1 and case 3), have then been identified through the Acute Febrile Illness (AFI) and the Antenatal clinic (ANC) surveillance. These three cases have been detected in chronological order between November 2016 to February, 2017. [Read More](#)

27 May 2017: Anthrax fear grips in Similipal, Odisha State

The adult elephant suspected for Anthrax was found dead at the Similipals core area at Jenabil. The blood samples are sent to the Animal Disease Research Institute (ADRI), Phulnakhara, Cuttack for confirmatory diagnosis. [Read More](#)

28 May 2017: Rabid dog attacks 8 puppies in animal shelter, Nagpur, Maharashtra

A suspected rabid dog reportedly attacked eight puppies that were sheltered at the Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) temporary animal shelter in Bhandewadi. The dog showed symptoms of rabies, was inside the garbage dumping ground and jumped the wall on Friday morning to enter the shelter. Though it cannot be ascertained if the dog was rabid or not as there was no laboratory test carried and confirmed. [Read More](#)

NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES:

CHINA

29 May 2017: A(H7N9) Updates China, Hubei reported new human H7N9 AIV case in Xiangyang city

The Xiangcheng district of Xiangyang city in Hubei province reported 1 human H7N9 AIV case on 27 May 2017 after the confirmation from provincial Center for Disease Control. The 59 year old male had live poultry contact and live poultry market exposure history. All close contacts showed no ILI symptoms so far. ([Read More](#)) Similarly 20000 chicken died of H7N9 bird flu virus in a private poultry company in Yulin city of Yuyang district. [More](#)

IRAN

31 May, 2017: Emergency Meet Tick-Borne Viral Fever- Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF)

The Majlis Health Commission held an emergency meeting on Tuesday to discuss the outbreak of CCHF in the country. Ahmad Hamzeh, a member of the commission said the provinces with common border with Pakistan are at higher risk for the disease outbreak. "In Kahnouj, Kerman Province, which is a land route for importing livestock from Pakistan, there are no facilities to monitor health of livestock and to quarantine suspected cases," he said Mehr News Agency reported. [Read More](#), [More](#)

OTHERS

25 May 2017: New official disease status recognised by the OIE

The World Assembly of OIE Delegates in its recently concluded General Session (22-25 May, 2017) distributed 17 certificates on the disease status in respect of six priority diseases. Recognized by the World Trade Organization (WTO), as reference standards in the field of animal health, these official status reflect the level of transparency and quality of the Veterinary Services of the country, increase the value of its livestock sector and facilitate access to regional and international markets. New countries and zones obtained official recognition of their disease status during the current World Assembly. [Read More](#)