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BANGLADESH

10 Jul 2017: Foot-and-mouth disease: 100 cows die, 1500 affected in Joypurhat

Over 100 cows died of foot-and-mouth disease and more than 1,500 have been affected in Joypurhat's Kalai Upazila during the last seven days. The disease is spreading fast this season, Mehedul Islam of Hajipara village in the upazila said, adding that two of his cows have already died after getting infected with the deadly disease within a span of four days. [Read More](#)

INDIA

Mysterious disease killed goats, Uttar Pradesh

A mysterious disease has caused sickness and death of many goats in ManuwaGarh of Bikashkhanda Rehara Market. Similarly several goats died in Nevada Gram Panchayat. The locals said that the goats get cold and with further symptoms of blisters in the mouth and kernels formed in the neck resulting in death within a few days. [Read More](#)

03 Jul 2017: Substantial rise in dog-bite cases, Goa

As many as 73,180 dog-bite cases have been reported across the state since the last four and half years which includes 36,848 cases from north Goa and 36,332 cases reported in south Goa, reveals the data provided by the Directorate of Health Services. As per the report, Goa has witnessed a substantial rise in the number of dog-bite cases. A total of 12,857 cases were reported in the year 2013 after which the state witnessed a 44 per cent rise in the dog-bite cases with a total of 18,585 cases being reported in 2016. Citing a rise in the population of dogs and with an aim to control rabies in the state, the government has spent over Rs 1 crore through the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services under the Mission Rabies Goa project and the Goa Small Animal Rescue Management Scheme. [Read More](#)

06 Jul 2017: India declares freedom from HPAI (H5N1 and H5N8)

The government on Thursday has declared the country free from highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1 and H5N8), commonly known as bird flu. During October 2016 and February 2017, the outbreak of this infectious viral disease of birds was reported at various epicentres in nine states and Union Territories. A statement issued by the Agriculture Ministry said, surveillance has been completed in Delhi, Daman, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Gujarat, Odisha and it showed no evidence of presence of bird flu. [Read More](#)

PAKISTAN

06 Jul 2017: Patient tests positive for Congo virus

Congo virus was confirmed on Wednesday in another patient undergoing treatment at the Fatima Jinnah Chest Hospital. Raz Muhammad was brought to the hospital a few days ago from Loralai. "We had sent a blood sample of Raz Muhammad to Karachi, which confirmed that the patient has been suffering from Congo virus," said Dr Naseer Ahmed, in-charge of the hospital's isolation ward. He said a 15-year-old girl was brought to the hospital in serious condition on Tuesday night from the Pishin area with her mouth and nose bleeding. "Blood sample of the patient identified as Razma Bibi was also sent to Karachi for test," he said. Dr Naseer said that an eight-year-old girl from Loralai, who also had Congo virus symptoms, was recovering fast. [Read More](#)

12 Jul 2017: Contingency plan designed to deal with rising Congo fever cases

In the wake of recent surge in Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) cases, a contingency plan has been designed for prevention and control of the disease, especially during Eid-ul-Azha because of exposure to tick infected animals and their massive movement. An important meeting was held comprising representatives of the National Institute of Health (NIH) with Ministry of Inter Provincial Coordination (IPC) here on Tuesday, aimed at developing a strategy to curtail the fever. [Read More](#)

OTHERS

28 Jun 2017: Bats have potential to host avian and human influenza viruses, study shows

Bats, which make up about a third of all mammalian species, play an important role in our ecosystem. They eat bugs that "bug" us, pollinate more than 500 species of plants, including banana and cacao, and distribute the seeds of many other plants. However, they also can carry diseases that are dangerous to humans, such as rabies. But they were never thought to host influenza viruses, until researchers studying pathogen diversity in bats in South and Central America identified two new influenza viruses in fruit bats. Subsequently, researchers in Africa found 30 percent of the bats they tested were infected with a flu virus, although these bats did not show any signs of illness. [Read More](#)