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India: Three elephants found dead in Sivasagar, Assam

Three wild elephants were found dead in a paddyfield in Kokilamari Gelapathar village, about 20 km from Demow town in Sivasagar district, on Monday. According to locals, the carcasses of the elephants, two male and a female, were found by villagers in the wee hours of Monday. None of them bore injury marks. Villagers suspect the elephants died after eating crops sprayed with pesticides. [read more](#)

India: Seven cows bitten by rabid dog in Kerala

A Vechur cow, a rare and protected indigenous cattle breed, was killed by a rabid dog at Poonath near Koottalida in Kottoor Panchayat here on Saturday. With this, the number of cows killed by rabid dogs in the Panchayat has reached seven. As Panchayat authorities have already expressed their “helplessness” in killing street dogs based on recent orders from the government, disgruntled farmers on Saturday went on with a drive to catch wandering dogs. The drive was initiated by the local people after long weeks of pleas with the Panchayat authorities. [read more](#)

India: A man in Satara, Maharashtra succumbs to rabies

A 35-year-old man from Satara succumbed to rabies at the Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital, run by the civic body, last week, taking the death toll due to the infection to 19 in the city so far this year. “About six months ago, Dandile was bitten by a dog. Despite the category III dog-bite wound, Dandile did not seek medical treatment in the form of anti-rabies vaccines and rabies immunoglobulin (RIG) which is used to deactivate the virus,” said a health official from the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC). [read more](#)

India: Suspected chikungunya outbreaks in two districts of Kerala

Chikungunya could be resurfacing in the State in a major way and can potentially result in outbreaks across districts unless preventive control measures are strengthened and massive awareness campaigns launched among the public on the importance of preventing vector breeding on the premises of households, public health experts have warned. At present, major outbreaks have been reported from Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram alone, with the number of cases rising from early September. [read more](#)

India: Japanese tourist quarantined in India for ebola-like symptoms

Indian authorities have kept in isolation a Japanese tourist, suspected of having Ebola, at a hospital in the northeastern state of Manipur where she arrived from the neighboring country of Myanmar, sources said Monday. The 27-year-old woman has been shifted to a private hospital in state capital Imphal after she complained of Ebola like symptoms, the sources said, adding that her blood samples have been sent for testing at the National Institute of Virology in the western state of Maharashtra. [read more](#)