



## **Bangladesh:**

### **04 June, 2012: Bird flu found in 21 poultry farms**

Bird flu has been detected in 21 out of 85 big poultry farms in Bangladesh this year and over 46,000 chicks have been culled till May 31. In the wake of spread of the disease, an eight-member experts committee was formed yesterday to devise a plan to start a vaccination program. The committee was given three days to submit its recommendation. [[more](#)]

### **04 June, 2012: Poultry vaccination plan triggers shock**

The government's move to vaccinate poultry against frequently changing avian influenza virus has 'surprised' experts because globally it is recommended not to use it for public health's sake. Experts say the available vaccines in the world have been able to reduce poultry fatalities for some time, but the vaccinated birds' capabilities to transmit the disease 'silently' after being infected caused 'massive' human mortalities. [[more](#)]

## **India:**

### **06 June, 2012: Health official rules out encephalitis deaths**

The state health department has denied any death this year due to encephalitis or Japanese Encephalitis (JE), either in Gaya or Muzaffarpur, but admitted that 20 children have died during the past fortnight in different hospitals of the state. The cause of death of the children is yet to be ascertained. [[more](#)]

### **04 June, 2012: Ambitious project to study diseases in camel gets Rajasthan government nod**

A project by the Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal Science (RAJUVAS) Bikaner to prepare a data base of the occurrence of various diseases in camels has been given go ahead by the state government. It is for the first time that an initiative has been undertaken to look into the causes of the diseases among this principal animal of the state and prepare a data base. The project aims to hold the fast dwindling count of camel and sustain the camel based economy in the state. [[more](#)]

## **Others:**

### **04 June, 2012: Identifying Live Bird Markets with the Potential to Act as Reservoirs of Avian Influenza A (H5N1) Virus: A Survey in Northern Viet Nam and Cambodia**

A survey was conducted in order to assess the potential of Vietnamese and Cambodian live bird markets (LBMs) to sustain circulation of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus subtype H5N1 (HPAIV H5N1). This study was able to identify specific profiles of live bird sellers in Viet Nam and Cambodia which could play a key role in virus perpetuation. Moreover, the type and the location of an LBM could be a good predictor of its seller profile composition and, thus, of its potential for sustaining virus circulation. Therefore, results suggest that control strategies aiming at preventing HPAIV H5N1 maintenance in LBMs could potentially be targeted towards specific high risk LBM groups. This is of particular importance in resource-scarce countries with extensively developed LBM systems. [[more](#)]

### **02 June, 2012: A livestock plague is killing Congo's goats and sheep**

The Democratic Republic of Congo is asking for help in controlling the worst outbreak of a livestock disease in the country in recent years. In Kinshasa an epidemic of ovine rinderpest is killing goats and sheep. In one territory where figures were collected—Massima Nimba in Bandundu province—the authorities say about 25,000 goats have died of the disease and another 5,000 from infected herds have been slaughtered during the past six months. The government declared the epidemic only two weeks ago. [[more](#)]