



Bangladesh:

14 Oct: Lab on food contaminants opens

The government on Sunday opened a National Food Safety Laboratory in Dhaka which is said to be equipped to detect and analyze all types of food contaminants. According to UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) that helped to implement the project, the laboratory has been built to 'international safety and quality standards' so that it gets accreditation for its services. [\[more\]](#)

Bhutan:

17 Oct: Suspected bird flu outbreak at Rinchending

The suspected outbreak was confirmed on 16 October in Tshethar poultry birds at the police colony in Rinchending, Phuntsholing. Samples received at the national referral laboratory at Serbithang were positive to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 by real time Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction. Detail investigation in the affected area revealed that approximately 14 birds died during the past week. [\[more\]](#)

India:

15 Oct: Encephalitis: Seven more succumb, death toll touches 433

Seven more children succumbed to encephalitis since last evening pushing the death toll from the viral infection in Uttar Pradesh's eastern region to 433 this year. As many as 227 people suffering from encephalitis were being treated in government hospitals in Gorakhpur and Basti . [\[more\]](#)

15 Oct: Unidentified disease claims 343 cattle near Sualkuchi

So far, 343 cattle and buffaloes have died after being infected by an unidentified disease. Moreover, nearly 500 to 600 cattle have been affected by the disease at Bathan, Srihati, Sarulah, Halogaon and Bamundi near Sualkuchi in the last two weeks. The disease has broken out in an epidemic nature after the second wave of floods on the sandy grass land which is being used by the farmers. [\[more\]](#)

11 Oct: Full genomic analysis of an influenza A (H1N2) virus identified during 2009 pandemic in Eastern India

This study provides information on possibility of occurrence of reassortment events during influenza season when infectivity is high and two different subtypes of Influenza A viruses co-circulate in same geographical location. [\[more\]](#)

Nepal:

15 Oct: Bird flu in Bhaktapur

At least 1,200 chickens have died of bird flu at a poultry farm in Bode-3 of Madhyapur Thimi in Bhaktapur till Monday noon. The Animal Health Directorate collected samples of dead chickens from the farm after its owner reported death of chickens. With confirmation of bird flu, the Animal Health Directorate has declared the area a crisis zone for 90 days and intensified surveillance for the deadly flu strain. [\[more\]](#)

Pakistan:

16 Oct: Health department to spray insecticide in cattle markets

The district health department claimed to have made necessary arrangements for spraying insecticide on Tuesday for prevention from Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) and other infections in all cattle markets and sale points which have been set-up in the district for sale of sacrificial animals ahead of Eidul Azha. [\[more\]](#)