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India:

03 Jan: Ranikhet disease kills more than 35,000 chicken in Kashmir

About 32,000 chicken have died of ranikhet in central Kashmir district of Badgam during the past few days. Similarly in north Kashmir district of Baramulla about 5000 birds had died of the disease. The affected areas included Kandi, Rafiabad, Pattan, Baramulla, Wagoora Kreeri and Tangmarg. There are more than five lakh birds in the district and the farmers are concerned about the disease spreading to other areas. Majority of chicken consumed in the valley are being imported from different northern states, particularly Punjab. [[more](#)]

02 Jan: Jammu & Kashmir government to launch system to check spread of animal diseases

Jammu & Kashmir government will soon launch a system that will link all blocks and districts of the state with a nodal central agency for better monitoring and control of trans-boundary diseases among animals. National Animal Disease Reporting System (NADRS) is being launched in January 2013 to link all blocks, districts of the state with a nodal central agency for better monitoring and control of trans-boundary diseases among animals. [[more](#)]

28 Dec: New rotavirus strains may hit India's vaccination plans

Strains of the rotavirus, earlier present only in animals, are increasingly being found in human beings, says a new study. The study establishes that mixing viral strains from humans, cows and pigs can result in new strains. Due to the emergence of new strains existing rotavirus vaccines have not worked in India and new vaccines are likely to be ineffective. Studies in India encompassing different geographical areas have shown that in children below five years of age 40 per cent of hospitalised cases of gastroenteritis are due to rotavirus. [[more](#)]

28 Dec: Bio-safety level 4 laboratory to be opened at National Institute of Virology, Pune

The National Institute of Virology (NIV) will inaugurate a bio-safety level 4 (BSL-4) graded laboratory at its microbial containment campus at Pashan on December 28. It was the country's first laboratory with such high grading and with unique capacity of testing highly infectious and dangerous viruses that can harm humans in form of severe fatal diseases. [[more](#)]

Nepal:

03 Jan: Another bird flu outbreak in Nuwakot district

The Central Veterinary Laboratory on Wednesday confirmed another bird flu outbreak in a hatchery at Chaughada VDC-1 of Nuwakot district. Sources at the Department of Livestock Services said authorities were planning to conduct a bird flu control operation on Thursday. So far outbreaks have been detected from three nearby districts. [[more](#)]

02 Jan: Third bird flu case in capital Kathmandu

A case of bird flu has been confirmed in a poultry farm in Lamthoki, Sitapaila VDC, in a third such occurrence in just over a week in Kathmandu. A team from Directorate of Animal Health (DoAH) culled bird flu-tainted 2,640 chickens and destroyed 550 eggs at the farm, another 200 chickens had died Tuesday night due to the avian influenza. This poultry farm lies some 500 meters from another farm, where the virus was detected few days ago. All three infected poultry farms lie within less than one kilometer distance. [[more](#)]

Pakistan:

03 Jan: Mysterious disease in Sindh districts

A mysterious diseases in Sindh districts has killed more than 360 domestic animals including buffaloes, cows and goats. A large number of deaths have been reported within a week in Ghotki, and Sukkur. According to the villagers buffaloes and cows feel congested in breathing and die in a short time span. [[more](#)]