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Bhutan:

03 Jan: Suspected Bird flu outbreak in Dagana district

A suspected Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5N1 (bird flu) outbreak has been detected in poultry in Gaon village of Lhamoizingkha under district of Dagana. On 29 December, the National Centre for Animal Health received two carcasses and five swabs samples, tissue sample from one of the carcass and a swab tested positive to H5N1 by real time Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction. The positive sample has been referred to High Security Animal Disease Laboratory in India for further confirmation. [[more](#)]

India:

09 Jan: Kerala state announces steps to prevent anthrax outbreak

The government on Tuesday night banned cattle from Tamil Nadu being brought to the state through the check posts in Idukki district. The move comes in the wake of an anthrax outbreak reported in Tamil Nadu's Theni and Cumbum districts, bordering Idukki district in Kerala. The state animal husbandry department launched a program to vaccinate the cattle along the state's border districts. Officials at the check posts under the animal husbandry department have been given instructed to ensure the collection of blood samples. The samples will be sent to district laboratories for examination. [[more](#)]

08 Jan: Fourteen peacocks found dead in Agra district of Uttar Pradesh

Fourteen peacocks died of suspected poisoning in Dabli village of Agra district on Wednesday. Authorities suspects that the peacocks have died after consuming pesticide spread by farmer in agricultural land. The bodies of 14 birds were sent for post-mortem examination and their viscera has been sent for laboratory test. [[more](#)]

Nepal:

04 Jan: Bird Flu in Nuwakot district

The authorities have confirmed bird flu in Chaughada VDC-1 of Nuwakot district following the Central Veterinary Laboratory confirmed the virus on Wednesday after testing the samples from the dead poultry. Around 400 chicken were culled at Rai Basti of Chaughada VDC-1. The Department of Livestock Services team has advised the residents of Rai Basti not to import any poultry product for the time being. [[more](#)]

Pakistan:

09 Jan: Vaccination of animals in Sindh province for seasonal diseases

The Sindh provincial Animal Husbandry directorate has officially informed the livestock owners, maldars and farmers to get their animals vaccinated as there is a possibility of the spread of seasonal diseases among the animals during first quarter of 2013, ranging from January to March. [[more](#)]

Sri Lanka:

05 Jan: Letospirosis warning in flood-affected areas

The Health Ministry warned the public of a possible outbreak of Rat Fever (Letospirosis) in flood-affected areas. Ten Leptospirosis patients have been reported from Polonnaruwa district within one week. A high number of Leptospirosis patients had been reported from all three districts in the Western Province. Kegalle, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Matara and Galle are the other districts badly affected by the disease. Epidemiology Unit said the public should avoid contaminated water, such as, flood water. Paddy fields should be kept clean without garbage. This is the harvesting season and farmers work in paddy fields. Persons who have wounds (open injuries) on their legs should cover them properly before stepping into paddy fields. [[more](#)]