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### INDIA

#### 04 Sept 2013: Anthrax scare in Tamil Nadu villages

Anthrax scare has hit Thirukanur and other villages bordering Tamil Nadu after several milch cows died in Villupuram district reportedly due to anthrax. Over 50 milch cattle had died in the last one week at Nolambour village in Vanur taluk of Villupuram district in Tamil Nadu, said a resident of Mannadipet. [read more](#)

#### 05 Sept 2013: Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus (PRRS) returns to Mizoram

Porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus, which first broke out in India earlier this year, has made a comeback in Mizoram. Almost 250 infected pigs have been culled in the past two months and more than 900 suspected samples are currently awaiting the tests, senior officials said. Earlier this year, it claimed the lives of more than 3,800 pigs in the state. Experts from a central government veterinary laboratory in Meghalaya are expected to arrive next week to assist veterinarians in Mizoram, who were recently equipped to test for the virus. Various districts have been directed by the Centre to extend the ban on pig imports from Myanmar, from where the virus is believed to have entered the country. [read more](#)

#### 29 Aug 2013: Foot and mouth disease in Kerala may spread to Idukki forests

The foot and mouth disease spreading fast among cattle at Marayur and Kanthallur can affect wildlife as many animals from the nearby forests enter the cultivated areas. A survey last week confirmed that the disease had affected over 100 head of cattle. Preliminary data showed that six cows, two calves and five goats had died of the disease, but unofficial reports said 140 animals died at Marayur and Kanthallur. The main affected areas are Anackalpetty, Michealgi, Missionvayal, Kuttiyanad, Karsanad, Channalmedu and Nachiyvayal. [read more](#)

### NEPAL

#### 31 Aug 2013: Bird flu in Kavre district

Bird flu has been confirmed in more villages in Kavre. According to district livestock service office, the H5N1 virus has spread to the villages from Kavre's Nasikasthan, Sanga, Ugratara Jangal, Mahendrajyoti, Dhulikhel, and Panauti. Samples from the poultry farms at Patlekhet-4 and Niranjan Dahal at Ugrachandi Nala VDC-6 had tested positive for bird flu on Friday, the livestock office informed. [read more](#)

#### 30 Aug 2013: More suspected bird flu outbreaks in Kathmandu valley

Bird flu was confirmed at two poultry farms of Bhadrabas and Sankhu, while an outbreak was reported in some farms at Sundarijal, Nayapati and Gokarna, among others. A few new places, apart from the bird flu emergency zone inside Kathmandu district, have seen new cases of bird flu outbreaks, preventing the authorities from carrying out blanket slaughtering in the emergency areas. On Thursday, bird flu was confirmed at two poultry farms of Bhadrabas and Sankhu, while an outbreak was reported in some farms at Sundarijal, Nayapati and Gokarna, among others. [read more](#)

### SRI LANKA

#### 05 Sept 2013: Leptospirosis update

During the first eight months of this year, Sri Lank has recorded 2839 human leptospirosis cases across the country. According to the Epidemiology unit of the Ministry of Health, the highest number of cases has been reported in March and April. Anuradhapura, Ratnapura, Kalutara districts have been affected more severely than other district in the country. [read more](#)

### OTHERS

#### 30 Aug 2013: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) - update

WHO has been informed of an additional four laboratory confirmed cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection in Saudi Arabia. Globally, from September 2012 to date, WHO has been informed of a total of 108 laboratory confirmed cases of infection with MERS-CoV, including 50 deaths. WHO has convened an Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR) to advise the Director-General on the status of the current situation. The Emergency Committee, which comprises international experts from all WHO Regions, unanimously advised that, with the information now available, and using a risk-assessment approach, the conditions for a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) have not at present been met. [read more](#)