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## 20 Jan 2014: FAO, Rome calls for increased vigilance and preparedness on A(H7N9) in neighboring countries

Human infections with the influenza A(H7N9) virus are on the rise again in China and the upcoming Chinese New Year festivities provide opportunity for further spread and human exposure, FAO warned today. Millions of people and poultry are expected to be on the move and many households will slaughter poultry at home to celebrate the New Year. FAO called upon neighboring countries to remain vigilant in the face of A(H7N9) and other avian influenza viruses, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1. [Read more](#)

## INDIA

### 16 Jan 2014: Spotted deer died due to anthrax in Chhattisgarh

Twenty two spotted deers were died at the Kanan Pendari Zoological Park in Chhattisgarh located about 12 kilometers away from Bilaspur town. The investigations have revealed that the deaths were due to anthrax as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests told at the Chhattisgarh zoo. [Read more](#)

### 17 Jan 2014: Focus on antibody use to treat rabies, Pune

Rabies treatment will be managed better now with the Union Health Ministry issuing fresh guidelines, stressing on the use of readymade antibodies called rabies immunoglobulines (RIG) to treat patients. The guidelines assume significance in Pune city, which reported 20 deaths due to rabies last year. [Read more](#)

### 21 Jan 2014: Vaccination of stray dogs begins in Tirupur, Tamilnadu

Vaccination against rabies has been carried out on orphaned/community dogs in Tirupur city on Monday to control the stray dog population in the city, and to fight rabies. The programme was organised by UK-based Worldwide Veterinary Service with the support of Tirupur Corporation, Thangam Memorial Trust for Animals and few other organisations. [Read more](#)

### 22 Jan 2014: Every dairy farmer will be paid

Compensation will be paid to every dairy farmer, whose cows have died of the foot and mouth disease (FMD), Dairy Development Minister K C Joseph told the Kerala assembly on Tuesday. The Minister pointed out that since no budgetary provision was made for this purpose, the Animal Husbandry and the Dairy Development Departments were diverting funds to pay the compensation. [Read more](#)

## NEPAL

### 22 Jan 2014: Farmers anxious as foot-and-mouth disease spreads across Ilam

The mysterious disease that killed over two dozen livestock and affected 300 more at Lekali VDC in the northern part of Ilam has turned out to be foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). A specimen of the diseased animals was sent to the capital for the laboratory test, which confirmed the disease. [Read more](#)

## NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

### 22 Jan 2014: H7N9 cases in China surge past 200

The number of new infections in China's A(H7N9) outbreak continues a steep ascent, with 23 more cases reported over the past 4 days, along with four deaths, one of them in a health worker at a Shanghai hospital. The daily number of new H7N9 cases equals the pace of disease activity seen during the peak of the outbreak last spring. The disease is thought to be spreading from poultry to people in settings such as live markets, and the surge of new cases comes at a time of increased demand for poultry ahead of China's Lunar New Year celebrations later this month. [Read more](#)

### 20 Jan 2014: Working to tackle rabies in Myanmar

Unconfirmed media reports estimate that upwards of 75 percent of stray dogs in Myanmar have rabies, where the disease is endemic, but no one knows for sure. Hundreds of thousands of stray dogs are a serious threat, especially to people living in urban areas, health workers claim. "It's hard to say what percentage of stray dogs has rabies," there has yet to be a comprehensive survey to determine the dimensions of the problem as official reports. [Read more](#)

## OTHERS

### 20 Jan 2014: South Korea confirms bird flu (H5N8) in migratory birds

South Korea confirmed the presence of avian influenza (AI) in a group of migratory birds found dead last week, suggesting a possible cause for the recent infection of poultry at farms and raising concern that the infection may spread further. [Read more](#)