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BANGLADESH

02 Mar 2014: Concern over slow progress in trial avian influenza vaccination plan

Poultry sector insiders expressed their grave concern at a programme Saturday over the slow progress in the experimental avian influenza vaccination programme that was extended to ten districts recently. They said after attaining success in two districts, the programme has been extended to eight new districts including Dhaka, Manikganj, Narsingdi, Tangail, Bogra, Joypurhat and Chittagong, but lack of vaccines holding back the trial program. [read more](#)

BHUTAN

20 Feb 2014: Foot and mouth disease outbreak in Tashi Yangtse

Foot and mouth disease outbreaks (FMD) have occurred in the villages of Lechen, Wonglu and Tongchen villages under Yangtse Geog in Tashi Yangtse Dzongkhag. Of the 85 numbers of susceptible animals in the villages, 28 animals were affected. The source of infection is not known. The animals were vaccinated against FMD in 2013. [read more](#)

16 Feb 2014: Newcastle disease outbreak in Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag

Newcastle disease outbreak in poultry was reported from Samrang village, Samrang Geog under Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag on 16th February 2014. As per the investigation carried out, a total of 77 were affected out of which 38 birds have died. The investigation team has carried out the rapid test for avian influenza and tested negative. [read more](#)

INDIA

01 Mar 2014: Monkey fever scare: Minister asks Malnad people to be careful

With more than a dozen people in the malnad region infected by the Kyasaur Forest Disease (KFD), which is generally known as monkey fever, Karnataka's Health Minister has urged the people of the Malnad region and those residing adjacent to forest areas to take all precautionary steps to prevent spreading of money fever. He said 24 cases of money fever have been reported from Thirthahalli and others parts of Shimoga and Chikmagalur districts. Out of 90 cases reported, blood tests have confirmed 24 cases of money fever. The disease has not claimed any life so far, the minister said. [read more](#)

NEPAL

05 Mar 2014: Financial institutions told to restructure bird flu affected loans

Poultry farmers struggling to repay loans in the aftermath of the bird flu epidemic can heave a sigh of relief as financial institutions have been asked to restructure the affected poultry loans. The central bank has directed financial institutions; commercial banks, development banks and finance companies to restructure or reschedule loans floated for poultry farming that were affected by the avian influenza outbreak last summer. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

03 Mar 2014: Possible epidemic: Cattle at risk as foot and mouth disease on the rise

At least 12 cattle have reportedly died in lower Orakzai agency in the last month due to the foot and mouth disease coupled with a lack of veterinary physicians in the area. Tribesmen in the agency located in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of northwestern Pakistan said, the disease has spread in Mishti, Firozkhel, Utmanikhel, Sheikhan and Anjghali in the last couple of weeks while they have no arrangements to treat it. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

02 Mar 2014: Imported FMD vaccines to check spread of foot and mouth disease

The Department of Animal Production and Health (DAPH) has ordered stocks of vaccine from abroad to contain the foot and mouth disease now spreading in several districts of the country. It is endemic and comes every four to five years. "We generally use only locally manufactured vaccines produced in our laboratories in keeping with the particular strains of animals. However, as we now have an emergency situation, and are currently carrying out vaccination island wide in all livestock farms, the locally manufactured vaccines may not be adequate and imported vaccines have been ordered with immediate effect", Director General, DAPH, said. [read more](#)