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INDIA

04 Dec 2014: Cattle smuggling on rise along border (Assam)

Cattle smuggling from the state (Assam) to Bangladesh is on the rise as is evident from the number of seizures by the Border Security Force (BSF) in the past couple of years. This year itself, BSF has seized 7,616 cattle from the border areas. The seizure list of the Guwahati frontier of BSF shows 29,300 head of cattle were rescued since 2011. [read more](#)

04 Dec 2014: Anthrax scare in Odisha' Koraput district

Deadly anthrax is spreading its wings in the backward Koraput district of Odisha with two victims already identified in Medamgandhi village of Patangi block. The condition of the two patients aged 34 years and 54 years remain critical. [read more](#)

04 Dec 2014: 15 goats die of mystery disease in Tamil Nadu village

A day after the death of 40 chickens and hens in a farm on the outskirts of the city triggered panic due to prevalence of H5N1 virus in nearby Kerala, 15 goats died of a mysterious disease in a village in the same area, police said. A goat farm owner approached Animal Husbandry Department officials in Vellamadai, some 25 km from here, after the animals showed symptoms of extreme tiredness. [read more](#)

04 Dec 2014: Mysterious death of 38 birds in poultry farm triggers avian flu scare in Kovai (Tamilnadu)

Fears of avian flu have spread in the district following the death of 38 birds in a poultry farm near Annur due to an unknown fever. Veterinarians have taken blood samples of the birds to test for the presence of the avian influenza virus. [read more](#)

08 Dec 2014: Bird flu: 5 of 7 human swabs test negative

Five of the seven human swab samples sent to the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in New Delhi have tested negative for the bird flu virus. The results of the remaining two samples are expected to be known in two days. As per a review conducted by the health department, no human transmission of the virus has been reported from any of the affected areas so far and the spread of bird flu is totally under control. [read more](#)

MALDIVES

02 Dec 2014: Maldives warns imports of poultry from Kerala

Days after the bird flu hit Kerala, the Maldivian government on Tuesday warned against the import of poultry from the state due to an outbreak of the H5N1 avian influenza in the region. The Maldives health ministry, in a statement, warned against importing live birds, flesh and eggs from Kerala. The Maldives health ministry, in a statement, warned against importing live birds, flesh and eggs from Kerala. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

02 Dec 2014: Bird flu in Kerala: Sri Lanka on alert

With the outbreak of bird flu, in the southern Indian state of Kerala, the Sri Lanka Navy and veterinary surgeons in coastal areas have been placed on alert to prevent Indian poultry products from being smuggled into the country. Animal Production and Health Department Director expressed concern that as prices and demand for poultry products in Kerala had dropped due to bird flu, the spillover products might be smuggled into Sri Lanka on fishing boats. [read more](#)

OTHER

09 Dec 2014: Ebola: UN envoy says intense response needed for western Sierra Leone and Guinea-Mali border

The United Nations, working with its national and international partners to halt the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, is currently focusing attention on bringing down the high levels of transmission in Western Sierra Leone and ensuring that cases do not cross the border from Guinea into neighbouring Mali, the UN Special Envoy on Ebola said. [read more](#)