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INDIA

11 Mar 2015: Large number of poultry deaths in West Bengal

Over the past three days, a large number of poultry have died at the state government-owned farm in the Gour Road area of English Bazaar. Farm sources said at least 500 fowl have died in the last three days sparking a bird-flu scare. However, a senior official with the district animal husbandry office said the dead chickens have been buried deep under the ground inside the farm premises. [read more](#)

11 Mar 2015: Mysterious disease kills poultry in India

A mysterious disease is killing poultry by the thousands in the district of Baramulla (India). A large number of poultry died on a single poultry farm in the Amargarh area past Sunday. Local authorities suspect Ranikhet Disease (RKD) to be the cause of death, but do not rule out the possibility of other diseases being responsible. [read more](#)

18 Mar 2015: India confirmed H5N1 outbreak in Uttar Pradesh

Information on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI-H5N1) was received on 18/03/2015 from Mr Anup Kumar Thakur, Secretary, Government of India, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi, India. The outbreak on village chicken was reported Sari Ka Purwa, Shukul Bazaar, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh on 4 March 2015. Of 1031 birds, a total of 187 birds were dead and remaining birds were destroyed. Epidemiological investigation is on going. An intensive surveillance campaign has been launched in a 10 km radius zone. [read more](#)

16 Mar 2015: 3 Tribals Affected by Anthrax

Three persons were affected by anthrax in Satasemala village under Nandapur block of the district on Saturday. The affected tribals are Bulu Pangi, Sadhuram Krisani and Padman Gudia of the same village. One of them was admitted to Koraput hospital in a critical condition. A local health team detected the disease two days back and reported to Nandapur Community Health Centre. A medical team, which was rushed to the affected village, confirmed the disease after blood test. [read more](#)

OTHERS

16 March 2013: Saudi Arabia reports 5 more MERS cases

Saudi Arabia reported five more MERS cases over the weekend, raising the total for this month to 37, but no new cases were announced today. All five patients are men who are in stable condition, the Saudi Ministry of Health (MOH) reported. None of them are healthcare workers. The two cases reported Mar 14 involve two men, a 47-year-old in Hofuf and a 60-year-old in Taimah, the ministry said. Both had preexisting conditions. The older man had a history of exposure to animals before he got sick, but neither of them had any other known exposure risks. [read more](#)

Warning signals from the volatile world of influenza viruses– WHO REPORT

The current global influenza situation is characterized by a number of trends that must be closely monitored. These include: an increase in the variety of animal influenza viruses co-circulating and exchanging genetic material, giving rise to novel strains; continuing cases of human H7N9 infections in China; and a recent spurt of human H5N1 cases in Egypt. Changes in the H3N2 seasonal influenza viruses, which have affected the protection conferred by the current vaccine, are also of particular concern. [read more](#)