

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### BANGALDESH

#### 15 Nov 2016: Over 2000 animals died, Chittagong

Over 2000 animals, including cows, buffaloes, and rams, in remote island (char areas) died due to incessant rain and cold caused under the impact of cyclone Nada in the Bay. Cattle breeders said, 100,000 animals in the char areas could die if the government fails to dispatch medicine and veterinarians immediately to the affected areas. District livestock officer said that they were unable to provide emergency treatment to the sick animals for lack of field workers. More than 100,000 cows, buffaloes, and rams are reared in chars on the Meghna river in Hatiya, Subarnachar, and Companyganj upazilas, Noakhali district, Chittagong. [Read More](#)

#### 14 Nov 2016: 'World One Health Day' observed

'World One Health Day' was observed on 10 November at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU). The programme was organized by the Department of Medicine and Public Health in collaboration with One Health Bangladesh, Relief International-UK, Bangladesh, IEDCR. A rally marched on the campus and surrounding areas in a festive mood carrying with a banner. [Read More](#)

#### 13 Nov 2016: Bird flu outbreak feared for interface of wild and domestic birds

Avian influenza, commonly called as bird flu, may become epidemic in Bangladesh due to unchecked interface of wild and domestic birds, experts have warned at a workshop in Dhaka. Though bird flu is a global problem, but it can turn into an endemic proportion in Bangladesh for lack of a guideline in farming domestic birds like poultry, which may accelerate the transmission of avian influenza from both wild to domestic birds and domestic birds to wild. [Read More](#)

### INDIA

#### 11 Nov 2016: Season's first Kyasanur Forest Disease case, Goa

A case of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), commonly known as monkey disease, was detected in Valpoi last week. An elderly woman tested positive for the fever and was hospitalized for a brief period and doing well. [Read More](#)

#### 12 Nov 2016: Highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N8 confirmed and notified to OIE, Punjab and Haryana

As per notification to OIE by Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi, India, highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N8 has been confirmed among domestic ducks in Damenheri, Rajpura, Patiala, Punjab Blue Bird Tourist Complex, Hisar, Haryana. Of 43 birds, 10 birds were died from H5N8 and remaining 33 birds were destroyed in Punjab. Similarly Of 958 birds, 14 birds were died from H5N8 and remaining 944 birds were destroyed in Haryana. The outbreak started on 10 October in Punjab and 31 October 2016 in Haryana. The source of the infection is unknown. [Read More](#); [Read More](#)

#### 13 Nov 2016: Scrub typhus and H1N1 reported in Himachal Pradesh

In Himachal Pradesh, 37 people were killed in 2016 by scrub typhus and five by H1N1 virus. Data compiled by the health and family welfare department until November 11 has revealed that in the state, 1,158 people have tested positive for scrub typhus, and 14 for H1N1 virus. With the start of winter, cases of H1N1 virus are likely to rise in the coming months. Last year, the state had registered 123 positive cases of H1N1 virus, the highest so far- out of which 27 died. [Read More](#)

#### 14 Nov 2016: More updates on Avian Influenza H5N8

There is no further report of mortality from any part of Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana where post operation surveillance is going on. The samples sent from Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh), Gwalior (MP), Madipur (Delhi) and Rohtak (Haryana) have been tested negative for Avian Influenza. The mortality was reported among poultry bird (chicken) in Itagi village, Hospet Taluk of Bellary district in Karnataka. The Reference Laboratory for HPAI in Bhopal has confirmed that the samples are positive for H5N8 Avian Influenza virus. The state Government of Karnataka has been given the directions to initiate the control and containment operations. [Read More](#)

### NEPAL

#### 11 Nov 2016: Avian Flu, H5N8 in India alarms farmers in Nepal

The latest reports of bird flu cases in India has raised alarm among the poultry farmers of Chitwan. Only three years ago, the poultry business in Nepal had suffered greatly when bird flu had spread. To prevent yet another large scale loss, poultry farmers are said to be taking all necessary precautions. Animal Health Directorate, Government of Nepal has issued a public notice regarding the keeping and transportation of fowls. [Read More](#)

### OTHERS

#### Countries in Asia-Pacific race against the clock to overcome antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

Representatives from countries in Asia and the Pacific have pledged to take immediate action to combat the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The pledge was made with the support and collaboration of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Health Organization (WHO). It reaffirms a wider commitment to combat AMR and increase awareness about the scale of the problem in order to stop the emergence and accelerating misuse of antimicrobial medicines in humans and animals. [Read More](#)