

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### INDIA

#### Avian influenza reported in different official and unofficial sources

On 28 Dec 2016, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi, India has reported and notified to OIE of highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1 in birds of Corvidae family in Keranga, Khordha, Orissa. 42 birds (Corvidae family) died from H5N1 in two different location in Keranga, Khordha, Orissa ([Read More](#)). Avian influenza was suspected in different part of Odisha. Bird flu scare has also hit Rourkela and Keonjhar districts of Odisha hard with administration issuing red alert to tackle the possible outbreak on 01 Jan 2017 ([Read More](#)). At least 200 poultry birds have died in the last two days in Kharinashi village under Mahakalapada forest block within Bhitarkanika National Park on 04 Jan 2017 ([Read More](#)). Following reports of avian influenza causing death of six birds in Mysore zoo in Karnataka state, the authorities have decided to close the zoo till February. Two spot billed pelicans and four greylag goose died in a span of two days in a pond inside the zoo. Samples from the dead birds were sent for tests which confirmed avian influenza H5N8 ([Read More](#)). Similarly on 4 Jan 2017, State Animal Husbandry Department, Gujrat State has confirmed that seven bird carcasses and three blood serum samples from live birds at the facility of the Asha Foundation NGO at Hathijan, tested positive for bird flu. The samples were sent to National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD) in Bhopal. The department has ordered culling of birds at the NGO and on neighbouring farms ([Read More](#)).

#### 31 Dec 2016: First Influenza AH1N1 death in Kashmir

The State Health authorities issued an advisory on H1N1 influenza following a death of a patient who had tested positive for the virus. While authorities asserted that there was no need to panic, they however stressed on the need to exercise caution. The 43-year old man from south Kashmir, who had tested positive for H1N1 influenza and had developed Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) died on December 21. [Read More](#)

#### 03 Jan 2017: Cattle (Mithuns) hit by foot and mouth disease (FMD) in West Siang: Itanagar

At least six cattle (mithuns) have reportedly died due to FMD at Tato circle in West Siang district. More than fifty mithuns are said to be affected in Tato, Pidi and Monigong circles. Tatin Rida has lost two mithuns to infectious disease and one Takup Rinya has lost one mithun in Tato. The cattle death has been reported in Pidi circle also. [Read More](#)

### PAKISTAN

#### 30 Dec 2016: FMD outbreak alarms cattle farmers

Foot-and-mouth-disease (FMD) has broken out in dairy animals in the villages located alongside River Ravi in Kamalia district Toba TekSingh of Punjab Province. The outbreak has caused panic among cattle farmers who rely on milk as their livelihood. During a survey, cattle owners showed serious concern for the safety of their cattle because their cattle were falling sick at rapid rate. They demanded the Livestock Department to make arrangement to prevent its further spread. The District Officer (DO) Livestock said that the situation is being assessed in the affected area to deal with the disease. [Read More](#)

### SRI LANKA

#### 28 Dec 2016: Patient dies due to Influenza AH1N1 in Polonnaruwa

A 20 years old female patient who was receiving treatment for AH1N1 influenza passed away. The diseased had flu like symptoms and was admitted to hospital three days back. [Read More](#)

### OTHERS

#### 29 Dec 2016: New H7N9 cases reported in China

A new human H7N9 avian flu cases has been reported in Shanghai and southern China province of Jiangxi. The patient is a 34-year-old man from southwest China's Sichuan Province, was confirmed as infected with the virus on 29 Dec 2016. A total of 17 people have been infected with bird flu in China so far this winter, at least two of whom have died. [Read More](#)