

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### INDIA

#### 16 Jan 2017: Nearly 100 pigeons die in Kendrapara district: Odisha

Nearly a hundred pigeons have died in a far-flung village in Kendrapara district, triggering panic in the wake of the bird flu scare gripping the state. A district veterinary official said, avian species are dying almost daily along the seaside in Mahakalpada tehsil. Similarly, death of rare breed of sheep had hogged the spotlight from a village near here, Kendrapara Chief District Veterinary Officer, said ([Read More](#)). Similarly, Bird flu was also confirmed in Bhubaneswar, Odisha capital, in crows after the samples tested positive for the avian influenza (H5N1) from National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal. The sub-divisional veterinary officers is reported to say that precautionary vaccination has been carried out in domestic poultry in the area though it is not clear against which disease ([Read More](#)).

#### 17 Jan 2017: Over 150 birds culled after Highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N1 confirmed, Gujarat

As many as 159 birds, mostly guinea fowl, kept at an animal care centre in Memnagar area in the heart of the city, have been culled after birds were found infected with avian influenza, commonly known as bird flu (H5N1). "A team of Animal Husbandry department culled 159 birds, mostly guinea fowls and some ducks, at the rescue centre in Memnagar area after samples tested positive for H5N1 avian influenza virus," said an official of district bird flu control room. Earlier on 4<sup>th</sup> January, death of Turkeys due to birdflu was reported from Hathijan locality of Ahmedabad in a bird-shelter of a NGO. Memnagar area of Ahmedabad, the epicenter of the current event reported, is merely 25 KM away from Hathijan ([Read More](#)). Similarly, at least 43 crows were found dead under suspicious circumstances at Ukai in Tapi district. This is third such incident involving birds to happen in Surat and Tapi districts of Gujarat in the past 10 days. The first incident happened at Digas where three birds were found dead and the second occurred two days ago in Olpad town of Surat district when 21 chickens were found dead. ([Read More, more](#))

#### 17 Jan 2017: Highly pathogenic avian influenza, H5N8 confirmed and notified to OIE, Gujarat

Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi, India notified a fresh outbreak of HPAI H5N8 to OIE in non-poultry including wild birds in Gujarat state. The outbreak was confirmed on 16 January 2017. The source of the infection is unknown. ([Read More](#))

#### 17 Jan 2017: Gujarat High Court seeks action plan taken to prevent bird flu in Memnagar

The Gujarat High Court asked the state government and the city civic body to furnish an affidavit on the action plan followed to tackle bird flu reported at Memnagar and steps to prevent the outbreak in the future. Stating that the matter is "very serious," a division bench of Chief Justice R Subhash Reddy and Justice V M Pancholi today directed the state government and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) to file a reply by Friday on a PIL raising questions on preparedness by the civic authorities to tackle the outbreak of the disease in Memnagar. ([Read More](#))

### NEPAL

#### 15 Jan 2015: Hantavirus infected patient in Nepal

A 27-year old male, who was infected with hantavirus in South Korea, visited Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital in Kathmandu, for a follow up consultation. He was diagnosed and treated for a hantavirus infection in South Korea. Routine laboratory investigations were found within normal reference range. So far, a definitive diagnosis (lab confirmation) of Hantavirus has not been established in Nepal, though patients having clinical symptoms similar to a hantavirus (infections) are frequently encountered in clinical practice. Since Nepali migrant workers are employed in Korea annually, and the absence of hantavirus in Nepal, therefore, cannot be ruled out until they get tested for the virus. ([Read More](#))

### PAKISTAN

#### 14 Jan 2017: Chikungunya viral fever moves to Lyari, Karachi

Chikungunya viral fever cases have been reported from Lyari Town of Karachi for the last few weeks. The National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad has confirmed the presence of Chikungunya virus in Lyari as 7 people tested positive out of 9 samples sent to the NIH. The monitoring teams have been formed and moved to Lyari Town to tackle the prevailing situation. A total of 26 suspected Chikungunya viral fever cases have been reported from Lyari Town from 29 Dec 2016, to 14 Jan 2017. ([Read More](#))

### OTHERS

#### 15 Jan 2017: More than 10 human cases of bird flu (AH7N9) reported in China since January 1 2017

A new human H7N9 avian flu case has been reported in China's southwestern Guizhou Province. This is the third human H7N9 case reported in the province this winter. The patient is receiving treatment. People who had close contact with the patient were put under medical observation and have not tested positive for the virus yet, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. More than 10 cases have been reported since January 1, in Jiangxi, Shandong, Hunan, Guangdong, Guizhou, Shanghai and Macao. ([Read More](#))