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## India

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### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak in India

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India (GOI) reported a detection of the H5N1 strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in January 2016 to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). The detection occurred in the state of Tripura. The GOI issued an advisory to the affected state to contain the outbreak.

**Executive Summary:**

On January 19, 2016, the GOI reported a detection of the H5N1 strain of HPAI to the OIE. The outbreak occurred at a state-owned poultry facility in Gandhigram, Tripura. The GOI issued an advisory to the affected state to contain the outbreak.

**General Information:**

India notified that 5,263 birds were culled, 11,348 birds were considered susceptible, and 1,760 birds were dead as a result of the above mentioned outbreak. The GOI issued an advisory to the state government of Tripura to contain the HPAI outbreak as per the Action Plan of Animal Husbandry For Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza (2015), which restricts access to the infected premises and provides standard operating procedures for culling and disposing of birds and infected materials, among other activities. The state of Tripura has been advised to carry out surveillance within a 10 kilometer radius from the outbreak.

India experienced a series of avian influenza outbreaks in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. The last avian influenza outbreak was recorded in May 2015 (Please see [IN5077](#)).