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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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Tripura animal health officials have informed Post that local rapid response teams are awaiting instructions from the central Government to carry out control measures as described in "[Action Plan of Animal Husbandry For Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza.](#)" This includes destruction of all domestic poultry within a 3-km radius zone of the outbreak, creation of an intensive surveillance system in a 10-km radius zone, poultry market closures, a prohibition on the sale and transportation of poultry products in the affected area, a ban on the movement of farm personnel, and clean-up and disinfection of the contaminated premises with proper disposal of dead birds and infected materials. The last outbreak of AI in Tripura was reported in January 2012 at an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) poultry farm in the Mohanpur area of the West Tripura District in Tripura State (see GAIN IN2014).

Related Press Reports:

Bird flu detected at poultry farm in Tripura (Source: [The Hindu Business Line](#), 03/10/2012)

Bird flu visits Tripura again (Source: [Health India](#), 03/11/2012)

Out-break of bird flu in Tripura after a short period of silence (Source: [Myhealthbowl](#), 03/11/2012)

Bird flu breaks out in Tripura again (Source: [The Assam Tribune](#), 03/10/2012)

Bird Flu detected in govt-owned poultry farm in Tripura (Source: [IBN Live](#), 03/10/2012)

Bird flu resurfaces in Tripura (Source: [Zee news](#), 03/11/2012)