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With the upgradation of H1N1 (Swine Flu) outbreak to the level of a pandemic, health preparedness measures have received renewed focus across the world.

In the cover story, Dr. Reshmi Kazi outlines the H1N1 outbreak and highlights the mitigation efforts that were in place. The invited article highlights the need for health preparedness measures in the wake of a bioterrorist attack, particularly from the EU's point of view. Col. Athavale in his article points out various measures that India should undertake to respond to a terrorist attack that uses Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).

This issue also features other regular sections like country profile, kaleidoscope, chemical and biological news and book review.

As per our reader's feedback, we wish to publish issues in the future that focus on a subject of particular concern.

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