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Title:	Over 200 migratory birds found dead in Maharashtra; bird flu ruled out			
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Over 200 migratory 'shank' birds of red and green variety, were found dead in a lake at Gandheli near here in Central Maharashtra even as the animal husbandry department ruled out any symptoms of bird u in them.

A post-mortem report, conducted by the Animal Husbandry department (AHD), has revealed that the birds died of pneumonia, AHD Deputy Commissioner J M Doiphode said adding "no symptoms of bird u were found in the migratory birds." However, samples of their viscera have been sent to the disease investigation section of the state government laboratory at Aundh in Pune and Bhopal-based High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, he said.

A sample of live bird is also being sent to the Bhopal laboratory, Mr Doiphode added. The AHD team has also collected water samples to verify the doubts whether the birds died of contaminated water, he said. The birds have been dying for the last few days and the Animal Husbandry department (AHD) team rushed the spot last evening when an alert villager informed them about the deaths, Officials said. The

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Officials also said these birds, normally found in the hilly Ladakh region as well as in Europe, might have died over a period of a week or so.

When contacted, ornithologist Dilip Yardi, who had visited the Gandheli lake today attributed the deaths of the birds to a suspected 'poisoning'. Meanwhile, Nisarg Mitra Mandal Aurangabad founder president Prof Vijay Diwan ruled out a possibility of 'bird-u' behind the deaths of the migratory birds.

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