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<b>Title:</b>	<b>After Maharashtra, Delhi confirms bird flu</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to SSU-Maharashtra, Delhi			

Delhi and Maharashtra have confirmed bird flu after samples tested positive for avian influenza.

Besides Delhi and Maharashtra, the outbreak has been confirmed in Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. With this, eight states and a Union Territory have confirmed bird flu amid Centre's nationwide efforts to contain the spread.

The central government on Sunday said it has directed zoo managements to submit daily reports to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) till their area is declared free from the disease.

## Here are top 10 developments on bird flu outbreak in India:

1. Delhi has confirmed bird flu cases after samples from dead crows and ducks tested positive for the avian flu. Testing of eight samples sent to a Bhopal-based laboratory has confirmed bird flu in Delhi, officials said on Monday.

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Seventeen ducks were found dead at the Sanjay Lake in Delhi on Sunday, prompting authorities to declare it an "alert zone". This came a day after the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) closed the famous water body-cum-park following the death of ducks on the premises. Following these developments, samples from the dead ducks were sent for testing. Officials also said that 91 crows were found dead across 14 DDA parks over the course of the last few days.

2. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced a ban on import of live birds in the national capital and closure of Ghazipur poultry market, the biggest in the city, for the next few. The Delhi CM said the government is following all guidelines and directions issued by the central government with regards to bird flu.

3. Bird flu confirmed as the cause of death of around 800 hens in the last few days at a poultry farm in Maharashtra's Parbhani district on Monday. "The cause of death has been confirmed as bird flu. Hence, we have decided to cull all the birds in one-km radius of the place where these deaths took place," the Collector Deepak Muglikar told PTI.

"We have created a prohibitory zone in 10 km radius of the area where the birds died. No birds will be transported from there to any other place. Our medical team is stationed there and it is examining all people of the village," he said.

4. The district administration of Parbhani has decided to cull nearly 8,000 birds in Murumba village where these hens died, Collector Deepak Muglikar told PTI. There is no need to be panic and the district administration is taking all precautions.

An "alert zone" was declared in a 10-kilometre radius around the Ahmedpur area in Maharashtra's Latur after 180 birds, including 128 hens, were found dead over the last couple of days, an official said.

5. The Centre on Sunday directed zoo managements to submit a daily report to the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) till their area is declared free from the disease. The CZA, under the environment ministry, issued an office memorandum directing the management of all zoos to strengthen surveillance and aviary management. The CZA also advised that strict hygiene protocols must be maintained in all aviaries and all droppings must be collected, disinfected and disposed of appropriately.

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7. Over 30 birds were found dead at different places in and around Rishikesh creating a bird flu scare in the town, news agency PTI reported on Monday.

Twenty-eight crows and one pigeon were found dead in AIIMS, Rishikesh premises, one death was reported from Bees Bigha locality and two from Raiwala station, government veterinary officer Rajesh Raturi said. Samples of the birds have been collected and sent to the forest department for further action, he said. Rishikesh Municipal Commissioner Narendra Singh Quiriyal said a temporary ban on the sale of bird meat can also be imposed in public interest if necessary.

8. The Uttar Pradesh authorities on Sunday closed the Kanpur Zoological Park after a number of birds were found dead there and two samples tested positive for bird flu. Officials said eight birds, including seven red jungle fowls, have been culled inside the zoo and buried as per the guidelines of the government. These birds came into contact with infected ones and were showing symptoms, the official added.

Besides, 41 other poultry birds which were showing symptoms of bird flu have been culled too within the one-kilometre radius of the zoo, he said.

9. Bird flu cases have so far been confirmed in 13 Madhya Pradesh districts, while around 1,100 crows and other wild birds have been found dead across 27 districts since the virus was first detected in the state last month, an official said. "The presence of the avian flu in crows and other birds (including poultry birds) has so far been confirmed in 13 districts -- Indore, Mandasaur, Agar Malwa, Neemuch, Dewas, Ujjain, Khadwa, Khargone, Guna, Shivpuri, Rajgarh, Shajapur and Vidisha," an official said.

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