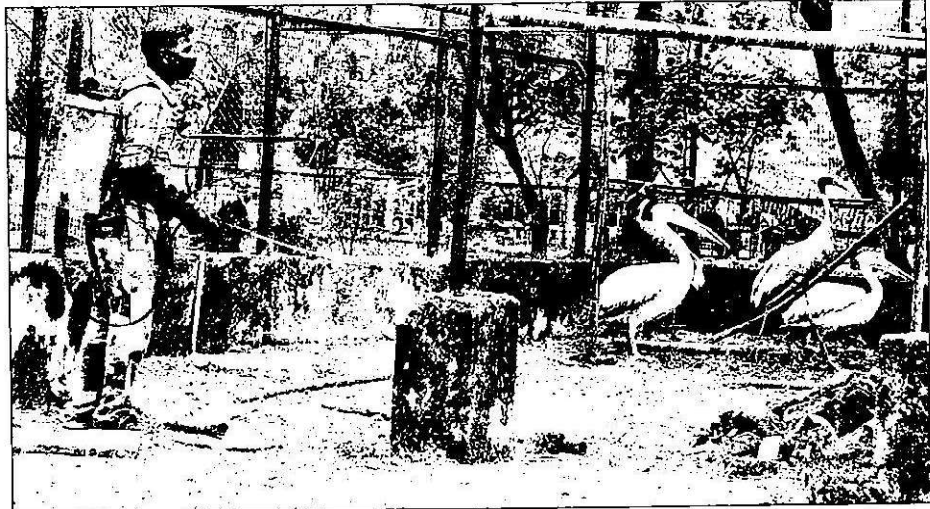


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ON ALERT: A zoo worker sanitises birds cage in Indore zoo on Sunday. Precautions are being taken after many crows died due to bird flu on the Daly College campus on December 29

Himachal, Rajasthan & Kerala confirm avian flu outbreak

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Himachal Pradesh, Kerala and Rajasthan on Monday confirmed bird flu (Avian Influenza) to be the cause of death of hundreds of birds as several other states, including Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand sounded alerts on the disease.

The death of migratory birds — 2,300 till Monday — in the Pong Dam reservoir area in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh was due to avian flu, chief conservator of forests, Dharamshala, Upasana Patiyal confirmed on Monday.

As a precaution, the state government has banned the sale, purchase and slaughter of poultry in Fatehpur, Dehra, Jawali and Indora sub-divisions of Kangra district.

Export of poultry products and fish has also been stopped. The animal husbandry department staff has been directed to constitute rapid response teams to tackle the spread of the disease.

Kerala's minister for forests, wildlife and animal husbandry, K Raju said bird flu was reported in Kottayam and Alappuzha and that 12,000 ducks were killed by it.

Authorities have been instructed to cull all birds within one-kilometre radius of the areas in which bird flu was reported. This would include all types of poultry and ornamental birds, Raju said.

Also, the National Institute of High-Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) in Bhopal has confirmed that the death of crows in Rajasthan's Jhala-

war was due to bird flu.

The toll, mostly crows, reached 522 on Monday. Director, animal husbandry, Virendra Singh said, "The highest number of crow deaths, 36, was reported in Jaipur. Till January 4, 391 crows have died across the state."

Other than state capital, two new cases were reported in Jhalawar, where crow deaths were witnessed for the first time. Similarly, in Kota (12), Baran (12), Bikaner (11) deaths were reported. In Dausa district, six deaths were recorded including two crows and four herons.

Meanwhile, Madhya Pradesh too issued an alert over an H5N8 avian influenza outbreak, which has killed 160 crows and at least two herons in Indore in the past one week.