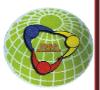




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Title:	14 more crows found dead, flu tests to be done in Indore district, Madhya Pradesh			
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Fourteen more crows were found dead in Daly College area, where two crows were tested positive of H5N8 avian influenza two days back. With this, 154 crows were found dead in last one week. The crows were deep buried in accordance to protocol in presence of officials of veterinary department.

Deputy director Dr Pramod Sharma said, "Fourteen more crows dropped dead in last 24 hours in the area. The team has collected samples from around one dozen poultry shops in the periphery of 5km of the college campus."

On Saturday, the team collected samples from a dozen shops. The samples will be sent to Bhopal for testing possible infection among the chickens. But, this virus mainly infects non-poultry birds, said Sharma. This exercise is for the surveillance, added Sharma. The health department continued door-to-door survey in Daly College area on Sunday covering around 6457 people in 1364 houses.

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The survey team found only 11 people suffering from cough and cold, and no patient with symptoms of avian influenza was found. The department has been targeting a survey about 70,000 people living in 1km area around Daly College.

Survey in-charge Dr Anil Dongre said seven teams were deployed in the area. "Earlier, we were instructed to launch the survey in 5km area but the officials from Bhopal, who inspected the area on Saturday, instructed to shorten the target area to 1km and it would be increased if required," he said. The survey was conducted in Musakhedi, Palda Naka, Azad Nagar, Residency, Snehlataganj, and Chouhan Nagar area

"As many as 6457 people were surveyed living in 1364 houses in these areas. Only 11 were found suffering from cough and cold. However, no symptoms of bird flu or avian influenza were found in any of them. The survey will be continued for next few days as we will try to reach every house in the area," Dr Dongre said.

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