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Title:	Culling begins after bird flu outbreak in district Cuttack, Odisha			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU-Cuttack, SSU-Odisha			

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Mass culling of birds was undertaken after samples collected from a State-run duck breeding centre at Khapuria on the outskirts of the city tested positive for the deadly strain of avian influenza

Chief Veterinary officer (CDVO) Loknath Behera confirmed that there has been an outbreak of bird flu in the city.

District officials, after receiving the test reports on Saturday, have also undertaken a drive to destroy eggs within a one-km radius of the breeding centre. Sources said blood samples of people living within a radius of 10 km of the locality, who had consumed eggs and bird meat over the week, will also be collected.

Reports said that the centre witnessed deaths of at least 10 to 15 birds every day over the past 10 days following which samples were sent to several laboratories within the State and outside.

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Reports reaching here from a laboratory in Bhopal indicated that the samples tested positive for the deadly strain of H5N1 virus which spreads from bird to bird.

Sources said that the veterinary teams have culled over 400 ducks within the centre by Sunday evening. Similarly, huge quantities of chicken and eggs from nearby vending zones have also been destroyed during the day.

The mass culling drive will continue for some more days, district officials said.

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