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Title:	Himachal Pradesh- Bird flu confirmed in two dead crows of Kullu district			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Kullu , SSU- Himachal Pradesh			

After the Pong reservoir of Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh, now bird flu has knocked in Kullu district as the symptoms of bird flu have been found in two crows found dead in Kullu.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of High Security Animal Disease in Bhopal has confirmed the presence of bird flu in crows. Doctors of the state's Animal Husbandry Department have received the report from Bhopal.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of High Security Animal Disease report of April 3 says that samples of two crows collected from sub divisional hospital Kullu have been tested positive for H5N8 Avian Influenza virus by real time RT-PCR. It further said that swab samples of 2 wild birds, cloacal swab and tracheal swab of 12 poultry birds each, Env of 2 birds and dropping of 4 birds collected from Wildlife Range Nagrota Surian in Kangra district are under process.

Deputy Director in the Animal Husbandry Department at Kullu, Dr Sanjeev Nadda, in a communication to all the veterinary officers of Kullu district on Saturday has stated that unusual mortality has been reported in crows in Kullu district

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particularly in Kullu and Manali sub divisions during preceding and current week after which samples were sent to Northern Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (NRDDL) Jalandhar for confirmation of Avian Influenza. He has asked the officials to remain vigilant and in preparatory mode to meet any eventuality.

Samples of two dead crows were taken on March 27 and from Jalandhar samples were sent to Bhopal. On Saturday bird flu was confirmed in them. In the district samples of local poultry are being investigated. Animal Husbandry Department is also awaiting the report of 5 more samples sent to Bhopal laboratory.

However, after the confirmation of bird flu among the dead crows, the Animal Husbandry Department has also instructed departmental doctors to take samples and make people aware in Manali, Kullu, Raison, Gadsa, Bhuntar and Patlukahal.

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