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Bird flu not confirmed at Instructional Poultry Farm of the university

Pantnagar. 20 August 2025. In view of the possibility of bird flu spreading in the surrounding areas of Udham Singh Nagar district, on August 18, 2025, samples of dead birds were sent to IVRI, Izzatnagar, Bareilly (Uttar Pradesh), which is the reference laboratory for this disease, for testing the avian influenza virus in birds at Instructional poultry farm of the university the report of which was received on August 20, 2025, in which avian influenza virus (bird flu) has not been found. It is to be noted that taking precautions in accordance with the possibility of the above disease, the instructional poultry farm has banned the sale of poultry and poultry products in public interest for the last 1 week and the entry of visitors coming to the farm for a tour has also been completely stopped in the farm. For the past 1 week, the farm is being sanitized daily to protect the farm from bird flu infection. Along with this, lime and potassium permanganate are also being used daily at the main gate and necessary places in the farm, so that any possible disease among the birds can be prevented from spreading in the farm. For the past 1 week, the mortality rate of birds was increasing on the farm, in view of which, as per the standards, deep pits were dug daily on the farm itself and the dead birds were being buried by adding lime etc. The deaths of chickens on the farm may possibly be due to some other disease of the chickens or due to changes in the environment, which is still under investigation. In relation to the Instructional Poultry farm, in the past few days, misleading news is being published in some newspapers and media that bird flu has been confirmed on the farm, which is baseless, which the university completely refutes.