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Title:	8 pelicans dead in two weeks in Mysuru, Mandya district of Karnataka			
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Eight pelicans have died in Kukkarahalli Lake (Mysuru) and Kokkare Bellur (Mandya) in the last two weeks. Early on Tuesday, two spot-billed pelicans in the care of the forest department died at Kokkare Bellur, while another is ill. Officials said it is unlikely to recover.

Forest officers have not been able to establish the cause of death for seven of the birds. They denied an outbreak of avian influenza. The first pelican died at Kokkare Bellur on December 4, and experts from Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals (IAHVB), Bengaluru, said the death was due to gastroenteritis.

As IAHVB officials could not establish the cause of death for the other seven birds, forest officers have asked National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal, for help. Karnataka forest officials are awaiting test results from NIHSAD to take up precautionary measures at all three pelican havens — Kukkarahalli Lake in Mysuru and Kokkare Bellur and Ranganathittu bird sanctuary, both in Mandya.

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Officials said four birds had taken ill — three at Kukkarahalli Lake and one at Kokkare Bellur — and were sent to IAHVB, Bengaluru for medical care, but had died. A healthy pelican has been sent to IAHVB for study.

Deputy conservator of forests (wildlife) V Yedukondalu confirmed to TOI that two pelicans died at Kokkare Bellur, taking the toll at two lakes to eight in the last two weeks, while another one is critically ill. "We are expecting test reports from Bhopal and will soon take up measures to protect the birds," he said.

Experts from IAHVB, Venkatesh and Halagappa, visited Kukkarahalli Lake and Kokkare Bellur recently. The experts are will give suggestions to protect the pelicans, an official said.

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