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Following up with the reports of veterinary experts, wildlife authority in Tripura has suspended the entry of tourist in Sepahijala zoo in West Tripura for a week apprehending the presence of anthrax infection among the animals residing there. According to report, a deer recently died in the zoo on Feb 19 last and the carcass was sent to the laboratory of veterinary College. The autopsy report of the dead animal has been suspected of being contaminated with anthrax virus in the zoo, which prompted the authority to close the zoo down for public entry.

"The necessary sanitization work has been going on to prevent any further spread of the infection," said a zoo official adding that there is no health hazard inside and in the surrounding localities of the zoo due to the spread of infection.

Anthrax is an infectious bacterial disease of animals, caused by the spore-forming bacteria *Bacillus anthracis*. It can affect humans and a wide range of animals

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