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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Seven samples from Delhi zoo test positive for bird flu</b>			
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Seven samples of bird droppings collected from four locations across the Delhi zoo have tested positive for avian influenza, officials said on Tuesday. The samples had been sent for testing to the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD) on February 3.

Earlier, six samples sent to Bhopal on January 19 had all tested negative for bird flu. Zoo officials said all possible precautions were being taken on the premises, with random samples of bird droppings being collected regularly.

"All safety measures and protocols of Central Zoo Authority (CZA), ministry of environment and AHD, Delhi government, related to avian influenza are strictly being adhered to. The field staff and a team of veterinarians is constantly monitoring the situation too," said the zoo in an official statement on Tuesday, adding that birds in captivity and in free range were all behaving normally.

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Zoo officials also said surveillance was continuing, with lime solutions, virkon-S and sodium hypochlorite being sprayed regularly across the zoo premises. The Delhi zoo has remained shut since the lockdown and officials said this will continue, until further notice.

In 2016, the Delhi zoo was shut down for nearly three months after several bird deaths were reported due to bird flu.

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