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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Post bird flu scare in Sultanpur National Park, Gurgaon- Haryana</b>			
Action By CSU, IDSP -NCDC	Information communicated to DSU- Gurgaon, SSU-Haryana			

After a month of shutdown in view of death of birds in Delhi and Karnal due to avian flu, Sultanpur National Park will re-open its gate for visitors from December 1. The samples send to laboratory was tested negative following authorities decided to re-open the park for visitors. Earlier in first week of November forest department had shut down the park, one of the popular destinations of migratory birds in the region, for a week on precautionary ground. Later shut down was extended for a month.

"Situation is normal in the region, so now we have decided to re-open the park from December 1," said conservator of forest (wildlife) Rambir Singh adding that sample collected from birds at park were send to laboratory and test results are negative. He said condition of birds was normal and park was closed only on precautionary ground. Now with change in weather condition large numbers of migratory birds have started flocking to the park. They are expecting bigger turnout of migratory birds this season. In the recent years, Sultanpur was closed due to avian flu in January 2015 following death of 47 birds, mostly Eurasian coots due to avian flu.

Sultanpur Bird sanctuary, located around 40 km from Dhaula Kuan in Delhi and 15 km from Gurgaon, is popular weekend destination for Delhi-NCR. Winter is best

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time to visit the sanctuary as large number of migratory birds comes here. After five months park was re-opened for visitors from October 1 and shut down on November 4 due to bird flu. The migratory birds which usually visit the place can be classified under three categories: Waders (shallow water dependent birds), Ducks and Warblers. Birds from Europe, Russia, China and Gulf countries are being spotted in the park during the winter season every year. A team of veterinary doctors are stationed at park to keep eye on these birds.

Birds like black-winged stilt, pond heron, pied kingfisher, purple heron, shoveler, white-breasted waterhen, white-throated kingfisher, munia, rosy starling, drongo, ring-necked dove, blue-capped rock thrush, canary-flycatcher, prinia, among others can be spotted at the park at present. Every year, the park receives more than 250 species of winter migratory and resident birds. While there are some species of resident birds, many others come from distant regions. Some migratory birds also use Sultanpur as a stopover point before heading further south.

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