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First phase of poultry culling ends



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Assam has completed the first phase of poultry culling operation in the bird flu-affected areas of Kamrup, Nalbari, Barpeta and Dibrugarh districts. Process iun progress for culling of around one lakh more poultry in these areas during mopping operations.

Culling operation in Sarpara, Patgaon and Raja Bazar areas of Kamrup district has been completed and no fresh report of spread of the disease has been received from anywhere in the State.

Assam Chief Minister has reviewed the situation at a high level meeting in Dispur on Wednesday asked the concerned officials to initiate massive

awareness drives against the dreaded disease. Gogoi, further, appealed to the people to cooperate with the administration to control the bird flu.

Meanwhile, the spread of deadly H5N1 avian influenza hit the sale of poultry. Precautionary measures are being taken to stop the spread of the virus. The poultry farms in the state are forced to shut down, rendering many unemployment in the sector. The farmers who used to do good business now lament losses.

Veterinary officials have slaughtered over 300,000 chicken and ducks since late November, after the virus was detected in poultry last month in a village close to Guwahati.



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