

Poultry culling in progress as bird flu dispersing



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Authorities in Assam have beefed up poultry culling in several parts of the state as the killer bird flu is further dispersing in the state. A high level central government delegation is in the state to asses the over all situation.

Altogether nine districts have so far sounded alert in view of the outbreak of the disease and sale and purchase of poultry and poultry products have been strictly prohibited to avert a major disaster in case the virus inflicts to human body.

Several persons have so far been arrested in the city during the last two days for continuing the deal in poultry despite the ban clamped by the

government. Police on Thursday night arrested three persons and seized 470 poultry from a vehicle from Barpeta to Shillong via Guwahati. Two more poultry dealers have also been picked up by police on Friday morning from the city's Beltola area.

Meanwhile, animal husbandry and veterinary department officials with the help of district administrations are continuing culling operation. Rapid action force units deployed in the culling operation are in work in several city areas including Hengerabari, Bormotiria, Sarumatoria, Davbandha, Hatoigaon, Basistha, Aamrigug, Moidamgaon, Khanapara.

Notably, all it began after the outbreak of this killer disease in poultry was confirmed in some areas of rural Kamrup district. It was spreading to Nalbari, Barpeta and then to Bongaigaon as culling operation was in progress in the Kamrup district. Of late, it is spreading to Dibrugarh district where the culling operation started on Friday.



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