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WHO has declared the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) as a pandemic on 11th March, 2020 affecting 151 countries/ territories/areas. In this context, Government of West Bengal has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. As on today total 81093 travelers / persons have been screened at Kolkata & Bagdogra Airport and 563808 persons have been screened at seven Land Border Check Points along Nepal and Bangladesh. Also 5341 crew members of ships have been screened in three Ports. Till date 27107 travelers from COVID-19 affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance. For 1818 of them the surveillance period has been over. 217 are admitted in isolation facility. Rest 25072 is under home surveillance. Till date samples were collected from 244 suspects for test of COVID-19 and the results of 233 persons were negative. Samples from nine persons have come as positive till now. Lab results of 2 suspects are awaited. The health condition of all persons under surveillance is stable including the patients admitted in Isolation. A 24X7 control room is operating in the State Head Quarter. Isolation facilities with total 1089 beds have been arranged in different Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, Sub-divisional Hospitals and Multi-specialty Hospitals across the State (86 hospitals).

In the background of the present COVID-19 outbreak, the general public is advised to adhere to health advisories issued by the State Government. All the guidelines for health and hygiene are posted on www.wbhealth.gov.in. People at large should follow the cough etiquette by covering the nose and mouth using handkerchief/towel while sneezing/coughing and do frequent hand-washing with soap and water. Those who have arrived from the COVID-19 affected countries should remain under home quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival in India, even if they do not have any symptoms. They should contact the Help Line no. given below in case they develop fever with cough/difficulty of breathing during this period or further 2 weeks.

Status of State Surveillance of COVID-19 at a glance

Sl. No.	Category	New added on 25.03.2020	Cumulative till 25.03.2020
1.	Persons enlisted for observation	4067	27107
2.	Persons kept under home surveillance	3969	22921**
3.	Persons kept under hospital isolation	97	313 (presently in hospital isolation-217)
4.	No. of suspects from whom samples collected for test of COVID-19	54	244
5.	No. of persons whose reports received	66	242
6.	No. of persons tested positive	0	9
7.	No. of persons expired	0	1

^{**} One thousand eight hundred and eighteen (1818) persons have completed the surveillance period. Hence 25072 persons are under home surveillance as on date.

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