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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 80063 travelers / persons have been screened at Kolkata & Bagdogra Airport and 516979 persons have been screened at seven Land Border Check Points along Nepal and Bangladesh. Also 4964 crew members of ships have been screened in three Ports. Till date **21401** travelers from COVID-19 affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance. For **616** of them the surveillance period has been over. **40** are admitted in isolation facility on date. Rest **20745** are under home surveillance. Till date samples were collected from **114** suspects for test of COVID-19 and the results of **104** persons were negative. Samples from **three** persons have come as positive till now. Lab results of **7** suspects are awaited. The health condition of all persons under surveillance is stable including both the patients admitted in Isolation. A 24X7 control room is operating in the State Head Quarter. Isolation facilities with total 428 beds have been arranged in different Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, Sub-divisional Hospitals and Multi-specialty Hospitals across the State.

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 21.03.2020	Cumulative till 21.03.2020
1.	Passengers enlisted for observation	1211	21401
2.	Passengers kept under home surveillance	1190	21361**
3.	Passengers kept under hospital isolation	19	141 (presently in hospital isolation- 40)
4.	No. of suspects from whom samples collected for test of COVID-19	9	114
5.	No. of person whose reports received	20	107
6.	No. of person tested positive	1 [#]	3

** Six hundred & sixteen (616) persons have completed the surveillance period. Hence 20745 persons are under home surveillance as on date.

One female, aged 23 years who had returned from Scotland on 19th March, 2020 was tested positive. She is kept in isolation.

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