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WHO has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) epidemic affecting 23 countries as International Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In this context, Government of West Bengal has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the disease. As on today total 12372 travelers / persons have been screened at Kolkata & Bagdogra Airport. Till date **45** travelers from corona affected countries have been identified and placed under surveillance, **all** of whom are under home surveillance. **None** is admitted in isolation facilities on date. Till date **9** Samples have been sent to National Institute of Virology (NIV) Pune and ICMR-NICED, Kolkata for testing. **All** the results have come as negative. The health condition of all persons under surveillance is stable. A 24x7 control room has been set up in the State Head Quarter. Two hospitals with isolation facilities have been set up in the State at ID Hospital, Kolkata and North Bengal MCH , Siliguri.

In the background of the present nCorona Virus 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 corona affected countries should remain under home isolation for 28 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 or difficulty of breathing during this period.

Status of State Surveillance 2019-nCoV at a glance

Sl. No.	Category	New added on the date	Total as on date
1.	Passengers enlisted for observation	4	45
2.	Passengers kept under home surveillance	7	45
3.	Passengers kept under hospital isolation	0	0
4.	No. of samples collected for test of 2019-nCoV	0	9
5.	No. of reports received	1	9
6.	No. of samples tested positive	0	0

NB: Persons released from hospital isolation have been put on home observation and counted accordingly.

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