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# IIMC students back on campus, attend e-classes from hostel rooms

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Kolkata: As many as 733 students have been allowed on campus by the Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIM-C) for online classes making it one of the first educational institutes in the state to let pupils report in person since the pandemic began. About 696 of the total student strength of 1,100-plus across four programs of MBA, MBAEX, VLMP and doctoral courses have already returned and are attending virtual classes from their hostel rooms. With the upcoming final placements which are going virtual this year, the numbers are likely to rise even further.

Physical classes, though, shall resume only after the state government permits.

None of the educational institutes in Kolkata has allowed students back on campus or hostels since closing down in March.

“The students were given an option to move into the campus if they found it difficult to pursue the courses from their home towns. Some are from the rural towns where there is limited internet connectivity and are facing academic challenges due to multiple members in the families with whom they have to share the resources. These are the students who have been given priority permission to attend the virtual classes from campus,” said a faculty member.

She added that those who are involved in the final placement process, other related group work and volunteers are also back on the campus, to speed up the process.

The institute has put in place strict testing and quarantine policy where the students who are being brought back are undergoing Covid test on the fifth day after arrival. “There have been positive cases reported as well. But, we have put these students in a quarantine facility. IIMC has also tied up with prominent hospitals to ease the process of settling down the returning students and build confidence.

Among the students who have been given permission to return to campus are 629 from MBA, 62 from MBAEX, which is the strength of the program, 36 students of the VLMP and 6 research scholars.

When asked about the facilities being offered by the institute to the students on campus, Anju Seth, director of IIM Calcutta, said, "Apart from holding online classes, we have created online virtual places, where students regularly hold events, social meets and recreational activities."