

IIT sees curbs, IIM hostels C-zones

Kharagpur, Joka Campuses Report 35 Covid Cases Each

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Kolkata/Kharagpur: Thirty-five people at Indian Institute of Management-Calcutta and 35 at Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur have tested positive for Covid, prompting stringent curbs on the premises.

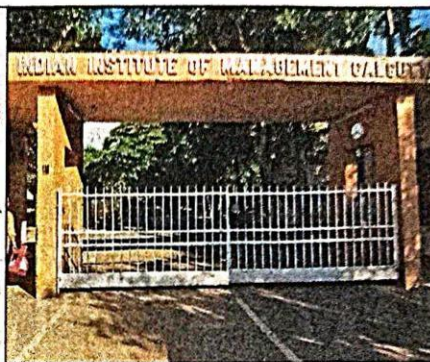
Following the Covid detection, IIM-C prohibited students, teachers and non-teaching staff from leaving the Joka campus unless there is a medical emergency. The students, most of them with mild symptoms, have been accommodated in a guesthouse that has been converted into a quarantine centre. All offline activities, including classes, have been suspended. The state government on Monday declared three hostels—Ramanujan, Lake View and New hostel—and Tata Hall, where the infected students are quarantined, as containment zones.

“Of the 1,100-odd students, who are currently on the IIM-C campus across various programmes, 35 have tested positive for Covid. They have been isolated and put under treatment. We have imposed stringent restrictions on their movements, particularly outside the campus to prevent the virus from spreading. Our campus is self-sufficient. Only in case of

STUDENTS IN ISOLATION

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- Tata Hall, being used as an isolation hostel, Ramanujan Hostel, Lake View Hostel and Lake view Hostel have been put under micro-containment zone



IIT KHARAGPUR

- Thirty-five students and staff members test Covid positive
- The affected are housed in Asutosh Mukherjee Hall, boys on the ground floor and girls on the first



medical or some other emergency can someone be allowed to step out but it requires to be approved by the Covid committee,” said Prof Manish Thakur, dean (new initiatives & external relations), IIM-C.

Though the business school had resumed offline activities, including classes, from November 15 following a go-ahead by the human resources development ministry, it has suspended all offline classes and gatherings and shifted to online mode after cases surged. “From Monday, even the staff strength in hostels and elsewhere have been reduced to

half. They will work on alternate days,” said Thakur.

At IIT-Kharagpur, students who have tested positive for Covid have been isolated in Asutosh Mukherjee Hall, with the male members being housed on the ground floor and the girls on the first floor. Mingling of students on the campus has been restricted. “All the affected students and staff members have been kept in isolation. They are under treatment,” said Tamal Nath, registrar of IIT Kharagpur. Close to 2,000 students had returned to the Kharagpur campus in the last week of December.