IIT, IIM reopen after Cov break

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Kharagpur/Kolkata: IIT Kharagpur reopened on Monday after the institure remained shut for a week owing to the high rise in Covid cases on the campus. IIM Calcutta, too, opened its library on Monday after declaring the campus Covid-free but will continue with restrictions, including curbs on stepping out of the campus.

IIT last Monday had declared a shutdown of offices and labs after Covid count shot up to 200. Even online classes were suspended. Following the restrictions, the case count reduced to 22 that prompted the authorities to resume regular activities on the campus. "The restrictions helped us bring down the cases to 10% of what it was a week ago," said IIT Kgp registrar Tamal Nath.

IIM-Calcutta, that saw cases spike to 100 14 days ago, has had no infection on the campus since Saturday. The B-school has decided to continue online now. "A quarter of our students are in their hometown. So, having offline or hybrid classes won't be possible. Those on the campus will have access to public facilities but curbs will be there as a precaution," said IIM C Covid taskforce chairman and dean (new initiatives & external relations) Manish Thakur.