

DBT-NIBMG helps beef up COVID-19 Diagnostics facilities in W. Bengal



New Delhi, July 20: The Department of Biotechnology's Kolkata-based National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (DBT-NIBMG) has extended its support to the Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research (IPGMER) and its associated Seth Sukhlal Karnani Memorial (SSKM) Hospital in the city to beef up COVID-19 diagnostics facilities in the state. SSKM Hospital is the only multi-super speciality hospital in West Bengal.

DBT-NIBMG deputed a team of volunteers in the SDDL and VRDL laboratories of IPGMER where they were involved in hands-on viral RNA isolation and real-time PCR. They worked at COVID-19 testing labs at IPGMER for a few weeks for continuous periods of 5-6 hours every day wearing PPE kits. They assisted in performing COVID tests and also trained the in-house staff at the hospital. To date, they have processed more than 2,500 patient samples. In addition to the IPGMER and SSKM Hospital, volunteers from DBT-NIBMG are visiting other district hospitals in West Bengal to help set up COVID-19 testing labs.

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