



## Press Release

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### Suspected COVID-19 patient in West Bengal found negative

A male patient aged 32 years of District Murshidabad, West Bengal having travel history (arrived from **Saudi Arabia** on 07.03.2020 with **overnight travel since 06.03.2020**) was admitted to Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital on 08.03.2020 with complaint of cough, breathlessness **but no fever**.

During his journey, since 06.03.2020, the patient was sick with mild cough, running nose and not feeling well. He was a known diabetic (type1) for last two years. On admission, the patient's **Glasgow Coma Scale was very poor**. He had high **blood sugar level** and was **diagnosed as** case of **Diabetic keto acidosis and Respiratory tract infection**. Samples (throat and nasopharyngeal swabs, whole blood, serum) were collected on 08.03.2020 afternoon and NICED staff was informed by mail around 3.00 pm for testing the samples. Samples were tested at ICMR-NICED on 09/03/2020. The patient expired on the same day at 5.00pm, as informed by the nodal person at the PH & CD Branch of West Bengal. The samples were received at NICED-VRDL on 09.03.2020 at 03:00 am early morning and immediately processing of the samples was started by standard methods (by **Real time PCR**). The result came **negative for SARS-CoV2 test (causative agent for COVID -19) and also for influenza panel test**. The result was informed to the concerned state health officials.

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