Kolkata: City schools have started a sensitizing programme to make students aware of the Covid-19 virus, which has affected 31 people in the country. Limited to being discussed at the morning assembly sessions earlier, some are now distributing pamphlets and putting up posters to alert the students, staff and teachers.

“An awareness programme is being carried out during the assembly session in the school. Teachers are interacting with the students, asking them to take adequate precautions. The school is even providing them with sanitizers. We have also asked them to raise awareness even among their family members by sharing the advisories,” said the principal of Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Meena Kak.

In The Newtown School, posters are being put up across the campus. “We have prepared posters on how to keep oneself safe. Also, the teachers and other staff are being advised to ensure they are aware of the virus and precautions,” said director of The Newtown School, Sunil Agarwal.

The BSS School on Friday held a special assembly session to stop any kind of panic among students. “We had requested everyone not to panic and maintain high hygiene level,” said principal Sunita Sen.

Scottish Church College, however, decided to stop using biometric attendance to maintain hygiene. The biometric attendance is compulsory for teachers and staff. The college has also requested foreign students to refrain from leaving the city or fly abroad at the moment.

Rabindra Bharati University on Friday issued a circular advising students, faculty and staff about spreading of the virus. “We can’t prohibit anyone from leaving. We can only alert the students and faculty members,” said RBU VC Sabyasachi Basu Roy Choudhuri.