## Meeting of State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Society at Raj Bhavan

A meeting of Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Society was held at Raj Bhavan here today under the chairmanship of Governor Bandaru Dattatraya. The Governor is also the Chairman of the State Red Cross. In the meeting the role of Red Cross for the prevention of coronavirus was discussed.

The Governor said that the state government has taken several important decisions to deal with the coronavirus, in which banning the entry of tourists in the state was a major step. He said that this virus can be controlled and prevented only by social distancing. He said that Red Cross is a big and leading organization and urged all the members of Red Cross to follow the guidelines of the government and also aware the people.

Bandaru Dattatraya appealed to the State Red Cross to prepare a data of the volunteers and asked the members to stay in touch with the Deputy Commissioners and Sub Divisional Officers. He urged to seriously take the appeal of the Prime Minister's 'Janata curfew' on 22 March and abide by it.

On this occasion, Dr. Sadhna Thakur, Chairperson of State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Society said that Red Cross has been constituted to deal with health related aspects. Therefore, in order to deal with the outbreak of the Corona epidemic, there is a need to make efforts to ensure the volunteers of Red Cross can run their activities. She said that the government has taken several steps for prevention and control of the virus and is spreading awareness in this regard.

She urged that all the volunteers associated with the organization to help the people, especially in hospitals. She said that there is not even a single case of coronavirus in Himachal Pradesh so far but efforts should be made that the same situation continues.

Dr. Janak Raj, Medical Superintendent of Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, informed about the measures being taken to prevent coronavirus.

Earlier, Rakesh Kanwar, Secretary to the Governor and General Secretary of the State Red Cross welcomed the Governor, Chairman State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Society and others guests.

Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Society Vice Chairman Feroza Vijay Singh, Honorary Secretary Poonam Chauhan, Secretary State Red Cross P.S. Rana and other members of the society were also present on the occasion.