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Hon'ble Governor Shri Satya Pal Malik had a consultative meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K. Sangma and Hon'ble Health Minister, Shri A. L. Hek to take stock of the situation in the state relating to COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Amar Warr, DHS MI and Shri Ram Kumar, IAS, Mission Director NHM who made brief presentations in the meeting. Hon'ble Chief Minister apprised Hon'ble Governor about the present COVID-19 situation in the state, the preparedness in terms of number of COVID-19 beds, ICU beds and oxygen facilities. He also elaborated on the strategies of the state government and Health Department in controlling the pandemic situation.



It was informed in the meeting about the current 1456 active cases, high positivity rate as compared to earlier three months, new rules for quarantine and home monitoring. It was shared in the meeting that about 1200 out of the current cases of 1456 are below 45 years of age and vaccination is the only way to control the situation. There are sufficient doses of vaccines in the state and around 65 earmarked ICU beds and 700 beds with oxygen to cater to emergency situations.

Hon'ble Chief Minister also informed that the state government never let its guard down earlier this year and even in the current situation testing and vaccination has been ramped up.

Hon'ble Governor expressed his satisfaction with the current levels of preparedness and planning and he requested for consultative strategies to encourage more vaccination and to create awareness about it. He also suggested that for asymptomatic and mild cases home isolation and treatment could be provided to ease the pressure on hospitals. They could be provided home kits for monitoring and doctors could visit them at home. The suggestion was instantly welcomed by all in the meeting.