PUNJAB RAJ BHAWAN, CHANDIGARH

**BADNORE INAUGURATES BLOOD DONATION CAMPS AT PUNJAB RAJ BHAWAN AND BRIDGE MARKET SECTOR 17 CHANDIGARH**

Chandigarh June 14: On the occasion World Blood Donor Day, the Governor of Punjab, Mr. V.P. Singh Badnore inaugurated blood donation camp in a fully equipped mobile bus designed with the help of the department of Transfusion Medicine, PGI Chandigarh today at Punjab Raj Bhawan.

         While inaugurating the blood donation camp within the bus stationed at Punjab Raj Bhawan, Mr. Badnore called upon the citizens to come forward and voluntarily donate blood, saying “*every few seconds someone somewhere needs blood and by donating blood we can save a human life”.*

       World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on June 14 to generate awareness about the need for regular blood donation to ensure the quality, safety and availability of blood for patients in need.

       Later, the governor inaugurated another blood donation camp at the bridge market Sector 17 Chandigarh. Addressing the people, he said that as per the statistics, the annual blood collection in our country is around 11 million units, of which, around 70% are obtained from voluntary source. It is a matter of pride that Chandigarh has been adjudged as the best performing state in the country with more than ninety per cent 90% of its blood collection from voluntary donors.

       Refuting the misconceptions spread in donating blood, the Governor said that People do not feel sick by donating blood rather the donated blood is automatically regenerated by our body itself. This is the only donation which directly gives life to another human being, he added.

       As many as 462 units of blood were collected in the blood donation camps which were organised with the help of PGI held in Punjab Raj Bhawan and sector 17 Bridge Market.

       Prominent amongst others who were present on the occasion included Mr. Davesh Moudgil, Mayor, Chandigarh, Dr R.C. Sobti, Vice Chancellor, Babashaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow, Dr. A.S. Cheema, CMO, Punjab Raj Bhavan, Dr. R.R. Sharma, Professor Department of Transfusion Medicine, Dr. Suchet Sachdev, Assistant Professor and Dr. Anita Dept of Transfusion Medicine.