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## PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor cycled along with over 100 NSS & NCC students to Puducherry Airport to review the preparedness from security, traffic, approach roads and cleanliness aspects, as part of the 95<sup>th</sup> weekend round Swachh Puducherry bicycle rally.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised that the cameras be installed at the vehicle entry point to record the vehicle, registration number, apart from other vantage points in the airport premises, as mandated under security guidelines for Airports. Tokens with vehicle number to be given at the entry point of vehicle to airport and collected back at the exit, to prevent vehicle theft. The cameras installed, to be monitored by the control room and back up to be maintained, as required under the security protocol for airports.

Signages to be provided at appropriate places indicating Bus/Car/Two Wheeler/Three Wheeler parking, alighting bay/parking bay, area earmarked for public transport vehicle parking at the passenger's exit.

Tourism Department to set up a facilitation counter at the airport exit prominently to facilitate prepaid taxi/auto transport and also to provide information on places of tourist importance, accommodation facilities etc. A pamphlet to be prepared comprising information on importance tourist attractions, hotels, Autorickshaw fares, important contact numbers etc., for distribution to Tourists. Tourism and Transport Departments were instructed to ensure these arrangements are in place well before start of flight operation.

Public Works Department was advised to spruce up the approach roads to airport and carry out desilting of side drains. PWD, and Traffic Police to have a joint meeting with traders of the approach roads to airport, to identify parking areas for consumers visiting these shops, so as to prevent haphazard parking on these roads. This would ensure free flow of traffic on the roads leading to airport.

Signages on the approach roads indicating directions to important places and tourist attractions, to be provided by PWD and Traffic Police. Road marking for the margins and median to be made on all approach roads, for ensuring traffic and parking discipline.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor also observed that the airport precincts entrance and the side ways of airport need to be landscaped to create a pristine ambience. It has been decided to dedicate next weekend for Shram Daan along with NSS and NCC students to help Forest and PWD officials and expedite plantation

Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised the authorities concerned to take up the works/issues identified and complete the same on war footing basis by 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, to be ready well before the operationalization of flights from 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 to ensure that they experience Puducherry is one of the clean and safe.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Smt. Thahji, Airport Manager, Thiru Ragunathan, Chief Engineer, PWD, Thiru Munusamy, Director of Tourism, Thiru Balakrishnan, Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Thiru G. Srinivas, Additional Secretary to Lt. Governor and other officers along with Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS Probationer, who has been assigned to coordinate the task.