



GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

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PRESS RELEASE

Reading the news article in "The Hindu", Tamil Edition of 21st July 2017 about the impending threat of Chunnambar back waters getting polluted by accumulation of solid waste and sewerage water draining into the backwaters, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi decided to visit the site at Nonankuppam village. Accordingly, the 93rd Weekend Morning Round was dedicated for visit to Nonankuppam chunnambar site.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor joined by Students of Amalorpavam Hr. Sec School, NGOs and Volunteers cycled from Raj Nivas to Nonankuppam Chunnambar. This was the Seventh Swachh Cycle Rally. Apart from Swachh awareness, the students of Amalorpavam Hr. Sec School used this rally to promote awareness on wearing helmets where every student wore a helmet.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was received at the site by Shri Mihir Vardhan, Secretary (Public Works), Shri Ragunathan, Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Shri Tamarai Pugazehndi, Executive Engineer-Irrigation, Shri Kaliyamoorthi, Commissioner, Ariyankuppam Commune Panchayat and other officers.

Inspecting the site with the Officers, it was proposed to erect a filter in the drain channel that was discharging the sewerage water so as to prevent solid waste from getting discharged into the chunambaar backwaters. It was also proposed that fence be erected on the path leading to bed dam so as to prevent dropping of plastic bottles and other wastes from the bd dam platform into the backwaters.

The local people were appraised of the solutions found onsite. The local people made request for collection of waste on a daily basis instead of on alternate days. The swachhatha Corporation representative, who was present there assured to do so. They also raised the problem of shortage of space of existing burial ground. The Commissioner, Ariyankuppam Commune Panchayat would address the issue by identifying suitable site.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thanked the Media for reporting the problem that provided the opportunity for the Government to be at the door step to find cost effective solutions. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also thanked the Students for having participated in the swachh awareness rally. It provided them with an opportunity to learn of collective team work and the joy that was derived from collective work. Hon'ble Lt. Governor exhorted the students to be swachh leaders and torch bearers of the campaign taking it to their home, street and school.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, was accompanied by Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS Probationer. Team Raj Nivas comprising of Shri R. Sridharan, PCS, Private Secretary to Lt. Governor, Ms. Amrita Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor, Mr. Kumaran, Public Relations Officer and Shri Karthikeyan, Addl. ADC accompanied Hon'ble Lt. Governor.