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Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, today met the field staff of Health Department and the Anganwadi workers of Women & Child Department for a brief interaction to motivate, inspire and encourage them to perform their duties better while conveying diwali wishes

In the course of interaction with the Health Department staff, Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that Staff of Health Department will be the torch bearers of the awareness campaign to control and prevent dengue fever. Each Health staff would undertake visit to minimum of 10 houses and educate the members on the vulnerable spots of water stagnation such as terrace, side drains, debris accumulations etc., and educate them to practice overturning of vessels, coconut shells, tyres etc.

The word to word campaign of health staff to atleast 10 houses a day per officer by the strong strength of nearly 4000 health staff would translate into a one to one campaign covering nearly 40000 houses daily. No other campaign would match the one to one campaign with personal demonstrations. The Health Staff assured their support and the field workers said that inspite of diwali celebration, they would serve the people by carrying out their work of creating dengue prevention awareness.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thereafter visited the Anganwadi Workers of Women and Child Department at Andhra Maha Sabha. Hon'ble Lt. Governor conveyed her appreciation for the works rendered by them with utmost devotion and sincerity. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that they were transformers of the society and were the best friends of the mother and relatives of the child whom they attend. With a dedicated task force like them, it was feasible to take the Government schemes to every home and bring in revolutionary transformation in the society.

On the request of Hon'ble Lt. Governor to carry out the door to door awareness campaign for dengue control and prevention, the Anganwadi workers willingly came forward and assured that they will certainly make door to door visit of all the housed under their jurisdiction. Hon'ble Lt. Governor thanked them for their zealous support and said that a Dengue Free Pongal will be celebrated at RAJ NIVAS with the Anganwadi workers.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor while conveying her Diwali Greeting to all said that the need of the hour was for all Public Servants to take part in the fight against dengue by creating awareness in their neighbourhood by visiting atleast 10 houses of friends and relatives. <u>Hon'ble Lt. Governor and the entire team at RAJ NIVAS will lead by example by visiting 10 houses in the neighbourhood which would be the Diwali Gift to the People of Puducherry.</u>