



GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT

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**PRESS RELEASE**

*Worshipping for Water by visiting temples included in 6 AM [#RajnivasTeam](#) visits.  
Temples are the richest heritage of Puducherry. Need attention.*

....Tweet of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi.

Commencing from today, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi has dedicated the visits to Temples of the U.T. of Puducherry for revival of the Temple Ponds, propagate the rich heritage of the temples through public participation.

The 69<sup>th</sup> Morning round on today the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 was made to the Sri Kogilambikai Samedha Sri Thirukameeswarar Temple at Villianur where she was accorded ritual welcome. After the ritualistic prayers to the holy deities in the temple, Hon'ble Lt. Governor stated that purpose of the visit was also to revive the temple ponds and learn the rich cultural heritage of our ancient temples and promote it in the social media handle to attract temple tourism. Temples are the treasure trove of our ancient cultural heritage. The pillars / stone carvings of the temples were our historic literature and it was our duty to conserve and protect the precious heritage and also document this heritage history. Hon'ble Lt. Governor exhorted upon the Temple Trustees, the priests and the public to work in convergence for better administration of the temples. It was through the collective endeavour that blessings of the almighty would be received for better water harvest and increased pilgrimage tourist visits to these holy shrines for the larger good of [#Prosperous Puducherry](#).

Before visiting the Temple, Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited Sankaraparani River based on media report and Open House petition on the indiscriminate growth of water hyacinth on the river bed. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was briefed by the Public Works Department Engineers of the estimates prepared for silting the river from Andiarypalam stretch down line. The PWD Engineers presented a map on the lakes and tanks spread across 81 Villages in the Puducherry Region. Hon'ble Lt. Governor appreciating the work done in drawing out a map depicting the location of all tanks and lakes directed the Engineers to prepare a comprehensive proposal for water harvesting in the water bodies situated in these 81 villages and submit it to the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works for approval and implementation.

During the visit of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Shri Tillaivel, HRI Commissioner, Shri Tamarai Pugazhendi, EE, PWD, Shri Segar, AE, Shri Shri D. Arumugam, Commissioner, Villianur Commune Panchayat and other officers were present. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Team Raj Nivas viz., R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to LG, Dr. Amirta Bahl, OSD, Mr. Karthikeyana, Additional ADC and Ms. Asha Gupta, Comptroller of House Hold.