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**PRESS RELEASE**

Team Raj Nivas along with the support of Elected Government, People's Representatives, Officers of the Departments of Government of Puducherry, NGOs, Civil Society Organisations, Resident Welfare Associations, Market Associations and the general public has completed 75 Morning weekend rounds successfully.

The rounds commenced with the first visit made to the Grand Canal on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 culminating in the 75<sup>th</sup> round visit to Kirumambakkam and Kuruvinatham Village Tanks on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The 75 rounds comprised of wide ranging visits that covered the length and width of U.T. of Puducherry including the outlying regions of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam. The places of visits were made based on requests received from Public in the Open House, through e-mails, through written petitions and media reports. Elected Representatives were invited to participate in the weekend visits and many of them contributed for the success of the visit. The visits were made primarily to promote Swachh Puducherry, revive Water Bodies and meet other long standing people's grievances covering civic amenities.

Each visit however gave a distinct experience and threw open new areas of challenges that needed the attention of the Government. Feet on ground, Public Servants rose up to challenges and it is, but a matter of fact, that we could achieve / witness turnarounds and ground breaking changes. Revival of Velrampet lake, Kanakan eri, Thulkanathamman Temple ground, Improving Boat House Jetty and Ticketing at Chunnambar, Lawspet Quarters Park spruce up, Police Quarters Spruce up are few examples.

In order to retrace the path traversed during the 75 rounds and share the experience and the positive changes wrought during the visits, a presentation was made in Raj Nivas on today the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (Friday) at 6.00 PM in the presence of all contributors, who chose to attend, officers who took part in the morning rounds, the NGOs and civil society organisations who were part of the morning rounds. The presentation gave a pictorial glimpse of the rounds made and gratitude was expressed to all those who were part of the rounds, including the media, who covered the visits and reported to readers. Also the learnings made from the rounds were shared.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that the way forward was to work together. The Government machinery, the political fraternity and the public when come together can create magic and transform Puducherry to become a model U.T. in the country. With the continued co-operation of all concerned, the weekend rounds will go on.