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PRESS RELEASE

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi in her weekend round visited the drains on Sunday (12-03-2017) to review the progress made since the previous visits.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited the drains at Kurichikuppam, Karuvadikuppam, Zero point of Karuvadikuppam drain (Lawspet), Gorimedu drain at Kokkupark and Uppanar drain near Newton theatre.

At Zero Point of Karuvadikuppam drain Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that the instructions to construct check dam and paver block of the canal were completed and appreciated the Engineers for timely completion of work.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor instructed the PWD Engineers to put an end to the unhealthy practice of manual cleaning of drains. PWD Engineers, while informing that machines are being deployed in most drains, assured that necessary action would be taken to execute the directions of Hon'ble Lt. Governor in respect of remaining drains too, by procuring suitable machinery or by outsourcing the work.

During inspection, Hon'ble Lt. Governor impressed upon the PWD, Municipal and Swachta Corporation Supervisors to jointly work with the local resident welfare associations through their representatives, to educate the residents on segregation waste at source and to prevent dumping of garbage in the drains.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thereafter inspected the Grand Canal and appreciated the PWD officials concerned for clean maintenance and asked them to keep up the good work. The PWD officials of other drains were exhorted to emulate the Grand Canal model and ensure that drains are desilted and cleaned periodically.

Shri G. Srinivas, Addl. Secretary to Lt. Governor, Shri Praveen Tripathi, ADC to Lt. Governor, Dr. Amrita Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor, Shri Thamarai Pugazhendhi, Executive Engineer, PWD, Shri G. Segar, Asst. Engineer, PWD, Shri K. Kohan Raj, J.E., PWD and Police Officials accompanied Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

After the visit, Hon'ble Lt. Governor flagged off the Puducherry Glaucoma Walk, jointly organised by JIPMER in collaboration with Aravind Eye Hospital on account of the World Glaucoma Day at Bharathi Park. Glaucoma awareness and Save the Sight were the theme of the walk. Doctors, Staff Nurses and Students of JIPMER and Arvind Eye Hospital took part in the programme.