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**PRESS RELEASE**

The second day of the 'Transformation Karaikal' visit of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi was commenced with an early morning visit to the Fishing Harbour for a review of the project constructed under Centrally Sponsored Scheme and financial assistance of NABARD. The Engineers of PWD gave a brief of the completed first phase of the project and the proposed constructions under the second phase of the project.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor suggested for formation of a Co-ordination Committee comprising of Elected Representatives, Fishermen Panchayat representatives, Public Officials under the Chairmanship of the District Collector, Karaikal to review works of maintenance of the fishing harbor, levy of toll for entries into the harbor, management of solid and liquid waste generated at the harbor. Plans also be drawn out for dredging and berthing along with effective maintenance of the Chilling Plant under construction.

As per Schedule, Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited the Water Treatment Plant at Oduthurai under construction with financial assistance from NABARD. The Engineers briefed about the progress of the work and that it would meet the need of people of Karaikal. The Public Works Department were advised to follow up the proposal for issue of Letter of Credit to NABARD for timely release of payment to the contractor.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thereafter attended the meeting of Members of Self Help Group of T.R. Pattinam village. It was said that the village has a strong membership of 1860 SHG members. The Members of SHG shared their success stories. The members said that SHG movement has made them self reliant and imbibed in them self confidence and attitude of entrepreneurship. The Indian Bank Manager said that loans had been disbursed to about 120 SHGs and all were impeccable repayment masters with literally no NPA (Non Performing Asset).

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that she was happy to note that SHG movement was yielding the desired results, providing ample opportunity for the women to establish themselves, providing them the liberty and bringing to fore their individuality. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that the Members of SHG should expand their knowledge base and learn more about the schemes that are rolled out by Government and other agencies so as to best utilize the opportunities. They should also meet frequently and share information about the various schemes and opportunities. The District Administration would provide them with all support for further improving their prospects.

The field visit of the morning was completed with visit to Primary Health Centre at T.R. Pattinam. Thereafter, a wrap up meet was taken with the Key Officers of Karaikal Administration and salient points of Management aspects were discussed for better delivery of public services and for wider and incisive reach out to serve the people better through formation of co-ordination committee, Team field visits, Training plans, mobilizing alternate resources and communicating with the public.