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Another First in Raj Nivas – NGO Confluence

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi who opened the portals of Raj Nivas for the common man to attend open house sessions, has now opened it to connect the Students through Film Series, the Traders through Traders Association Meet, the public servants /academicians through Lecture Series. Continuing with the tradition of transforming Raj Nivas as a place for confluence of Puducherry the NGOs Confluence was held today evening at the lawns of Raj Nivas to connect the NGOs and corporate for building relationship between the haves and receivers so that abundance is shared and Puducherry is filled with abundance

Shri G. Theva Neethi Dhas, Secretary to Lt. Governor welcomed the gathering of NGOs , Bankers, Industrialists, Traders and Rotarians. He highlighted the fact that NGOs play a crucial role in delivery of public services and have a reach beyond that of Government. He cited that in a Young Nation like Bangladesh, NGOs have played more critical role than the Government itself in the field of Health / Education / Microfinance. The amendment of the Companies Act making it obligatory on Corporate Social Responsibility has been a blessing. He also stated that the NITI Aayog too held a meeting recently to strengthen partnership between NGOs and the Government for enhancing service delivery of major Central Schemes. He urged the NGOs and Corporates to utilize the platform to connect with each other.

The participants introduced themselves giving a brief of the activities rendered by them. It was a confluence in real terms where NGOs rendering services in spectrum of services, Industrialists, Bankers, Insurance Companies, Traders introduced themselves and spelt out what they needed and what could be offered.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor in her address thanked each one for having graced the confluence. Recalling that she was an NGO at heart and had started her NGO in the year 1986 to educate children develop skills of young women and reform prisoners, she desired that NGOs should be self reliant. The thought of NGO confluence dawned during visit to Volantariat. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also said that all NGOs that had been visited have been doing excellent work and had words of praise for their selfless services. The confluence was to connect with each other to make

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Puducherry healthier, happier and Prosperous. As a response to the suggestion of one of the participants of the Conclave, Director of Social Welfare agreed to disseminate the details of various Governemnt Schemes/Projects to the poor people through the NGOs by holding montly meetings on the last Saturdays.

 Participants thanked Hon'ble Lt. Governor for giving them the opportunity to collaborate with each other for the betterment of people of Puducherry.