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To observe the Civil Services Day, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi convened a meeting of the Secretaries, Director General of Police, Head of Departments, Senior Supdts of Police, PCS and PPS Officers at Raj Nivas.

At the commencement, copies of the extract of speech of the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh, calling upon the Civil Service Officers to always follow the rules while taking decisions was circulated amongst all participants. The Hand out of the Brief of the speech of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at the Civil Services Day was also circulated.

Dr. S. Sundaravadivelu, IAS Secretary Personnel delivered the welcome address. Highlighting the significance of the day, he said its a day of introspection of the significance and purpose of the service. He invited Officers to share their thoughts on the solemn occasion. Following the welcome address, a short film clipping of the schemes that had won the Civil Services Award was screened as part of learning the best practices.

Shri B.R. Babu, Secretary (Health) gave a candid speech that was more analytical on the strengths and weakness the U.T. Administration. He spoke of the era before the Anti Defection Law when the U.T. of Puducherry did not have strong political stability and the era thereafter with political stability bringing along with it the positives and also challenges. He spoke of the strengths and weakness of the various echelons of the Administration and also drew attention to the idle infrastructure that have to be made good.

Dr. G. Narendrakumar, Chief Secretary (I/c) said that it was a day for re-dedication and reflection. He said that Civil Service Officer have to design programmes with earnest and intent which should be coupled with effective implementation. He called upon the officers to uphold the highest tradition of civil services and be result oriented. He also said that though the U.T. of Puducherry has not bagged Civil Service Award this year, we shall strive for award next year.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi in her address to the Officers said that "This Day can be a turn around". She said she was disappointed that U.T. of Puducherry had not bagged an award in the Civil Services Day as the U.T. had the capability to walk away with many of the awards. She exhorted upon the Officers to remain professionals and be good administrators who find solutions to problems. As Civil Servants one must do his duties dispassionately and do what is right.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor recalled the key points from the speech delivered by Hon'ble Prime Minister. Speaking on the point of "Re-dedication", she exhorted the officers to realise their strengths, capabilities, challenges and responsibility and be self driven. Highlighting the point of "changed conditions", she called the need to conserve the precious resource of water given the depth to which water level has shrunk.

Touching on the point on "Competitions", she called on the Officers to compete for performance and augment resources. Touching on other key points, she said that improving quality and excellence can be achieved only through practice and self learning. Training was an essential component to hone their ability. As the Prime Minister had called the Officers to take decisions in National Interest, She called upon the officers to take every decision in the interest of Puducherry. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that communication is the key to invigorate their team.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor in her concluding remarks said, she was confident that Puducherry would bag awards in the next Civil Services Day. It was her earnest desire to see the young officers of Puducherry win individual awards at National level. She said that while she was here to support performing officers and always rewarded and recognised the work done by them. During her tenure here she would always be there to support the officers

Hon'ble Lt. Governor concluded her speech with a two minute prayer for Puducherry to Prosper and win awards for National recognition.