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**PRESS RELEASE**

Considering the dire need to create awareness among the people in regard to prevention and control of Dengue virus, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi dedicated the weekend morning round on this Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, for walkathon.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor undertook a 7 Km walkathon joined by more than 500 volunteers comprising of college, school students, members of self help groups, traders associations, NGO, Officers, NSS, volunteers and other sections. The walkathon focused on those creating of awareness about

- (a) Dengue Prevention Measure,
- (b) Celebration of Smokeless and Safe Diwali,
- (c) Clean Puducherry.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor led the walkathon accompanied by Thiru E. Vallavan, Collector, Thiru L. Mohamed Mansoor, Director, LAD, Thiru Ganesan, Commissioner, Pondicherry Municipality, Thiru Thillaivel, Dy. Collector (South), Dr. Devansh Yadan, IAS Probationer, Superintendents of Police along with Team Raj Nivas. The walkathon commenced from Raj Nivas went through Beach Road, Old Distillery, Kurusukuppam, Akkasamy Madam Street, Kattamanikuppam Street, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Ezahi Mariamman Koil, Old Ambika Theatre Road, TV Nagar, Anandha Inn, Athithi Hotel, Mission Street, Rangapillai Street and reached Raj Nivas. The participants carried placards stressing on the importance and need of prevention of Dengue mosquito generation, celebration of smokeless and safe Diwali.

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During the walkathon, Hon'ble Lt. Governor the door-to-door campaign by visiting houses and stressing on the need to maintain clean and neat surrounding, ensuring that no stagnant water was found either in their homes or vicinity/streets. District Collector would take to action to keep clean the vacant plots as planned by issuing notice to the owners. Hon'ble Governor also advised the Collector and Municipal Commissioners to have morning and evening walk or biking around the city and other locations daily as much as possible to find out the civic defaults and rectify them.

Thiru E. Vallavan, Collector while thanking the participants asked them to disseminate the message of prevention of spreading of Dengue virus to others and create a Dengue virus free Territory. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also thanked the participants and called upon them to continue to carry on the awareness campaign in other locations with the same energy spirit.

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