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PRESS RELEASE

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi completed the 5 day visit of Transformation Karaikal on today the 27th Oct 2017. The visit was aimed at connecting the District Administration with grass root rural communities connecting with women, SHGs, visit to Colleges and to review key public service Institutions and review of ongoing select projects.

The first day of the visit was earmarked for interaction with the Officers of all Government Departments of Karaikal. The officials gave their suggestion on matters of concern that deserved the attention of Hon'ble Lt. Governor and also possible solutions. It was a day where the power of collective thinking came to be witnessed. Valuable suggestions were received and also key issues that needed to be attended on priority were zeroed upon during the course of interaction.

On the second day, Hon'ble Lt. Governor reviewed the ongoing projects of Phase II construction of Fishing Harbour and the Water Treatment Plant at Arasalar River Bank. In order to ensure that the works relating to projects progress as per schedule, the District Collector, Karaikal would form a Co-ordination Committee comprising of Public Officials and other stake holders to periodically review and monitor the progress. Similarly for Fishing harbour plans would be drawn out for digitization of toll, dredging and berthing facilities.

In the endeavour to connect with rural women and SHG, Hon'ble Lt. Governor attended the meeting of Members of Self Help Group of T.R. Pattinam village. Noting that SHG movement was yielding desired results and providing ample opportunity for the women to establish themselves, 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.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor had a debriefing session with the District Collector, Karaikal and his core team members. The young team of officers were mentored on the good practices that need to be followed by them for better delivery of services to the citizens. The following were some of the salient points that were decided

- Formation of Co-ordination Committee comprising of Elected Representatives, Public Officials under Chairmanship of District Collector to take on board for review monitor of key issues pertaining to Karaikal region.
- District Collector or his representative to make visit to Head Quarters for follow up of pending proposals at Puducherry.
- Field visits to be made as a Team on scheduled times. It was decided that field visits would be made at 7.30 AM on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Communication strategy would be evolved for robust dissemination of information about Government policies.
- Training plans would be drawn for upskilling staff. Specialised Training would be planned for Commissioners of Commune Panchayat

The visit to GH, Karaikal in the early morning visit of third day brought to fore the deficiencies in its functioning. Noting with concern, the lack of cleanliness, the lack of scientific system of maintenance of Medical Records, Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed the Hospital authorities to immediately clean up the hospital premises. The District Administration Officers were told to identify areas of concern that required to be addressed. Meeting was organized by inviting Director of Health & Family Welfare Services and Director of JIPMER to address the issues of concern.

The third day also saw visit of Hon'ble Lt. Governor to coastal village viz., Keezhakasakudi village for empowering the women of that village by initiating them under NULM programme in co-ordination with NABARD and Nationalised Banks. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also visited PAJANCO College and impressed upon the students to become self learners and be aware of what is the latest happening in the field of Agriculture. On the request of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, NABARD held a training session for the faculty and students on the Agricultural policies of Government of India and would be holding a designed training programme to enable the faculty and students to be updated and upskilled.

The Fourth day witnessed the key decisions taken for addressing the concerns of GH, Karaikal. Co-opting the assistance of JIPMER, key decisions were taken for improving the functioning of GH, Karaikal. To overcome the deficiency in the need for medical staff, Hon'ble Lt. Governor directed that that service placement orders of all Medical Staff of GH, Karaikal shall stand revoked and all will report back to for duty, failing which salaries will not be disbursed. JIPMER assured to depute Specialist Doctors in Cardiology and Neurosurgeon to their outreach centre in Karaikal and also provide furniture and lab instruments.

The fourth day also witnessed Hon'ble Lt. Governor taking a review of functioning of PRTC of Karaikal. The day also witnessed the formation of Self Help Groups of women of coastal fishing village of Keezhakasakudi. Karaikal Municipality with the support of NABARD and Nationalised Bank reached out to the village and conducted an awareness meet attended by a strong strength of nearly 300 women of the fishing village. Self Help Groups and Joint Livelihood Groups were formed for providing alternate source of employment to the women of fishing village. It was a moment of reckoning for the womenfolk who said they now had a sense of feeling of liberty and self reliance.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor dedicated the fifth day of visit to Karaikal for interaction with the future of Karaikal viz., the youth of Karaikal. Before the interaction with Students, Hon'ble Lt. Governor had a final round of discussions with the Director of Health & Family Welfare Services, Mission Director, NRHM and officers of District Administration and Karaikal. The final action points were drawn and circulated.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor concluded the visit to Karaikal by addressing first the students of Avvaiyaar Government College and then students drawn from other colleges. The students were impressed upon to become self reliant, understand the purpose of education, learn to be self learners and maintain their health, which in turn will develop in them self confidence and enable them to pursue their goals.