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PRESS RELEASE

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi in her weekend visit went for trekking at Poothurai Forest on Sunday (19-03-2017) along with students from Schools, College and Eco Clubs.

On the eve of World Forest Day and World Water day celebrated on 21st March, 2017 and 22nd March, 2017 respectively, a trek was organised by the Forest Department at Poothurai forest near Oussudu Lake. Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Kiran Bedi participated in the trek along with students from Christ Engineering College, Thuthipet, Lakshminarayanan Medical College, Dheepa Oli School and members of eco clubs, Naam Pasumai Veethi and Kalam Trust.

The theme for World Forest Day, 2017 is "Forests and Energy" and for World Water Day, 2017 is "Why Waste Water ?". The themes of these days have been highlighted to the members of the trek and the necessity to create awareness on the importance of conserving forests was stressed upon, as it directly impacts the flora and fauna, of the place, apart from sustaining human life.

It was also highlighted that as per World Health Organisation statistics nearly 663 million people world over are living without acces to safe water supply close to home. Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor impressed upon the necessity to treat and reuse waste water to prevent contamination of our precious resources and also to conserve water, as envisaged in this years Water Day Theme.

The participants of the trek have been encouraged by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor to undertake activities in their local areas to disseminate information on forest conservation through tree planting campaigns and conservation of water.

Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor suggested that similar trek may be organised on last Sunday of every month, to propagate the message of forest and water conservation. Conservater of forests, members of eco club, college students appreciated the idea and assured to organise treks as suggested.

Thereafter, a quiz was held at the end of the trek and the participating students were felicitated.

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