



**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
LT. GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT**

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Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, dedicated the 102nd Weekend Morning Round for cycle rally to airport through the bylanes to provide impetus to the cleanliness drive in the side streets too apart from the main lanes. Hon'ble Lt. Governor therefore cycled to the airport not using the main road but through T.V. Nagar, Krishna Nagar and Lawspet Government quarters.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that many units of the Government Quarters were lying unoccupied. The unoccupied quarters for want of maintenance were seen in dilapidated condition. Hon'ble Lt. Governor opined that a policy for occupation has to be evolved, where if necessary quarters are allotted cutting across pay slabs and even then if it remains unoccupied, the option of renting it out to staff of Central Government / Banks and Corporates need to be evolved, so that the infrastructure created remains maintained proper.

At the airport accompanied by National Service Scheme (NSS) students and volunteers, tree sampling plantation was made at the outer periphery. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also reviewed the growth of plants that were planted inside the airport compound on the last rally. She was happy to see that the plants had taken roots and had grown well.

Public of lawspet made a request to construct water harvesting pits at open spaces near airport, colleges etc. Hon'ble Lt. Governor concurred with their suggestion and said that construction of at least 50 water harvesting pits in that area, without incurring much cost, would help in replenishment of ground water.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thereafter inaugurated the Painting Competition organised by Rotary Club and Isha Foundation as part of awareness campaign of "Rally for Rivers" at he Vivekanand School. Hon'ble Lt. Governor addressed the students to be conscious of the environment and do their bit in planting trees and keeping their surroundings clean.

Observing the hard labour put in by the sanitation workers who mostly comprised of elderly women and who were discharging their work at the risk of their own health, Hon'ble Lt. Governor was of the view that they have to be taken care through volunteer support. Hon'ble Lt. Governor suggested for an appeal to be made to Traders Association to sponsor tea and light refreshment to the poor workers through their different market groups. Similarly, appeal also to be made to Resident Welfare Associations to take care of the sanitation workers by providing them with light refreshment and tea, so that the poor workers are encouraged to deliver better service. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also suggested that that such Resident Welfare Associations who take care of the sanitary staff of their locality would be recognised and will be felicitated by her during week end rounds.

Returning to Raj Nivas, Hon'ble Lt. Governor said to the NSS students that they are responsible for the country. The students ought to know their responsibility as individuals and as collective members of the society. The responsibility to work hard, the responsibility to respect elders, responsibility to learn skills, responsibility to protect environment etc. were some of the responsibilities which they ought to shoulder without being told to do. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said they are made to participate in such cycle rallied to get involved and make them feel responsible for themselves and for the Country.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, was accompanied by Team Raj Nivas comprising of Shri R. Sridharan, PCS, Private Secretary to Lt. Governor, Ms. Asha Gupta, Comptroller of House Hold and Shri Karthikeyan, Addl. ADC.

