



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

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, visited Velrampet lake that had been filled after the recent rains as part of the 117<sup>th</sup> Weekend Morning round.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was pleased to note that the lake had been filled to the brim and was a beautiful sight to behold. The lake, which for long, remained a ground of litter, open defecation and den for swine, had been transformed into a beautiful lake with lotus flowers blooming through the collective efforts of the line Departments such as Public Works, Municipality, Forest Department and the local community.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that the transformation of the lake into a natural beauty inspires one to do more meaningful and fulfilling works. Hon'ble Lt. Governor viewed that the transformation of the lake will benefit the local community by making it a better place to live and also open avenues for livelihood when promoted as a tourist destination.

In order to sustain the change made, Hon'ble Lt. Governor suggested that the Tourism Department could explore the feasibility of promoting it as Tourist Destination by introducing tourism promotional activities. It was also suggested Secretary (Public Works) to form a committee comprising of Elected Member of the Constituency, Local Residents and Officers from all line Department for maintenance of the lake. The committee also would look into attending the immediate maintenance works of removing the water hyacinths before they mushroom to clutter the lake, repair damaged fence, plantation of creepers around and erection of Sign Boards and promotion of cycle track around the lake.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor also viewed that while it was heartening to see the community toilet near the temple close to the vicinity of velrampet lake functioning well, the other non – functional community toilet at the tail end to be made functional and handed over to local SHG for maintenance.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, interacting with the local residents said to them to take ownership of the lake and ensure its sustenance and maintenance.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was received by Mr. Sathiyamurthy, Superintending Engineer, PWD, Mr. Ganesh, Commissioner, Puducherry Municipality, Mr. Tamarai Pugazheni, Executive Engineer, Mr. Abdul Rahim, Supdt. of Police. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Mr. R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to LG, Dr. Amirta Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor, Mr. Bascaran, Inspector of Police and Grievance Officer, Ms. Asha Gupta, Comptroller of House Hold and Mr. Karthikeyan, Additional ADC to LG.