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**Visiting places of worship with ponds along with 6AM #Raj Nivas Team.
Compelling media/people/Govt attention for their revival.**

....Tweet of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi dedicated the 70th Weekend Morning Round for visits to Sri Varadarajaperumal Temple and Sri Sithananda Swami Temple by cycling to the holy shrines from Raj Nivas along with Team Raj Nivas. Also enroute visit was made to an NGO, Sharana involved in educational needs of Street Children.

In the course of the visit and interaction with the temple authorities, Hon'ble Lt. Governor appreciated that the premises of the aforesaid temples have been maintained clean and neat. Hon'ble Lt. Governor asked the Temple Authorities to improve the facilities to the devotees. It was also suggested that scientific maintenance of ponds of temple to be tried out and rain water harvesting to be ensured.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor suggested that important information about the deities, the cultural heritage etc., to be displayed in bilingual to promote temple tourism and pictorial narrative pamphlets to be printed for distribution to temple tourists. Suggestion was made to Commissioner, Hindu Religious Institution to prepare a directory of temples of the U.T. of Puducherry and also a whatsapp group to connect the Temple Special Officers, Executive Officers, Trustees to share best practices and important information.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor visited the NGO, Sharana Social & Development Organisation that is involved in educational needs of socio economically disadvantaged children. Hon'ble Lt. Governor appreciated the efforts being taken by the NGO to educate street children and also the awareness on waste management through games. Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised the NGO to document their learning and share ideas with law enforcing agencies.

At the Temples, Hon'ble Lt. Governor was welcomed by Shri Tillaivel, HRI Commissioner, Mr. Manavalan, Spl, Officer and Shri Manikandan, Executive Officer. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by #Team Raj Nivas viz., R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to LG, Dr. Amirta Bahl, OSD, Ms. Asha Gupta, Comptroller of House Hold, Mr. Kumaran, Public Relations Officer and Mr. Karthikeyan, Additional ADC.