

Press Release - 1st May 2017.

Raj Nivas has for the first time opened its gates for visitors by introducing a Visitors' hour. This is an initiative of Hon'ble Lt. Governor Dr. Kiran Bedi, to provide access for people to view one of the most important and well maintained heritage buildings in Puducherry.

There were 32 visitors who registered online and confirmed by mail/SMS on the first day today. The visitors comprised mainly of tourists, architects and students. Families came with children to inspire them and also create a sense of pride in our heritage.

The visitors entered Raj Nivas through the front gate, reached the entrance lobby through the gardens. The first group was accorded a warm welcome by the officials of Raj Nivas. A brochure highlighting the history, glimpses and initiatives of Raj Nivas was given to each visitor.

The visitors were shown a short film on the Raj Nivas detailing the history, artefacts and architectural highlights of the building. The visitors carried back fond memories of the visit along with a mango from the Raj Nivas gardens.

Visitors can register themselves online on the Raj Nivas website <u>rajnivas.py.gov.in</u>