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**PRESS RELEASE**

Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor celebrated the Diwali this year with the Swachtha workers, to honour their laborious work, in keeping Puducherry clean. More than 1000 workers assembled at the Lawn of Raj Nivas along with their Supervisors, Managers and the Managing Director of Swachtha Corporation.

The Acharya Group of Institutions Managing Director, Thiru J. Aravindan, Teaching faculties, and students joined the celebrations. The students of Acharya Group of Educational Institutions students performed various cultural programmes to entertain the sanitation workers. An eight minute short film produced by the team of Visual Communication students of Acharya College on the services rendered by these workers day and night or in sunshine or rain, to keep Puducherry clean was screened.

Thiru J. Aravindan, while addressing the sanitation workers, said that a medical camp would be organised for these workers and also a literacy programme at their institution campus.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, who took part as chief guest in the event appreciated the services rendered by the workers. She also advised them to propagate the message of source segregation of waste, to every household. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also said that Government of India has also created a Commission to look after the welfare of the sanitation workers, called 'National Commission for Sanitation Workers' and asked to utilize its service.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor distributed sarees and sweets to sponsored by the Acharya Group of Educational Institutions to all the sanitation workers. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also honoured the Supervisors of the Swachtha Corporation.

Hotel Athithi, Pondicherry gave Margo juice to all the sanitation workers as preventive measure of Dengue.