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Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, on her 115th morning round, visited Soriyankuppam village, Bahour Taluk, Puducherry and participated in the games organized for rural women to mark the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), which is observed on 31st Oct every year on the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Games for rural women were organized at the temple ground, Soriyankuppam village. Women's from Self Help Groups of Soriyankuppam and surrounding villages participated in the Handball and Tug of War games enthusiastically.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor planted tree saplings at the temple ground, Soriyankuppam, to mark the celebration of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor emphasized that participation in games and events like collective tree sapling helps to strengthen the unity among the people. Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised the villagers to keep their houses and surroundings clean and free from stagnant water, to avoid breeding of mosquitoes spreading Dengue fever.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised the women not to avail loan from money lenders at high interest rate, as it would lead them into a debt trap. They were informed of the option of availing loan extended by NABARD at a low interest rate of 4% and also, to avail loans extended through various central Govt. and State Government schemes, to improve their livelihood.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor impressed upon the importance of making our villages Open Defecation free, to lead a Healthy and productive life. The villagers were educated about the scheme, wherein Rs.20,000/- is provided by the Government, to construct individual household toilets. They were asked to approach the respective Block Development Office to avail the grant under the scheme.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Tvl. G. Srinivas, Additional Secretary to Lt. Governor; Dr. Amrita Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor; Shivraj Meena, Project Officer, DRDA; Malar, BDO, Ariyankuppam; and Commissioner, Bahour Commune.

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