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Following the unfortunate incident of death of a student in Ryan International School, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, today undertook a surprise check in three Private Schools and a Government School to see the modus operandi followed by them in use of CCTV cameras for security measures.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor observed that all the three private schools viz., Petit Seminaire Higher Secondary School, Patrick Higher Secondary School and Sankara Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School were equipped with CCTV cameras. The CCTV footages were monitored from the Principal's Room. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that the CCTV cameras should be installed in all class rooms, at all important passage points including corridors leading to wash rooms and store rooms etc. The objective of installation of CCTV camera is not to spy on the students or the staff but to strengthen security of students and also for better delivery by teachers in class room.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor suggested that the Schools could opt for better technology to safeguard the data captured to overcome eventualities that may arise from crash of hard disk or its theft etc. The Private Schools were also advised to draft a combined standard operating system of security measures to be put in place.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor also visited a Government Higher Secondary School as a test check and found that no such facility has been provided. Hon'ble Lt. Governor viewed that policy decision needs to be taken for installation of CCTVs in Government Schools to not only strengthen the security measures but also bring in qualitative improvement in teaching, attendance and class discipline. Also the possibility of installing CCTVs in Government schools could be explored through CSR contributions and aid by philanthropists.

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