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Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, dedicated the 92nd Weekend Morning Round for cycle Rally in Karaikal. As a first step towards taking the movement to all regions of the U.T. of Puducherry, the Sixth Cycle Rally was held in the outlying region of Karaikal. Similar cycle rallies will be held in the other two outlying regions soon to pass on the baton of leadership and volunteerism to the people of the respective region.

Driving down from Puducherry Hon'ble Lt. Governor along with Team Raj Nivas reached Karaikal by 6.00 A.M. Hon'ble Lt. Governor was received by District Collector, Shri Kesavan, IAS and Shri V.J. Chandran, IPS, SSP other Officers along with representatives of Traders Association, civil society organisation, Students and the people of Karaikal and ceremonial welcome was accorded with Guard of Honour.

Thereafter, the cycle rally was commenced from Poovam at border of Karaikal to Nehru Market and to Collectorate. The awareness rally was joined by the Traders Federation President, Mr. Siva Sankaran from Puducherry. The rally comprised of Traders Association of Karaikal, Students, NCC Cadets, Civil Society organisations and the people.

The people of Karaikal accorded a very warm and affectionate welcome to Honble Lt.Governor. Through out the route people came out to greet Honble Lt. Governor. The expression of love and affection was overwhelming when Aarthis were performed by the people of Karaikal enroute of cycle rally.

Collector, Karaikal said that visit of Lt. Governor has provided the right impetus for the administration to take forward the campaign of swachh Karaikal. It would now be the endeavour of the Administration to capture the momentum provided and he was confident that with the participation of Traders, Civil Society organisations, the students and the people, Karaikal would be declared ODF within three months and it would also achieve the distinction of becoming the first region of the U.T. to achieve 100% segregation of waste at source

The Sr. Supdt of Police said that the Officers would henceforth organise the awareness rally every weekend and carry the message of swachh and suraksha Karaikal motivating every individual to join the movement and contribute their bit in the effort. Commissioner of Karaikal, Shri Sudhakar, PCS Municipality said that in coordination with M/s. Hand in Hand, source segregation has been nearly achieved in house hold but is yet to reach the desired level in commercial places. With the cooperation of trading body he hopes to achieve it by another three months. He also said that weekly rally of students would now be conducted in every street to ensure 100% source segregation and avoid plastics. Terming the cycle rally by Hon'ble Lt. Governor as an historic moment, the Civil Society organisation assured its support to the Administration.

Honble Lt.Governor thanked the Officers, the Traders Body, the civil society organisation the students and the people of Karaikal region for the overwhelming response. She said that the swachhata movement in Karaikal that had commenced last August led by Hon'ble Minister should be continued with and the region should earn itself a special place in the Map of the Nation by becoming the cleanest town.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, was accompanied by Dr. Devansh Yadav, IAS Probationer. Team Raj Nivas comprising of Shri R. Sridharan, PCS, Private Secretary to Lt. Governor, Ms. Amrita Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor, Mr. Kumaran, Public Relations Officer and Shri Karthikeyan, Addl. ADC accompanied Hon'ble Lt. Governor.