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Hon'ble Lt. Governor, as part of 77th Morning Weekend Round, in the endeavour to sustain Swachh Puducherry, conserve and raise water tables visited Villianur Church and inspected the Church Pond by bicycling with Team Raj Nivas.

Enroute to Villianur Church pond, Hon'ble Lt. Governor saw piles of silt mixed with garbage along the road margin of Gran canal. Hon'ble Lt. Governor took exception to the lack of co-ordination in internal management of municipal services in clearing the accumulations on the sides of the road. At Velrampet site, it was noted that the barbed wire fencing of the lake had been tampered with to make inlets permitting irregular entry into lake for disposal of garbage and open defecation yet again. The PWD Officials were directed to periodically inspect the site and ensure that the fence, which had been erected with public money is not illegally tampered with. The youth of the area were sensitized on the need to keep the Velrampet lake clean. They were told to be proactive in educating their people to use the public / community toilet and not to contaminate the lake water by littering and defecating in the surroundings, the resultant effect of which will be an unhygienic surrounding that will lead to spread of disease. Hon'ble Lt. Governor also visited an abandoned public toilet.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor had while yesterday placed on record appreciations for the initiative of Project Director, DRDA in reviving rural ponds; she was constrained to express her displeasure today at the poor performance in sanitation issues and the lack of co-ordination.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thereafter visited the Villianur Church Pond. Noting that no scientific method was adopted to keep the pond water clean, Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised the church authorities to obtain Departmental of Science & Tech guidance for recycling and aeration and involve community to encourage people's ownership.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor then visited the Primary Health Centre, Murungapakkam. After a brief survey of the Health Centre, it was noted that proper planning had to be done by the Centre to visit schools and residential colonies to spread awareness on preventive health. Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised the Doctor incharge to plan visits in advance for attending school assemblies to impart preventive education to children and community at large. It was also advised to digitise patient records and make use of Government India schemes for the same.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, was accompanied by Shri S. Ganessin, Commissioner, Puducherry Municipality, Shri Segar, AE, PWD, Shri Mohanraj, JE, PWD, Representative of Swachhata Corporation and Team Raj Nivas comprising of Shri R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to LG, Dr. Amirta Bahl, OSD to LG, Mr. Karthikeyan, Additional ADC .

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