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**PRESS RELEASE**

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi, visited the organic farm of Ashram at Poothurai village near Ousteri lake as part of the 114<sup>th</sup> Weekend Morning round.

Following visit to the Ashram School yesterday, Hon'ble Lt. Governor learning about the Organic Farm of Ashram desired to see it to understand more about the farm. As desired, Hon'ble Lt. Governor was taken on tour of the farm.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that it was most heartening to see how the Ashram had made best use of the resource nature had given. Every part of the farm was cent percent organic. Recycling was practiced for ensuring high rate of fertility of soil. It was a truly integrated living of human beings and nature with mutual respect for each other.

The Ashram farm house is volunteer. Yester year Students of Ashram School and the present students serve and join in the farming. Not only for students of Ashram school, but it is a ideal learning place for Student community and Institutions viz., Universities. The farmers of Puducherry too can learn these best practices. The Ashram farm house is a perfect place to learn by being amidst nature, which in itself is an education.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was pleased to learn that Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Thiru R. Kamalakannan of Puducherry had visited the farm and it had also been visited by key Officers from Agriculture Department. The Secretary to Govt. (Agri) should also visit it to have practical knowledge of organic farming. Doordarshan has filmed the farm and will telecast it on Kissan Channel for larger sharing of best practice.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi said that we are grateful to the Ashram Trustees for having enabled the tour and for sharing the best practices.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Mr. R. Sridharan, Private Secretary to LG, Dr. Amirta Bahl, OSD to Lt. Governor and Mr. Karthikeyan, Additional ADC to LG

Hon'ble Lt. Governor thanked the gathering of the Officers for their productive suggestions. Hon'ble Governor also said that a second session of meeting would be held with them on Wednesday when they could offer further suggestions after wearing their thinking caps for the next two days and consultations with their colleagues / public. The days visit was concluded with visit to Beach.