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**PRESS RELEASE**

As part of 'Transformation Karaikal' visit of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi commenced the five day visit to Karaikal by having an interactive session with the Officers of Karaikal today at 5.00 PM in the Collectorate.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor was accompanied by Team NABARD with the objective of reviving water bodies, rural infrastructure and connecting with the community in the endeavour of mission "transformation karaikal".

Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that Team Raj Nivas and Team NABARD had come down to Karaikal to work together with the Officers and people of Karaikal. The objective was to work on the field and feel the people's pulse on the ground. The concept was to decide the work not based on presentations but from the outputs received from the field. Karaikal was more rural than Puducherry and NABARD will have a decisive role to play in development.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor sought for the suggestions / feed back of the Officers present at the meeting. It was said that the power of thinking together will lay down the path for the next five days of focused approach. The gathering of officers gave their written suggestions on the priorities of attention along with their suggestions. Many of the suggestions touched on key priorities with innovative ideas and solutions, like that of

- GIS tagging of water bodies to prevent encroachment
- SHGs to maintain water bodies with assistance from NABARD
- Sourcing funds from NABARD for Training Institute for Farmers, promotion of Horticulture farming and development of percolation ponds
- E-Seva centres in Rural pockets
- Formation of Village Committees
- Vocational training for disabled with marketing facility; and many more

Hon'ble Lt. Governor appreciated the contributions made by the Officers and said that amendments could be brought about through individual contributions but for transformation collective participation was necessary. Hon'ble Lt. Governor said that with their co-operation and the participation of the community, it would be possible to achieve the turn around in six months.

Based on their suggestion the visit for the first two days were planned out in a trip of five days. The visit for tomorrow would be to the Fishing Jetty at 7.30 AM and thereafter to Water Treatment plant at Oduthurai and meeting of Self Help Group at T.R. Pattinam. The day after visit would be to the coastal villages. This would be coupled with early morning walkathon and cycling in the early mornings.

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