

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VACANT PLACE IS A DEN FOR DUST – GOVERNOR**

Thiru CH.VidyasagarRao, Governor of Tamil Nadu launched the Swachhata Hi Seva by planting 'Gundumalli – the Arabian Jasmine Sapling'.

The Governor said that vacant place is a den for dust and to ensure that surroundings are clean, all unused space have to be converted into beautiful gardens. To start the initiative from Raj Bhavan, Jasmine saplings are planted in 1/2 acre in the nursery near Duck Pond. About 1,200 Jasmine saplings are planted which include varieties of Gundumalli, Jathimalli and Mullai. The Governor said that this will not only add beauty to Raj Bhavan but will also prevent piling of dust and rubbish in vacant place. The Governor also appealed to the public to convert the vacant land in their surroundings into beautiful gardens.

Tmt.CH.Vinodha Rao, spouse of Governor planted Jathimalli. Special Invitee Ms. Rekha, Member of Parliament planted Madanban – Jasmine variety Sapling.

As a part of 'Swachhata Hi Seva' the Governor has ordered to give a Jasmine Sapling along with his message to promote cleanliness, hygiene and greenery to the public-visitors who come to Raj Bhavan till 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Ms.Rekha, M.P., Dr.K.Ramasamy, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University received the copy of the Governor's appeal. Tmt CH.VinodhaRao, spouse of Governor initiated this by presenting the Jasmine Sapling to Ms. Rekha, Member of Parliament.

Earlier as a part of Swachhata Hi Seva, mass cleaning was conducted in the entire Residential Quarters Area. About 80 Volunteers from Dr. Shri. Nanasahab Dharmadhikari Pratishthan and family members of the Raj Bhavan Staff participated in the mass cleaning campaign.

The Governor emphasized on the need for adopting cleanliness, hygiene and for promotion of greenery to nurture clean environment, dustbins were distributed to all families residing in Raj Bhavan as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva programme. The Governor appealed to the staff and their families to keep their home and campus clean and set Raj Bhavan as a model for others to follow.

Thiru Ramesh Chand Meena IAS, Principal Secretary to Governor, ThiruK.V.Muralidharan IAS, Deputy Secretary to Governor and Comptroller, Thiru D. Mohan IAS, Deputy Secretary (Universities) were present.

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Principal Secretary to Governor

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