Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu Thiru. BANWARILAL PUROHIT visited the Tiruvallur district

The Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu visited the District and inspected the Swachh Bharat Mission & Solid Waste Management activities of Kuthambakkam Panchayat of Poonamallee Block. As a part of the programme, sanitation pledge was administered by the Hon'ble Governor among the motivators, PLF Members & all Department Officials. During the function, the best motivators and Thooimai Kaavalars were identified and honored by the Hon'ble Governor.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), to achieve the goal of Open Defecation free status in Thiruvallur District which comprises of 14 Blocks and 526 Village Panchayats. a baseline survey was conducted for identifying households without toilets. Out of the total households numbering 325311, IHHLs were constructed in all the Households in a phased manner through IHHL construction, motivation. Apart from vigorous Community toilets 48 Integrated Woman Sanitary Complexes and 12 Integrated Men Sanitary Complexes have also been constructed in the Village Panchayats by the Rural Development Department and put into usage for the benefit of all the households. Toilets have also been constructed in all Anganwadis and Schools. Regular maintenance of school toilets have also been taken care off.

By following these strategies, Tiruvallur District was declared to have attained Open defecation free status on 28th February 2018 and various activities are conducted periodically to ensure the ODF sustainability in the District.

To sustain the Open defecation free status and to impart the importance of toilet usage intensively in all Village Panchayats and peri urban areas, 30 Thooimai Rathams were flagged off by the Hon'ble Governor. These Thooimai Rathams contain posters, audios & pamplets containing sanitation awareness messages, travel throughout the district imparting the importance of toilet usage and ODF sustainability.

With Hon'ble Governor BANWARILAL PUROHIT, Additional Chief Secretary to Governor Thiru. R.Rajagopal I.A.S., District Collector Tmt. E.Sundaravalli I.A.S., The Superintendent of Police Thiru. M.R. Sibichakkaravarthi I.P.S., and The Project Director, DRDA, Thiru. S.S.Kumar were present in the event.