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Press Release

**Chandigarh, 14th April, 2018:** A high level conference of Lt Governors/Administrators of Union Territories was held under the Chairmanship of Governor of Punjab and Administrator of U.T Chandigarh, Sh. V.P. Singh Badnore at the Megapode Nest, Port Blair on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The review meeting witnessed the presence of Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Dr Kiran Bedi and Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Admiral D. K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd), Sh. Inder Jit Singh, Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat, Sh. Parimal Rai, Advisor to the Administrator of Chandigarh, Shri Anindo Majumdar Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar and Sh. P.K. Srivastava, Additional Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs.

The agenda of the meeting was to review the decisions taken in the meeting held last year on 13.10.2017, implementation of various schemes of UTs, sharing the best practices being followed by UTs and devise an implementation mechanism for 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyan'. The meeting was a notable initiative for all the UTs to learn and replicate the best practices.

At the onset, the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of U.T Chandigarh, Sh. V.P Singh Badnore stressed upon the expectations of the Hon'ble Prime Minister from the UTs with regard to various Govt. of India schemes. The series of presentations by various UT's highlighted their best practices. Leading all, Sh. V.P Singh Badnore shared that Chandigarh has developed new cycle tracks to encourage cycling as a mode of transport, and to promote healthy lifestyle among the citizens. Steps have been taken to make the City beautiful a Green City. Under the social practices, a mobile School Van called 'Kalam Express' has been started for providing special education to Specially challenged children and Annapurna Akshaypatra Yojana has been initiated wherein hygienic and nutritious diet is given to the needy on a daily basis in the city. He also highlighted implementation

of 100% Aadhaar based DBT in all Welfare Schemes and the concept of mobile food testing vans in Chandigarh.

Sh. P.K.Srivastva, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs reviewed all the best practices which had been reported by the UTs concerned. Sh. Inder Jit Singh, Secretary Coordination, Cabinet Secretariat also gave his inputs regarding the central schemes which are being emphasised by the Government of India and also reviewed their achievements from the UTs.

Advisor to Administrator Chandigarh, Sh. Parimal Rai highlighted the concept of use of PCR as Pick & Drop facility for women in distress, Smart One which is a digital Professional learning program of Police Man. Initiatives taken towards making Chandigarh a Kerosene Free City, Model Solar City and Swachh City by its declaration as ODF and maintaining Cleanliness.

Lt. Governors/Administrators appreciated the initiatives by The City Beautiful.

The meeting concluded with decisions to share best practices among the UTs, developing Standard Operating Procedures for implementation of various schemes of Govt. of India in the UTs, intensive contact programme for dissemination of information about Schemes of UTs/ GoI and developing and strengthening the mechanism of frequent interaction between UTs.