

In town: Kiran Bedi expresses pride at Uttarakhand's Lok Ayukt Bill



Always aim high in life: Bedi

In her address, Kiran Bedi motivated the students of SJA to lead their lives on three principles: aim high, always be honest and live simply and without fanfare. Comparing children to saplings, Bedi said that children must be nurtured and raised to have the right values and ideas. The program saw a skit performed by

primary school students and when the choir group from the senior students began their rendition of "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram", Kiran Bedi became visibly emotional and took several photographs of the performing group. The program was conducted by Bhuvanya Vijay and Siddharth Priyadarshi Sharma.

quoted them as a conspiracy against her by the Central Government. She also said that she was prepared to return the money though she had done no wrong. Kiran Bedi was received with a resounding welcome by the students of SJA who came forth eagerly to shake her hand and greet her.

During the program, she interacted with students one-on-one and appealed to the students to be aware of the political situation in the country and their state and to actively question every act of the state and central governments. She also encouraged students to participate in the anti-corruption movement.

By OUR STAFF REPORTER DEHRADUN; 1 Nov: One of the leading figures of team-Anna to fight for a strong anti-corruption legislation in India and the first woman IPS Officer of India, Kiran Bedi said clearly today that the Anna-brigade intends to carry out its campaign against Congress party for the next few months in view of the Legislative Assembly elections in five States of India.

She also congratulated the people of Uttarakhand on the state's Lok Ayukt Bill being tabled by the State Government and termed it the first victory of the Anna movement. Kiran Bedi was in town to attend a program at St. Joseph's Academy here.

During a press conference, the former IPS officer said that the State Government in Uttarakhand has set

a fine example by tabling a strong Lok Ayukt Bill in the Legislative Assembly. She also declared that she fully support Shri Shri Ravi Shankar's anti-corruption Yatra. Talking about the plan of action to push harder for the Lokayukt Bill, Bedi said that Team-Anna had been promised of the Bill being tabled in the Lok Sabha in the winter session of the Parliament, adding that the Central Government's pace on the matter seemed to suggest otherwise which is why Anna Hazare has announced resuming his fast-unto-death before the winter session begins.

The former IPS Officer who was called "Crane Bedi" for her non-nonsense attitude and traffic regulation methods, also talked about the allegations made against her about fake travel vouchers and



Rishikesh to Karnprayag railway project

BJP opposition to Sonia Gandhi is narrow mindedness: Maharaj

NEW DELHI: 1 Nov: M.P from Garhwal and Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, Satpal Maharaj released a statement today that, yesterday night political advisor of Congress President Ahmad Patel had informed him over the telephone that CP has agreed to lay the foundation stone of Railway track from on 9th November 2011 at 11 am at Gauchar, Dist-Chamoli, Uttarakhand along with Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Minister for Railways.

Maharaj also said that this ceremony due to request of Uttarakhand Congress Workers now will take place on 9th



November 2011 at Gauchar finally.

Garhwal M.P further stated that this is the historical event which will take place in the hilly

region of Uttarakhand on its rising day. He said that Sonia Gandhi is also a Chairperson, National Advisory Council with cabinet status which is also a Constitutional post. In this condition there should be no objection on her to lay the foundation stone. In these circumstances, the objection raised by BJP shows their narrow mentality about such a noble cause.

M.P. Satpal Maharaj further said that respecting the sentiments of Uttarakhand people he was continuously making efforts for getting this rail line sanction from last 15 years, which is actually happening

now. He said that in the year 1996 he had inaugurated the survey of this railway track as a Min. of State for the Railways.

MP Satpal Maharaj further stated that on 4th May, 1938 Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and Vijay Lakshmi Pandit had visited Gauchar to view the Garhwal Himalaya and meet the freedom fighters. Now Sonia Gandhi will be visiting the same place.

Garhwal MP also said that Road and Train connectivity are the main factors for the development of any region. This railway track will play an important role in stopping the desertion of youths from the hills as well as it would also help

in increasing tourism in the state and finally it will become the life line of the state.

Garhwal MP Satpal Maharaj further stated that this historic event should take place on the formation day of Uttarakhand as it will be a true tribute to the martyrs of the Uttarakhand movement which is also an indicator of willingness of UPA govt. towards the development.

Garhwal MP finally thanked Sonia Gandhi for accepting his request to lay the foundation stone of railway track from Rishikesh to Karanprayag on the formation day of Uttarakhand State.

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