**450 enthusiastic bikers welcome Kailash Satyarthi’s Bharat Yatra**

*Joint Commissioner joins bikers and offers support to fight Child Abuse*

**Sunday, 15th October 2017, New Delhi.** The Bikers Rally to support Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi’s Bharat Yatra against child sexual abuse, started at Ambience Mall Gurgaon and concluded at national stadium near India gate with over 400 bikers supporting the cause.

Joint commissioner of police Mr. Ajay Chaudhary, cheering on the efforts by the bikers, said, “If children aren't safe in this country then India will never truly be safe. This struggle against child sexual abuse will not end at India Gate. Under the supervision of Kailash Satyarthi, the battle against child sexual abuse will continue till we eradicate this menace.”

Bikers Paradise, United Spartans, Riders Alliance Group, Delhi Royal Enfield Riders, Bajaj Avengers Club, Purani Delhi Motorcycles and The motorcyclists participated in this event, to welcome the Bharat Yatra to New Delhi and raise awareness about the safety, security and well-being of children in India

During the Yatra’s visit to Bahadurgarh, Sainik Public School, announced the inauguration of the ‘Kailash Satyarthi Stadium’ on their premise -a place for children to express their creativity- as way of their respect for the tireless work done by Mr. Satyarthi for children across India.

Mr. Kailash Satyarthi and his Bharat Yatra proceeded to Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Tikri in Delhi, where Revenue minister Shri. Kailash Gehlot, Member of Legislative Assembly and Shri. Sukhbir Dalal welcomed the Nobel Peace Laureate. General secretary of Education International, Mr Fred Van Leeuwan and Former Education Minister, Bangladesh, Rasheda Choudhury also graced the event.

Rasheda Choudhary said, “Our future generations will read that child abuse used to take place in India,and the country had become unsafe. But this Yatra and the change it brings will become the history you have created, for India”

 Mr. Satyarthi paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and addressed over 1000 students at the school, emphasising on his mission and vision behind undertaking the Yatra. He also warmly acknowledged the overwhelming support the Bharat Yatra had received across the country, with many students coming out in the open and sharing their stories with the world and reiterated that compassion unites the country and we must now channel it for the growth and happiness of the youngest citizens of the country.

Shri. Sukhbir Dalal expressed his happiness at the cause being advocated by Mr. Satyarthi and put forth a proposal to rename Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya after him to honour and mark the work done by the Nobel Peace Laureate to advocate the rights of children over the last 35 years.

Ever since its launch, Bharat Yatra has been drawing enormous support from citizens across India, including Amitabh Bachchan who tweeted to his fans to support the Yatra. Earlier, Union Minister for Shipping and Finance Mr Pon Radhakrishnan had flagged off the Yatra from Kanyakumari along with Mr Satyarthi. In Trivandrum, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan assured whole hearted support from his government in eradicating the menace of child sexual abuse and trafficking.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had sent a personal letter to Kailash Satyarthi extending his support to the Yatra, which will cover 11000 kilometres across 22 States, including Karnataka. Some of the key cities it covers include Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Guwahati, Bhopal, Jaipur, Srinagar among others.

The Karnataka High court will pay special attention to POCSO cases so the children can get justice.

The Yatra was also supported by Andhra Pradesh and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu walked with the Foundation to promote awareness about the cause. He also announced that the state of Andhra Pradesh would house a global policy institute dedicated to the well-being and security of children across the country.

At Kanniyakumari during the flag off Mr Satyarthi had declared, “I will not rest till children of this country are not safe. I am not going to stop fighting if the raping and abuse do not stop. I cannot sleep in peace until we win our war against rape and abuse. This moral epidemic haunts our nation, and it is time we fight against it, together.”

Re-iterating his mission behind launching the Bharat Yatra, he said “Why am I marching? Because my children are being raped. I refuse to accept that eight children go missing and two are raped every hour. Each time if a single child is in danger, India is in danger. Bharat Yatra is to make India safe again for our children.” Kailash Satyarthi has been campaigning for the freedom, safety and security for children across the globe for the past 36 years. His Nobel Peace Prize (2014) was for his continuous efforts and struggle for the rights children.

The Yatra is the launch of the three-year campaign against child rape and child sexual abuse which is aimed at increasing awareness and reporting of the cases, strengthening intuitional response including medical health and compensations, ensuring protection for victims and witnesses during trials and increasing convictions of child sexual abuse in a time bound manner.

 **About Kailash Satyarthi Children’s Foundation**

The Foundation’s mission is to create, implement and advocate child-friendly policies that ensure the holistic development and empowerment of children. For achieving these goals, the Foundation encourages government, businesses, civil society as well as children and the youth to participate in strategies and action that will safeguard children from the worst forms of abuse, including lack of education and health. For more information, visit: [www.satyarthi.org.in](http://www.satyarthi.org.in)

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