

## 'Aap Ki Kachehri' may be extended owing to popularity

Reality show 'Aap Ki Kachehri' featuring former top cop Kiran Bedi might be extended by 52 episodes owing to its popularity among the audience.

Siddharth Basu, who heads Synergy Adlabs, the production house behind the show, revealed that STAR Plus has invited them to extend the series, originally commissioned for 52 episodes.

'We are looking closely at the feasibility,' he told IANS.

The show is among five top-rated Hindi general entertainment programmes, according to the latest data released by TAM Media Research. It has a television rating of 3.89 in the week ending Dec 27 last year.

'The fact that it is doing better than a few popular non-fiction shows in the last year, including all the big-ticket song and dance shows and is being much appreciated for being engaging, socially relevant and true to life, has driven the idea of extending the show,' Basu said.

'Aap Ki Kachehri' serves as an alternate dispute redressal forum for people who would want to solve their issues amicably and voluntarily. The problems and cases discussed on the show include marital, domestic, relationship-based and official problems.

Bedi plays a facilitator in delivering instant justice and informing the complainants and viewers of the laws that one can avail in such times of crisis.

'This is 'Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani' (every household's tale) with the difference that nothing is fake or scripted, yet it touches many chords as the human interest is high. This is real life courtroom drama of conflict and resolution dealing with common disputes and dilemmas that everyone can relate to,' Basu said.

'At the same time, it is an eye opener for many on relevant laws, rights, duties, and issues of balance, harmony and equity,' he added.

'Aap Ki Kachehri' airs Monday-Thursday at 10:30 p.m.

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