

Delivers keynote address at It'l Seminar on Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza

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SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha delivered a keynote address at an International Seminar organised on Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza. In his address to well-known literary personalities from India and abroad, the Lieutenant Governor said that Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza was undoubtedly one of the greatest writers of his time and earned a hallowed name for himself in India's literary history.

"Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza was deeply rooted in the spiritual and cultural traditions of the country and always believed in shared humanity that transcended Individual differences. He always promoted interconnectedness, inclusivity and peaceful coexistence and harmony among different faiths," the Lieutenant Governor said.



The Lieutenant Governor said that the tangible and intangible legacy of Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza is priceless and a beacon of light to young generations.

"I believe the rich legacy of Dr. Rahi Masoom Raza will guide our society

toward progress and prosperity by providing valuable ideas, ideals and fostering shared identity and social cohesion," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor highlighted numerous important tasks before society and the nation today and called for strong national identity and the revival of wisdom of our priceless heritage to spur all-round development.

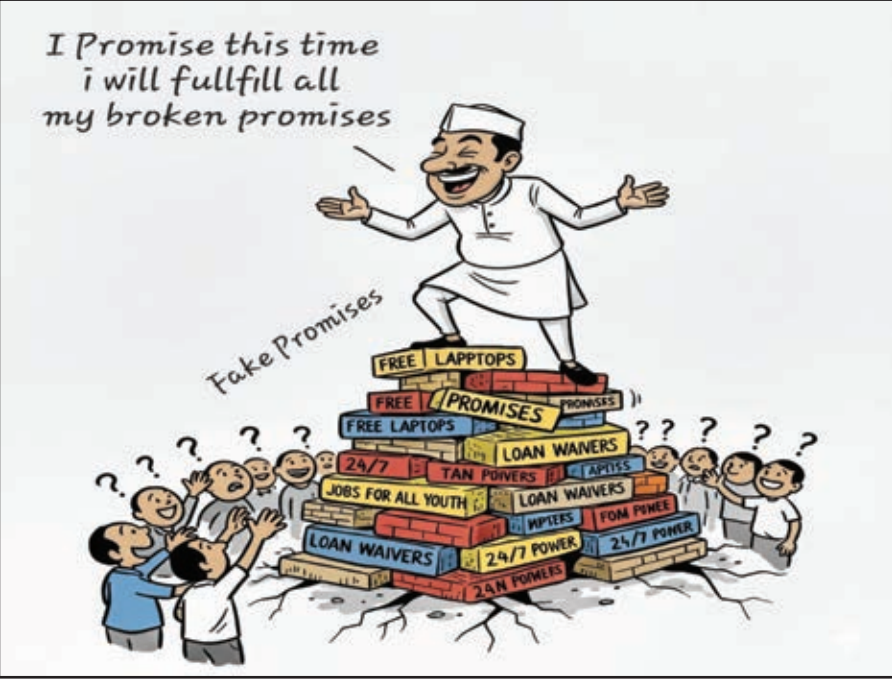
"Our cultural heritage can foster a collective identity, build resilience and solidarity among diverse groups to drive economic growth. We must learn from the past to gain self-confidence and let the historical lessons, wisdom, ideals guide us towards future opportunities for growth and innovation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor said, for

holistic development, we must blend tradition with technology and focus on modern advancements in developmental journey to ensure equal opportunities to all.

"Our sole aim is to foster peace and prosperity to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat," he further said.

Prof Nilofer Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Kashmir; Prof. Naveen Chandra Lohani, Vice Chancellor, Uttarakhand Open University; Sameer Anjaan, Film Lyricist; Brij Mohan Sharma, Principal Secretary, Culture department; Asif Azmi, Director IDEA Communications and Convenor of the Seminar; Prof. Pervez Ahmed, Dean, Student Welfare Department; University of Kashmir; senior officials, prominent literary personalities and youth in large number attended the inaugural session at University of Kashmir.



APS Domana students learn art of narrative warfare from Pradeep Dutta

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JAMMU: In today's digital age, the outcome of wars is often shaped by dominant narratives rather than just battlefield victories.

Eminent journalist and motivator Pradeep Dutta highlighted the significance of narrative warfare, citing his experience during Operation Sindoor.

"We now live in an age where perception travels faster than truth, where screens shape narratives and visibility matters as much as virtue," noted Dutta and added that this observation underscores the critical role of perception and narrative in modern conflicts.



APS Domana faculty honouring journalist and motivator Pradeep Dutta.

During an interaction with students at Army Public School Domana, Dutta emphasised the importance of strategic communication in modern warfare. "It's no longer enough to do the right thing, we must be seen doing it, clearly and convincingly, on a global stage." This is particularly crucial in today's digital landscape, where information spreads rapidly and narratives can be shaped in an instant.

As the founder of the digital platform Pradeep Dutta - Line of Communication (LoC), Dutta's work focuses on demolishing anti-India narratives and promoting a counter-narrative that showcases the truth. His efforts highlight the need for effective

communication and strategic narrative-building in modern warfare, where perception and narrative can be just as decisive as military might.

Pradeep with his motivational vocabulary left lasting impact on young minds. Using poetic expressions, Dutta inspired the students to chase their dreams with determination and focus. "Muqadran de mathe utte takhti lugdi unhadi, jerhey gharon bana ke chalde ne naqsha apne saffna da," he said, emphasising that only those who set clear goals and work towards them can carve out their own niche in life.

As a master storyteller, Dutta shared several anecdotes to drive home the point that negativity and distractions should not hold them back from achieving their objectives. "Once you make up your mind, stick to that goal,"

he advised, urging the students to stay focused and driven.

The students were fascinated by Dutta's experiences as a war journalist and asked several questions about his reporting from conflict zones. When asked about fear, Dutta replied, "When you're driven by passion, delivery takes over; and fear takes back seat." His words resonated with the students, inspiring them to pursue their passions with courage and conviction.

Pushpinder Kaur, the principal of Army School Domana, presented Dutta with a memento and a painting made by one of the students while session was moderated by Madhur, the school counsellor. This was followed by a question-and-answer session, where students asked about war reporting, journalistic ethics, and the impact of digital media.

People's trust in Modi's vision will ensure thumping BJP's victory in Nagrota: Priya

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NAGROTA: BJP J&K Vice President and former Minister Priya Sethi today addressed an enthusiastic gatherings at Sari Kalan, Lower Panjgrain, Panjgrain near Ashram, and Kowara Panjgrain in Nagrota Assembly segment, urging people to support BJP candidate Devyani Rana in the upcoming by-election.

Speaking at the series of meetings, Priya Sethi highlighted the BJP's unwavering commitment to the development and empowerment of every section of society. She was accompanied by Shakti Kendra Pramukh and booth presidents.

Priya Sethi expressed strong confidence that the Nagrota Assembly seat will be won by BJP candidate Devyani Rana with a



BJP J&K Vice President Priya Sethi campaigning for BJP candidate Devyani Rana at Nagrota on Saturday.

thumping majority, reflecting the people's overwhelming trust in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of development and good governance.

She said the massive public response across Nagrota clearly shows that the people stand firmly with the BJP's agenda

of progress, empowerment, and transparency.

Priya Sethi asserted that this by-election would mark a decisive victory for development-oriented policies, with Devyani Rana emerging as a strong voice of the people in the Assembly.

She said that the people of Nagrota have always

Narendra Modi, including improved road connectivity, women empowerment schemes, and youth-oriented employment programs.

"Under the BJP government, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed unprecedented progress in infrastructure, tourism, and education. The development model we follow is people-centric and transparent," she added.

Calling for unity and participation, Priya Sethi appealed to the voters to turn out in large numbers and ensure a decisive victory for Devyani Rana.

"This by-election is not just about one seat; it is about strengthening the foundation of a developed, self-reliant, and prosperous Jammu and Kashmir," she asserted.

Local residents and BJP workers attended the event in large numbers, expressing confidence that with candidates like Devyani Rana, Nagrota will continue to move towards inclusive growth and stronger representation.

Devyani Rana amplifies voter outreach in Nagrota; seeks support, massive public participation in by-elections



BJP candidate for Nagrota Assembly seat, Devyani Rana addressing public meeting.

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MATHWAR: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate for the upcoming by-elections to the Nagrota Assembly seat, Devyani Rana, on Saturday continued her grassroots outreach across the constituency, meeting residents from various walks of life, seeking vote and support.

Speaking during a series of interactions at Bhagani, Rabta, Orak, Kharand, Galali, Sarote, Rana called upon all stakeholders for realizing the collective vision of a developed and harmonious Nagrota.

Referring to the progress witnessed by Nagrota in recent years, Rana said the constituency has benefitted from several ongoing initiatives, adding that there is

always more to be done. She stressed that the focus should remain on consistency in development, touching all stake holders.

Devyani Rana expressed her gratitude to the people of Nagrota for the trust and support shown to her late father, Devender Singh Rana, during his tenure as their representative, recalling his commitment to the cause of inclusive and sustained development. She said that her efforts would be guided by the same commitment.

Reiterating the BJP's ethos of governance marked by "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas", Rana said the party's policies under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have laid strong founda-

tions for development across India, including Jammu and Kashmir. She said that the last five years have seen transformative changes in the region, focused on people's welfare and grassroots empowerment.

"Nagrota's true strength lies in its people, their unity, resilience, and optimism. My effort is to engage with all sections of society and work together in a constructive manner, she said.

"This is a continuous journey," Devyani Rana said, adding, "I am here to listen, to understand, and to work together with the people of Nagrota and serve as a link between the people and the process of development.

Durga Nagar theft case solved; Rs 4.84 lakh, gold recovered, accused arrested

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JAMMU: Jammu Police have solved a theft case reported from the Durga Nagar area last month, recovering Rs 4.84 lakh in cash along with gold ornaments from the possession of the accused. The accused, identified as Deepak Kumar, has been arrested by Police Station Domana after a swift and well-coordinated investigation.

Addressing a press conference at the Police Post Chinore, SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma, shared detailed information about the case and the investigation.

"Last month, a theft was reported from the Durga Nagar area. The complainant, Ashok Koul, approached Police Station Domana, reporting that around 20 tolas of gold and approximately Rs 6 lakh in cash had been stolen from his residence," SP Sharma said and added, "Acting on his complaint, an FIR was registered and an investigation team was formed immediately."



SP Rural Jammu, Brijesh Sharma addressing the press conference at Jammu on Saturday.

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SP Sharma stated that the police team initiated the investigation by questioning several local suspects and simultaneously working on technical leads, including CCTV footage.

"We closely analyzed the CCTV footage and developed a crucial lead that pointed towards the Channi area. Acting on this, our team apprehended a suspect named Deepak Kumar," he said.

"During sustained interrogation, the accused confessed to committing the theft. On his disclosure, we recovered Rs 4.84 lakh in cash, one gold bracelet, and two gold rings from his residence."

According to SP Sharma, further interrogation revealed that the accused was also involved in several other theft cases.

"The accused has confessed to his involvement in two

thefts under Channi Police Station jurisdiction, one under Bishnah, and another under Trikuta Nagar Police Station," he added. "The respective police stations have been informed, and further investigation is underway."

The SP also commended the efforts of the officers who worked diligently on the case.

"I want to acknowledge the excellent work done by our team, especially the Incharge

Police Post Chinore, Arjun, who has earlier solved chain-snatching cases in record time, and SDPO Domana, Mudassir, under whose supervision this case was cracked," he said.

SP Sharma appealed to citizens to adopt preventive measures against such incidents.

"We urge the public to install CCTV cameras in and around their homes and to remain vigilant about their surroundings. Such precautions greatly assist in timely detection and prevention of crime," he advised.

The complainant, Ashok Koul, also expressed gratitude to Jammu Police for their timely action. He said that the police kept constant communication with him and worked tirelessly to track down the accused. The accused has been remanded to police custody, and further investigation is in progress to uncover his involvement in other similar cases.

Sethi starts blacktopping work worth Rs 25 lakh in Ward 71

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JAMMU: In a significant step towards strengthening civic infrastructure, MLA Jammu East constituency, Yudhvir Sethi started blacktopping work worth Rs 25 lakh today at Lower Majin Sidhra, Dangvale, falling under Ward No. 71 of Jammu East Constituency.

The project aims to improve road connectivity and provide long-term relief to residents by enhancing basic amenities in the area.

Speaking on the occasion, Yudhvir Sethi reiterated his commitment to ensuring inclusive and continuous



The MLA said,

"Development and public welfare have always been our top priorities. The start

of this blacktopping project is another step towards providing better infrastructure and convenience to the people. We are dedicated to serving every section of society with sincerity and transparency."

He further emphasized that ongoing and upcoming projects in various parts of Jammu East are focused on creating a more developed, cleaner, and better-connected urban environment.

The event was attended by AEE Jamal Din, JEE Haroon Rashid and BJP Senior Leaders Abdul Mehmood Babbu, and

Bishan Singh, along with local residents and BJP workers who appreciated the initiative.

MLA Sethi also thanked the public for their constant support, stating that the trust and cooperation of the people remain the biggest strength behind the region's development journey.

The blacktopping work in Ward No. 71 underlines the MLA's resolve to improve road infrastructure and ensure smoother mobility for the citizens of Bajalta Mandal, Lower Majin Sidhra, and Dangvale areas.

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SRINAGAR: The Foundation Day of 13 States & Union Territories including Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry was celebrated in Raj Bhawan in presence of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Addressing the gathering, the Lieutenant Governor said that the Foundation Day Celebration of different States and UTs is a key mechanism of cultural bonding. "It symbolises unity in diversity and shared trust. Our unity is the invisible power, enabling us to work with a shared vision of a strong and Viksit Bharat," the Lieutenant Governor said.

He called upon the people to strengthen the cultural and spiritual bond, celebrate the

shared legacy and promote a unified Indian identity. "I strongly believe that cultural, spiritual and emotional bonds forged across different languages and cultures of our great country Bharat can act as a most powerful engine for progress. We must transform our diversity into a multiplier force of resilience and innovation to achieve the collective goal of peace, progress and prosperity," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor complimented the artists for their excellent presentation of folk songs and folk dances of various States and Union Territories. Officials of Civil and Police administration, Students, and the people of Punjab, Chandigarh, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Lakshadweep and Puducherry were the special invitees.