

Draupadi Murmu as President of India is victory of marginalized: Rana

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JAMMU: Amid euphoric celebrations by cross section of people, predominantly Scheduled Tribe Gujar and Bakerval communities, on election of Draupadi Murmu as the first Adivasi women President of India, senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana on Thursday termed the day as historic and grand victory for marginalized Indians.

"The pattern of voting by the electoral college, rising above the party politics speaks about the depth of political sagacity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the flag bearer of the BJP's legacy of standing for poor, under-privileged, marginalized and women", Rana said as the drum beaters kept rejoicing over the updates from the national capital.

Rana said the victory of Draupadi Murmu is a poser for the opposition that touched lowest depths during the presidential campaign, almost calling names and



Senior BJP leader Devender Singh Rana celebrating victory of Draupadi Murmu as President.

showing insensitivity to dignity of women and self-esteem of the marginalized especially the Adivasis, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe segments of the society. It is a turning point in India's odyssey towards progress under the theme of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Priyas. The Prime Minister has demonstrated his commitment towards the underprivileged. That the members of the opposition rejected the myopic and anti-Adivasi diktat of their respective parties while east-

ing their votes for the new President as per their conscience holds promise for Indians thinking as nation first, he said, adding that this has made the petty thinking leaders more uncomfortable.

Devender Rana said the victory of Draupadi Murmu reflects the increased presence of BJP at the grassroots level, especially the marginalized areas, hitherto unrepresented and neglected by the dynasts who exploited every section of Indians for over six decades. He said the victory also unfolds the reali-

ty of the BJP representing oppressed classes with a sincerity of purpose and their immense faith in the party leadership.

Rana said the proud residents of Jammu and Kashmir join the compatriots in celebrating the greatest event of Indian history. However, he lamented that as the nation was reeling under the victory mood, the Congress workers indulged in violence and unruly protests in various parts of the country, apparently to celebrate the corruption. For a change, it would have been a pleasant

breather if the opposition, particularly the Congress to celebrate the empowerment of women and marginalized segments in the form of victory of the first Adivasi to the highest position in the country, he said, adding that it had not to be given the feudalist mindset of the dynasts and anarchists of the Indian politics.

He greeted the people on this momentous occasion and joined the participants in celebrating the grand victory of the new President of India.

Prominent among those present on the occasion included Rajinder Singh Chib District President Jammu Rural, Abdul Hameed, Kamini Chopra, Babu Ram Bhagat, Mohd Sultan, Abdul Mehmood, Ajay Sharma, Abdul Hussain, Sher Ali, Babu Ram, Shiv Dayal, Mushtaq Choudhary, Farooq Choudhary, Haneef Choudhary, Pritam Singh, Corporator Ashok Singh Manhas and many others.

Kargil Vijay Diwas: Motorbike rally flagged-off from Udhampur



Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C, Northern Command posing with bikers.

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UDHAMPUR: A motorcycle rally was flagged off by Lt Gen BS Raju, Vice Chief of Army Staff on July 18, 2022 from National War Memorial at New Delhi to commemorate the saga of bravery and sacrifice of the gallant soldiers of Indian Army in the Kargil War.

This rally moved from New Delhi and travelled along two axis; Delhi-

Srinagar-Zojila- Kargil-Dras, and Delhi-Chandigarh-Rohtang-Leh-Dras.

The first group led by Brig A K Singh, Commander 39 Mtn Artillery Brigade reached Udhampur July 20, 2022, via Ambala and Pathankot and will reach Dras on July 26, 2022. As a mark of respect, the rally paid their homage to the brave hearts

at Udhampur in a solemn event. The rally was flagged off by Brig Ananjai Singh, Commander 87 Mountain Brigade from Udhampur on Thursday.

Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi, GOC-in-C, Northern Command conveyed his best wishes to the rally for their remaining journey.

The GOC-in-C in his message to the youth of Jammu & Kashmir urged them to draw inspiration from the sacrifice of the brave soldiers and scale new heights through self-belief and passion.

DC Srinagar reviews preparations for Har Ghar Tiranga programme

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SRINAGAR: In order to finalise the preparations and plan of activities for celebrations of Har Ghar Tiranga to mark the 75th Independence day under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad on Thursday chaired a meeting of Zonal & District Officers of all the Departments here at Banquet Hall.

At the outset, the DC said the programme, which is being held from August 11 to August 17, 2022, is aimed

at invoking a feeling of patriotism among the citizens and promoting a sense of respect for the symbols of Independence. The DC stressed upon the Officers to ensure all necessary arrangements to reach out the last person to make the programme a success. The DC also took a Department wise review of the list of activities to be undertaken during the programme including events to be conducted by Education, Youth Services & Sports and other Departments.

The DC asked for conducting a work-

shop on Flag code to sensitize officials about the Flag Code and follow Standard protocol to honour the National Flag. The meeting also discussed the collection and distribution and delivery of flags at Block, Panchayat and Ward levels in threadbare. It was given out that sale points for flags will also be designated for collection and stocking of the National flags for proper distribution among all the participant departments/stakeholders for Office, residential and individual purposes.

SKJAVS Trust felicitates VC SKUAST-J for his nomination in national-level committee

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JAMMU: Shri Kaikakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sanathan (SKJAVS) Trust honoured Prof J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-Jammu for his nomination as a member of the prestigious committee for promotion of 'Zero budget based farming' constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. On the occasion, Mahant Rohit Shastri and others presented a memento to Prof Sharma on behalf of the Sanskrit scholars.

Lauding efforts of Mahant Rohit Shastri for propagation of Sanskrit language and Jyotish, Prof J P Sharma said that in ancient times, Jyotish was also used for calculating time. "Root of Hindi word 'Varsha' (rain) is 'Varsh' (year). At that time, calculation of time was based mainly on movement of sun and moon and accordingly day-night, fortnight, month, season, ayam, and year were calculated. Jyotish was also used to calculate auspicious time



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for performing Yagya, Hawan etc. If we want to know all such things, then we must learn Sanskrit," he added.

Others present on the occasion included Dr Sanjay Sharma, Anil Padha, Rajesh Langer, Somil Abrol, Rakesh Gandotra and Uttam Chand Sharma.

Pride for India to have tribal woman as President: Rekha

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JAMMU: With 11 women ministers in his cabinet and now a tribal woman as President, speaks that Narendra Modi is concerned for women empowerment in the country. None from among his predecessors did so much for them.

This was stated by Rekha Mahajan, Secretary, J&K BJP, who was of the view that for the first time in the history of India a grass-root level tribal woman leader is going to head the highest office of the country.

Nomination of Draupadi Murmu as the Presidential candidate by the NDA is a step in the right direction when it comes to recognising women empowerment. The same NDA govt, in 2015, had appointed Murmu as the first ever



woman Governor of Jharkhand.

Rekha Mahajan said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, by first supporting Ram Nath Kovind and now Droupadi Murmu, has sent out a loud and clear message that New India will be all inclusive and won't discriminate against Dalits or Tribals, who were oppressed for decades under successive Congress regimes.

She said that Prime Minister Modi's endorsement of Murmu, is, in fact, a vindication of the government's tribal outreach and his commitment to giving greater representation to women, especially those from erstwhile, neglected and remote parts of the country.

The Presidential candidate of NDA has many firsts to her credit. She is going to be the first tribal President of India and the first female leader from the East to hold the highest office of the President of India, only second female President of India after Pratibha Devisingh Patil, Rekha said.

Rekha Mahajan said that while it is a matter of pride for the people of the country, the women in particular are feeling honoured.

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JAMMU: Celebrating NEXA's 7th anniversary, Maruti Suzuki today unveiled its game-changer SUV, The Grand Vitara. Encapsulating the "Create. Inspire." value statement of NEXA, the Grand Vitara is a multi-product offering that is set to disrupt the SUV market in the country. Featuring NEXA's signature design language-Crafted Futurism, the premium SUV features a distinct exterior design, sophisticated interiors, segment-leading features and an industry redefining fuel-efficiency powered by its revolutionary Hybrid Powertrains. Speaking on the global unveil, Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Maruti Suzuki has led the market with its slew of new product launches across segments, catering to the diverse needs of the new-age Indian



customer. With the global unveiling of the Grand Vitara, we bring an SUV which embodies the best of Suzuki design, technology and performance. Packed with the Suzuki All-Grip legendary off-road/proven as well as a strong & aggressive design, it inherits the pure SUV DNA of the iconic brand, Vitara. Moreover, with the introduction of the revolutionary Intelligent Electric Hybrid system, the Grand Vitara paves the way for a cleaner, greener, sustainable and carbon-neutral world. We are confident that Grand Vitara

will set a new benchmark for SUV lovers in the country and redefine Joy of Mobility for our customers." While talking about the expectations from the Grand Vitara, Shashank Srivastava, Senior Executive Director (Sales & Marketing), Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "The SUV segment has grown tremendously in the past 4 years as customers have shown a strong inclination towards an assertive design, dominant road presence and new-age technology. With our diverse product range, Maruti Suzuki has been a leader in

the UV segment continuously for the last five years. As a market leader, we have consistently disrupted every segment with our offerings. And today, celebrating NEXA's 7th anniversary, we are delighted to present a much-awaited premium and revolutionary SUV, "The Grand Vitara", which will be another game-changer in the Industry.

He added, "A multi-product offering, The Grand Vitara will appeal to a wide range of customers with its multiple offerings, across powertrains, drivetrains and features. The Grand Vitara will pamper customers with a host of options ranging from Suzuki's legendary ALLGRIP technology, the Intelligent Electric Hybrid Technology and the Progressive Smart Hybrid Technology equipped with Manual and 6-Speed Automatic transmission. With much sought-after premium features such as the

Panoramic Sunroof and Ventilated Seats, the Grand Vitara will enamor customers. The benchmark-setting new breed of SUVs - Grand Vitara is an unparalleled and unmatched package for a wide range of customers seeking a premium SUV to match their varied lifestyles. Continuing the NEXA philosophy of introducing innovative technologies, we are delighted to present NEXAverse- a new way of experiencing the Grand Vitara in Metaverse." Two grand and exclusive Genuine NEXA accessories theme collections ENIGMAX and ENIGMAX Xwere also unveiled. The tastefully crafted range will further accentuate the character, personality and lifestyle of the Grand Vitara. The Grand Vitara will be offered in 6 monotone color options and 3 Dual-tone color options to make a bold statement.

Sikh organisation in J&K criticises Delimitation Commission

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SRINAGAR: A Sikh organisation in Kashmir on Thursday criticised the Delimitation Commission for not providing any political representation to the community by way of reservation of assembly seats. The All Parties Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) also appealed to the Members of Parliament to listen to their conscience and oppose the reservation for the members of Kashmiri Pandit community which is based on pure religious lines.

The delimitation commission has two

important jobs -- to give representation based on geography and population. It is mandatory and they cannot ignore that," APSCC chairman Jagmohan Singh Raina told reporters here. "But, we have not been given any representation. The forthcoming (assembly) elections will be meaningless if the Sikh community is not given any political representation, he said.

Raina said the delimitation commission bill, which has been presented in Parliament where it needs to be passed, proposes reservation for Kashmiri Pandits

only as a minority, even as Sikhs also constitute a good population in Jammu and Kashmir: The APSCC chairman appealed to all the MPs to listen to their conscience and oppose the reservation for the members of Kashmiri Pandit community that is based on pure religious lines .

If the BJP government does not support us, how will Sikhs support it, he added.

He also appealed to the Sikhs living in the different parts of world to raise their voice against this injustice and maltreatment .

the promoted officers and their families. He has expressed his hope that the promotion will boost the morale of these officers and to perform their duties with enhanced dedication and zeal.

Under order No 2499, Sham Lal, Mohammad Abdullah, Shameem Ahmad,

Gh Mohi ud din, Nazir Ahmad, Nazir Ahmad, Mansoor Ahmad, Mohammad Yusuf, Ab Majid Mir, Tahir Hussain Malik, Mohammad Yusuf, Gh Mohammad Sheikh, Ghulam Ali Malla, Kulbushan Singh and Bram Dutt were promoted to the rank of Inspectors.

J&K Cong stages protest against Sonia Gandhi's questioning by ED

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SRINAGAR/JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir Congress on Thursday held protests against party president Sonia Gandhi's questioning by the Enforcement Directorate, alleging vendetta politics by the ruling BJP. Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) working president Raman Bhalla and a number of party leaders and workers were detained in Jammu while trying to take out a protest.

In Srinagar, former Congress legislators and other senior leaders led by G A Mir protested at the party office against Gandhi's questioning by the ED in a money laundering case related to the National Herald newspaper. The Congress leaders called it "vendetta politics of



Congress leaders during a protest.

the Modi government against the Gandhi family.

Speaking on the occasion, Mir slammed the ED summons to Gandhi in "a concocted National Herald case which has no basis".

Such vendetta politics won't deter the leadership from opposing the wrong and anti-people policies of the Modi government," he said.

Mir said the Congress has always been at the forefront of fighting tyranny.

"The Gandhi family has rendered countless sacrifices and immensely contributed to inclusive development of the nation during the last 70 years, but the present Modi regime at the Centre is unable to digest it.

"So it has started indulging in image tarnishing of Gandhis under the garb of ED summons, which is bound to face humiliating defeat," he said.

In Jammu, hundreds of

Congress leaders and workers led by Bhalla took out a rally from the party headquarters at Saheed-i-Chowk.

However, police put up barricades and did not allow them to proceed further.

Shouting slogans against the government, they tried to break the barricades but were detained by police.

Bhalla, a former minister, and other senior party leaders were bundled into buses and taken to police lines.

"It is a protest against the use of central agencies by the government against the top leadership of the party. It is our resolve to stand by honest and dedicated leaders of our party -- Sonia ji and Rahul ji," Bhalla told reporters.

He said that the Congress will not be cowed down by such tactics.