



THREE NEW BOOKS FROM DEOSARAN: Deputy Commissioner of Police McDonald Jacob, left, and Prof Ramesh Deosaran, author of three books, including *Crime, Politics and Justice in a Multi-Racial, Post-Colonial Society*, at the book launch on Tuesday at Police Administration Building, Sackville Street, Port of Spain.

Deosaran gives 'hero' Farley a warning

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"THERE is somebody greater than I. I have seen somebody greater than I. It is Farley Augustine (new Tobago House of Assembly (THA) Chief Secretary). He is a hero. It is not about politics. I have not seen anything like that (Progressive Democratic Patriots victory) in my lifetime."

So said Prof Ramesh Deosaran as he delivered the feature address at a book donation of his three new-

est books at Police Administration Building, Sackville Street, Port of Spain, on Tuesday. The texts are *Education, Race, Class and Politics in Post-Colonial Trinidad and Tobago*; *Crime, Politics and Justice in a Multi-Racial Post-Colonial Society* and *Race and Politics in a Divided Nation*.

Among those present were Deosaran's wife Nir-mala, Sheridan Hill, Deputy Commissioner of Police McDonald Jacob and Pamela Hosein, chief executive officer, Amalgamated Security Services.

Amid his admiration, he sounded a note of warning, "Four years is a short time. And if he doesn't do what he needs to do..."

Augustine, who is a deputy political leader of the Progressive Democratic Patriots (PDP), along with political leader Watson Duke, led the team to a 14-one victory on Monday night against the incumbent People's National Movement. On Thursday, the new assemblymen took the oath of office at the Magdalena Grand Golf and Beach Resort in Lowlands, Tobago.

Deosaran also paid kudos to Amalgamated chairman Michael Abotod for his contribution to the society, and the Caribbean. Deosaran also lamented that when children and youths are neglected, they turn to "substitute parents" for guidance.

To date, Deosaran has published 20 books, over 100 published journals, and made about 200 presentations at conferences and civic organisations. His essays can be used by researchers, tourists, teachers, lecturers, students, policy-makers, politicians and community activists.

Each speaker at the launch hailed Deosaran as an exemplary citizen and a cherished public intellectual. They expressed pride and gratitude in his myriad accomplishments.

Too much bad mind, spite

Deosaran also commented upon the recent deaths of prison officers including Valencia resident Trevor Serrette, who was gunned down outside his fruit stall on November 26. On December 6, his funeral service took place at St Francis Roman Catholic Church, and he was laid to rest at Turure Public Cemetery, Sangre Grande.

Deosaran said: "It grieves my heart to know prison officers get killed in the line of duty."

There is too much bad mind, spite and victimisation. A lot of domestic violence is because of spite and bad mind. The consequences fall upon the shoulders of Jacob, and the Police Service. I feel happy to make this donation to the Police Service."

Turning to young men who adopt negative role models, he added: "When parents don't take care of their young boys, where do you think they will go? They look for substitute fathers". Why do you think they went to the late (Muslimen leader Yasin) Abu Bakr. They were looking for 'substitute parents'."

On July 27, 1990, Abu Bakr led a group of 114 insurrectionists in an attempted coup against the then-Arthur NR Robinson-led National Alliance for Reconstruction administration.

Jacob: Spinning top in mud

During his remarks, Jacob said: "We have research coming from our academics and universities, which we are not putting into use. We are spinning top in mud. We are making the same mistakes over and over."

When she spoke, Hosein said: "He has a remarkable legacy. This is what we should expect from professors in our society. We expect a give back that will help us to advance as a people and country. Like private organisations should play their part in supporting communities and contributing to the development of society. It is a fact that building successful social impact strategies that engage teams and is both challenging and rewarding."

Hosein also said: "It is our distinct pleasure to support his work. It is a privilege to donate his works to public security and educational facilities that would benefit from his knowledge and experience."

Senior Counsel Israel B Rajah-Khan wrote the introduction to *Crime, Politics and Justice in a Multi-Racial Post-Colonial Society*.

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