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SRI GURU RAVIDASS JYANTI

A MARVELLOUS SUCCESS IN PITTSBURG (CALIFORNIA)

Pittsburg: Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha (CA) Pittsburg and the entire sangat celebrated 638th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj at its Pittsburg Temple with three days Akhand Path sewa, with great enthusiasm and dedication. Since sangat is a dynamic force behind the success of a function of this magnitude, the joint efforts of sangat with their generous donations and the Managing Committee together made it a magnificent success. Around two thousand devotees participated in this historic function. Stormy weather and rain could not dampen their spirits of dedication.

The event will go in the annals of the history of Pittsburg Gurughar as a memorable day.



Prominent speakers, talented artists and kirtankars also adorned



the celebration with their earnest outputs for the occasion. Langar sewa

joined by free food stalls volunteered by devoted sewadars was a big attraction on this sacred day.

Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber, chief editor weekly newspapers "Ambedkar Times" and "Desh Doaba", also participated in the celebrations and conveyed his congratulations as a journalistic professional on this auspicious occasion.

Such celebrations with a spirit of unity tie a badge on the name of the entire community. The Managing Committee of Gurughar conveys their hearty thanks and appreciation to the entire sangat and the sewadars who volunteered their services, through the esteemed columns of these weekly community newspapers. - O.P. Balley

A FLORAL TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. R.C. PAUL

O.P. Balley

Gen. Secretary, Supreme Council, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA

It is very saddening to know that Mr. R. C. Paul, a devoted follower and crusader in carrying on the mission of Babasaheb, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar for the emancipation and advancement of the oppressed sections of Indian society, left for his heavenly abode on January 30th 2015 in Fairfield, California. Mr. Paul was a man of a very strong will power and firm determination in every endeavor of his long life which he

A TRUE AMBEDKARITE:- Mr. R.C. Paul who had a rare opportunity to meet Dr. Ambedkar in 1951 in Doaba College Jalandhar when he was still a college student, was highly inspired by Babasaheb in his quest for higher education. He never wavered in his determination to spread the mission and perpetuate the legacy of our Messiah, Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Mr. Paul was also very closely associated with the activities of Ambedkar Bhawan trust, Jalandhar and was General Secretary of the trust for a long time.

down-trodden. Mr. Paul strongly supported the establishment of a strong media in highlighting and carrying forward the caravan of Babasaheb's mission and philosophy. "AMBEDKAR TIMES" and "DESH DOABA", two weekly Newspapers published and edited by Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber from Sacramento, California is a living example in this direction in the modern era.

VALUE OF EDUCATION:- Paul Sahib firmly believed that good education builds and empowers your conscience to understand your rights and

Mr. Madan Banga, the nephew of Mr. R.C. Paul and Mr. Faqira Mehmi, a close family friend also extended a lot of help in every possible way during Mr. Paul's hospitalization.

INTIMATE FRIEND:- I had the pleasure to know Mr. Paul personally for over twenty years and during the last few years we had developed a very close affinity in our views and approach to many social and other personal issues of life.

I always relished his affable nature and disposition during all these years of our association and interac-



sustained up to his last breath. By dint of his hard work, perseverance and dedication he rose to the position of a Judicial Magistrate in Punjab and had a successful career after retirement as a prominent lawyer in Panjab and Haryana High court at Jalandhar.

A stream of mourners attended his funeral services held in Pittsburg California on February 5th, 2015 where glowing tributes were paid by his family, friends and admirers in the memory of the departed soul. I also had the honor and the privilege to pay my personal and humble tributes at his funeral services.

In a special program of Guru Ravidass Ji's birth day celebration at Capitol Building in Sacramento in 2013 held by United Awareness Committee of Ravidassia Community, Mr. Paul was awarded with special recognition along with Mr. Puran Chand Madhar and Mr. O.P. Balley for having met Dr. Ambedkar in person.

MEDIA ACTIVITIES:- Mr. Paul was also a prolific writer and in his student days he helped in editing and managing, the 'UJALA' the only urdu weekly Magazine then published to publicize the mission of Babasaheb for restoration of human rights and dignity of the neglected and the

complexities of life. With that belief and goal in mind he provided the best possible education to his children who will be the guardians of his legacy in the years ahead.

DEVOTED FAMILY:- Paul Sahib was gifted with a very loving and a caring family which included his devoted wife Mrs. Asha Devi, two illustrious sons Dr. Ravikant Paul, Mr. Shashikant Paul and daughter Pamela Pawar married to a retired IAS officer, Mr. RPS Pawar. Mr. Shashi Paul joined by his wife Vijay Paul, despite their business engagements, took utmost care of their father day and night during his medical treatment.

tion. He has left behind a devoted wife of over 65 years, Mrs. Asha Devi, a blossoming family and a very rich legacy which will always remain as an inspirational spirit to posterity in the years to come.

I will greatly miss Mr. Paul for his ideals, devotion and understanding the issues for the welfare of those who are deprived of the opportunity and the means to rise in life.

I offer my earnest prayers for peace, tranquility and serenity of the departed soul and for solace and strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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