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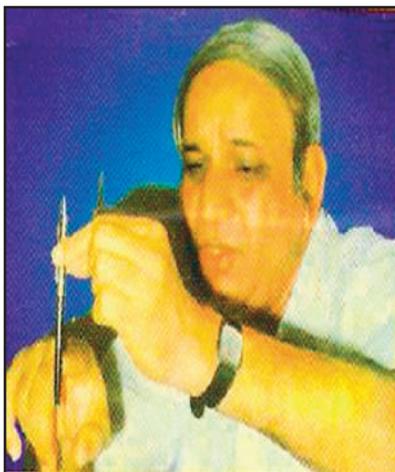
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REMEMBERING SAHIB SHRI KANSHI RAM

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Dalit Chetna has its roots in the sufferings of its progenitors who never tired in making efforts to wake up their people/Samaj. Though voices of revolt against the oppressive caste structure of Indian society began emerging during the time of Tathagat Buddha, but the same began taking shape in a more systematic manner during the life time of revered Jyotirao Phule who with the support of his bold life partner revered Savitri Bai Phule made stringent efforts to educate lowest of the low in order to ignite social and political consciousness, and self-respect among them who were forced to internalize subjugation under centuries old social exclusion and oppression. Revered Phule used to equate education with the milk of a lioness: whosoever drinks will roar like a lion. The flame of this struggle was taken up soon afterwards by Periyar E.V. Ramasamy who founded Justice Party to struggle for long lost Dalit human rights during the colonial India. His social and political transformative initiatives created a fertile ground for the socially deprived sections of the society to stand up valiantly for their civic rights.



Castes failed to register victory. Reservation in the legislature, both at state and national levels, encouraged opportunists from within the rank and file of the low castes to get easily manipulated by upper castes' masters in the mainstream political parties to be ready to come forward to defeat their counterparts from the Dalit political

parties. That is why Babasaheb used to say that on the reserved seats deaf and dumb low castes are picked up by the shrewd mainstream political party bosses to defeat the genuine Dalit candidates from the Dalit Political Parties. This was the outcome of the failure of the Communal Award hard earned by Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar.

A new wave emerged with the arrival of Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji on the political scene of the Dalit Politics in India as well as with the birth of Dalit Panther movement in Maharashtra in the early 1970. It was also the time of the revival of Ad Dharam movement in Punjab founded by Mr. Mangu Ram Jaspal, the namesake of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, who after long stay in England came to live in Jalandhar to work for the upliftment of the Dalit Samaj. Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji also made sincere efforts to stir new consciousness in the minds of Dalit people in Punjab while referring to the various achievements of the glorious Ad Dharm movement. He, in fact, had successfully been able to inject a new energy and passion among the Scheduled castes, especially of Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, by bringing them together on the platform of BAMCEF, DS4 (Dalit Shoshit Samaj Sangarsh Samiti) and Bahujan Samaj Party. He was of the firm opinion that political power is the key to all locks of Dalit empowerment. He wanted to strengthen his own people and Samaj who had been taken for a free ride over centuries. What Sahib Shri Kanshi Ji said and done for the Dalit Samaj has once again being realized by his followers and scholars of Dalit studies that the current times need him and his style of politics more strongly for the emancipation and empowerment of the Scheduled castes people. Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba forum pay floral tributes to the fond memory and momentous work that Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji had done for his people and Samaj on his anniversary!!

Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar became the legitimate heir of Phule-Periyar tradition of Dalit consciousness. He devoted his whole life for the generation of Dalit consciousness and took the same to new heights never ever witnessed before since the beginning of the raising of voice against social exclusion and justice in the discourses of Tathagat Buddha. Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar remained on the platform of Dalit struggle from the time of his first publication on Genesis of Caste in 1916 till his last breath on December 6, 1956. From 1956 till 1972 Dalits in India experimented with his conversion formula to get rid of untouchability and getting organized under Dalit political parties (Independent Labour Party, Scheduled Castes Federation, Republican Party of India) to fight back social segregation, political marginalization and economic peripheralization. Conversion somehow could not succeed in throwing off the debris of untouchability even from the confines of their newly embraced religions. The experience with the distinct Dalit political parties also remained quite disheartening as at different electoral intervals Scheduled

Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee San Jose (CA) honored Prof. Arun K. Grover, Former Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh (India)

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Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba Weeklies congratulate Prof. Arun Kumar Grover on being honored by the Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, San Jose on September 25, 2022 for his sterling contribution in the domains of scholarship and leadership in academic and administration in Punjab areas. Prof. Arun Kumar Grover served as the 12th Vice Chancellor of Panjab University Chandigarh (2012-18). He nucleated Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster in 2012, a precursor of City based Knowledge Clusters currently being supported by office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India. He was invited to Chair

ences (IASc), Bangalore in 1997. He also served as the Vice President of IASc. Bangalore (2016-18). He served as Secretary of the TIFR Alumni Association (2007-12) and Coordinator of TIFR Endowment Fund for two years. TIFR Alumni Association awarded him its Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2018. He served as Honorary Emeritus Professor and Raja Ramanna Fellow of DAE at Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh from 2019-21.

He is currently a member of the Senate of PU, Chandigarh, Punjabi University Patiala and IIT Ropar. He has been a member of BOG of PEC, Chandigarh since 2012. He



the first Review and Advisory Committee of Delhi Cluster-DRIIV (Delhi Research Implementation and Innovation) in 2020.

He has been the Chairperson of the Research Council of CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL), New Delhi and the Chair of Research Advisory Council of IISER, Mohali since 2017. While working as a condensed matter physicist at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) from 1972-2016, he had received the HomiBhabha Science and Technology Award of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in 1995 for his outstanding Contributions in the domains of Magnetism and Superconductivity. TIFR had appointed him Convener of Homi Bhabha Birth Centenary Commemoration Committee and he shouldered this responsibility from 2008-2011.

He was elected Fellow of National Academy of Sciences of India (NASI) and Indian Academy of Sci-

also serves on the Academic Council of RIMT University, Mandi Gobindgarh. He was made a member of International Commission (C14) on Physics Education of International Union of Pure and Applied Physics (IUPAP) in 2021. He had served as co-Editor of The Physics News, the newsletter of the Indian Physics Association (IPA) for one term.

He was elected Vice President of Society for Promotion of Science and Technology in India (SPSTI) for a 5 year term in 2020. This forum works now partners Chandigarh Chapters of National Science Academies and Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INAYAS) for hosting numerous events and initiatives for dissemination of progress in science to School and College students and teachers and for nurturing youngsters to grow as scientists.

He is a founder member of Tricity based Think-tank named as 'Forum of Retired Vice Chancellors and Directors (FRVCD)'.



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How to save Bengaluru from floods?

In the first week of September, many areas of Bengaluru, the capital of Karnataka, known as the Silicon Valley of India, experienced flood-like conditions due to heavy rains. The rainwater has entered residential colonies as well as IT companies such as Deloitte, Wipro, Ecospace located on the city's outer ring road. Water was as heavy as a river was flowing on Bengaluru roads. Students and office goers had to resort to boats and tractors. Electricity and water supply also remained off in many parts of the city. Several domestic flights had to be cancelled due to waterlogging in the parking area of the airport. In the last three and a half decades, this is the third incident of heavy rain for 24 hours in the month of September in Bengaluru. First was 177.6 mm of rainfall on 12 September 1988, then 132.6 mm on 26 September 2014 and now 131.6 mm on 5 September 2022.

Bengaluru people vented their anger on the administration due to flooding in the city known as the stronghold of IT companies. The city's chief commissioner, defending the administration, said that there are two main reasons for the floods in Bengaluru: one is that this year's monsoon has brought more than average rainfall and the other is that the first week of September usually averages only 25 mm of rains, but this time some parts of the city have received 150 to 300 mm of rain in a single day. The Chief Minister of Karnataka has said that there has been a flood in the city due to the overflowing of the lakes in the city.

Bengaluru is not the only city that has experienced floods after heavy rains, such floods occur in almost all cities of India. Every time it rains, big cities like Mumbai and Delhi are left in ruins. There are many reasons for floods in Bengaluru. These include unplanned and unregulated development of the city, increase in built up areas, encroachment on the lake areas, silt deposits in the lakes, construction on drains connecting the lakes to each other, declining area under trees.

The city of Bengaluru began to expand rapidly due to the arrival of IT companies. According to a 2016 report by the Indian Institute of Science, the built-up area of the city has increased by 1005 per cent from 1973 to 2016. In 1973, only 8 per cent of the city's area was under buildings, which increased to 27.3 per cent in 1992, and 77 per cent in 2016 and will increase to 93.3 per cent in 2020. Now 2022 is underway, the urban area under the buildings would have increased even more

The urban population of Ben-

galuru increased to 1 crore 27 lakh in 2021, which was only 16 lakh 77 thousand in 1971. In the last five decades, the population of Bengaluru has increased by 661.49 per cent. The rapid growth of population and the influx of IT companies rapidly reduced Bengaluru's vegetation and watershed areas. According to the above report of the Indian Institute of Science, with urban development and increasing area under buildings, the land use pattern of Bengaluru has also changed a lot. Compared to 1973, the area under vegetation had decreased by 88 per cent and the area under water resources had decreased by 79 per cent in 2016.

In the historical background, the city of Bengaluru was also called the city of lakes and gardens. These

were made to connect the lakes were also encroached in various ways because these canals/minors were used only when the lakes overflowed during heavy rains and remained empty for the rest of the time. Lakes, tanks, and wetlands absorb rainwater like a sponge, which on one hand prevents floods and on the other hand recharges the groundwater that fulfils daily requirements of the people.

Bengaluru is not the only city to suffer from flooding due to constructions, encroachments and neglect of water bodies. Many other cities of the country like Srinagar, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, and some others have also been hit by floods. In 2014, the flood in Srinagar caused huge destruction. There too, the main cause of flooding was the construc-

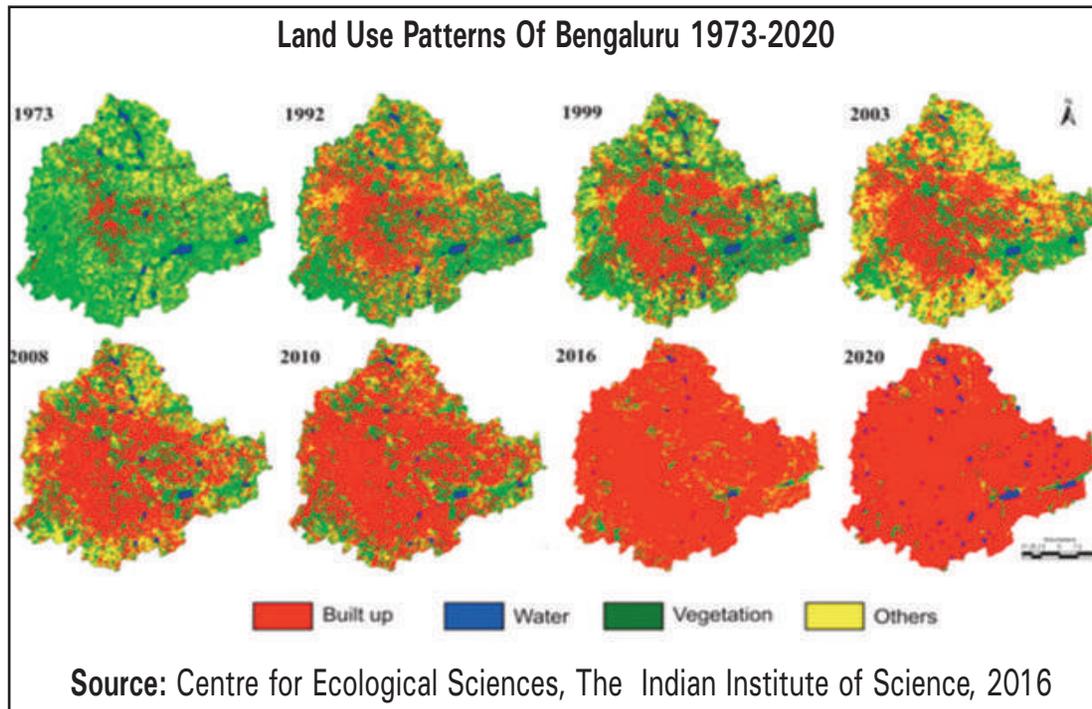
future due to the neglect of natural water sources.

The Karnataka government has also indiscriminately cut down trees from the areas around lakes and tanks in the city of Bengaluru while moving towards the upper ladder of economic growth. By 2016, 88 per cent of the vegetation cover of the city known as lakes and gardens had been lost. In the last 6 years, its percentage area would have decreased further. Every region and country should have at least 33 per cent of its area under forests/trees to maintain the natural balance. On the one hand, trees help in controlling the rise in temperature and on the other hand, the roots of trees also protect against floods by absorbing excess rain water. In order to protect a place/region from natural calamities like floods and droughts, its natural balance should be taken care of.

Untreated water from factories and sewage is directly discharged into many lakes in Bengaluru, which sometimes causes fires in these lakes. It is also the responsibility of the city administration that any untreated wastewater is not dumped into lakes, tanks, and other water bodies. For the treatment of sewage water, the municipal corporation of the city should take appropriate action against the owners of the factories for disposal of the waste water. To save the city from flooding, the places where excess rain water accumulates should also be marked. By finding a safe place near those places and making deep wells, the rain water should be drained into the

earth there, which will be very helpful in solving the problem of both floods and droughts. The area under trees should be increased to control the rise in temperature, and natural calamities like floods in the city. While selecting the varieties of trees, special care should be taken and selecting only local/native trees for plantation so that they can be in harmony with the natural environment.

It cannot be denied that due to climatic changes, the number of occurrences of natural disasters and the intensity of the damage have also increased significantly. Natural resources have to be conserved to avoid these natural calamities. To save Bengaluru city from floods and droughts, the city administration and the state government should remove encroachments on the remaining lakes of the city. The lakes which are possible to be connected to each other should be connected by constructing well planned drainage so that when there is heavy rain, then the city dwellers do not have to face a flood like situation. Silt deposits and other materials in lakes should be removed and cleaned thoroughly. The city administration should also ensure cleanliness of all types of water sources in the city. If we plan and act soon, we can save Bangalore from floods.



lakes used to fulfill all the water requirements of the people of Bengaluru. The city of Bengaluru is situated on ridges and the monsoon winds bring rain here twice a year (in June-July on arrival and last week of August on departure). Rainwater accumulates in the low-lying areas. The lakes were connected to each other through canals/minors in ancient times. When some lakes are filled with water due to rain, the excess water is released into other lakes /tanks connecting canals/minors and later people use it according to their requirements.

India has a very rich heritage of rainwater harvesting. In every region of the country, rain water was harvested in different ways according to the geographical situation of that region. The southern part of the country is a plateau, in this part ponds were built in which rainwater was automatically collected, and people used that water for their daily requirements and kept these places clean and also worshipped them. Under the influence of modernisation, we have started neglecting natural resources. Due to the increase in population in the city of Bengaluru, the area of some lakes has been encroached for constructing houses and other buildings, reducing the area of the lakes. The canals/minors which

tion and encroachment of lakes, drains, and the Jhelum river floodplain. According to a research study by Hamaun and Rashid, 50 per cent of Srinagar's water bodies have disappeared in the last century due to constructions and encroachments. The area of Srinagar's largest lake, Wular, declined by 88 per cent and the area of Dal lake declined by 50 per cent in 2011 compared to 1901. A similar phenomenon has also happened in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. According to a research study by Anna University, Chennai, at the beginning of the 20th century, had 60 large lakes and tanks, and two rivers named Adyar and Kamu which met the water requirements of the people. Now the number of these lakes/tanks has reduced to only 26. An airport has been built on the catchment area of Adyar river. Due to the encroachments and buildings built on the water bodies, the city of Chennai was hit by floods in 2015 and in 2019, the city was caught in a severe water crisis.

Lakes, tanks, and wetlands protect us from floods and droughts. According to a 2018 report by NITI Aayog, the city of Bengaluru, which is presently suffering from floods, was also among the 21 cities whose residents will depend on extra-urban sources for drinking water in the near

Swachh Bharat Mission – A Socio-Cultural Audit

We are in the ninth year of the Swachh Bharat Mission – clean India mission - launched by PM Narendra Modi on October 2, 2014, 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It was a laudable initiative and it is also a matter of gratification to note that the Mission could deliver not only by way of facilities but also in generating much needed awareness about cleanliness among the people. But we are still to go a long way as we approach the anniversary of Swachh Bharat Mission on October 2. I am certain again we would stage some shows of 'broom wielding' photo-ops next week to congratulate ourselves. I wrote in these columns on the subject in 2014 too which may be accessed at: <https://diplomaticitbits.blogspot.com/2014/10/swachh-bharat-campaign-gandhi-jayanti.html>

My immediate provocation to write again on the subject is a news story in the Tribune about a school in some remote area of Hoshiarpur district of Punjab where the parents found that their children were made to clean the premises, including toi-

Balmiki or Bhangi extraction in spite of the fact that manual scavenging, the utmost inhuman activity, was legally banned in India in 1993. The safai karmchari jobs are fully, 100 %, reserved, unofficially and socially, for those condemned sections of the society. The Thekedars of the society, the so called 'General Samaj' shouts from the house tops against 'Reservation', the affirmative action stipulated in the Constitution of India. They are not interested in jobs of cleanliness as they belong to the privileged 'General Samaj. The lead-



lets, of the school by the teachers. The parents were up-in-arms against the school and the teachers. The concerned teachers explained that they themselves joined students in the cleaning operation as a planned activity to instill the sense of 'do it yourself' and 'dignity of labour' in the young students. The parents were not impressed and the authorities were finding it difficult to defend the school and the teachers because social pressure was over considerable. The problem is acute and serious. There is no easy answer as the roots of the problem are wide spread in our ethos and culture which gets its sanctity from the religion and scriptures of the society at large. We suffer from the 'graded inequality' and 'self centered' mindset. We may or may not agree but it is true, if I humbly assert. I was not surprised to read in one of the essays on the subject of Swachh Bharat Mission on the internet that 'even the government policies with regard to cleanliness and recruitment of safai karmcharis take into account the caste considerations' because to clean and maintain cleanliness do not pertain to the whole society but only to the condemned to do that work, the dalits of

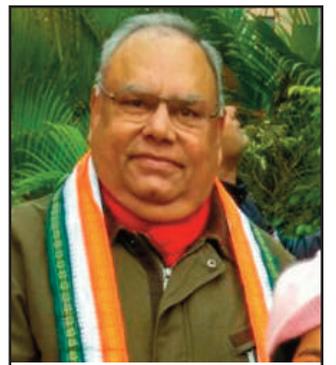
ership from Mahatma Gandhi to Narendra Modi found 'spiritual solace' in the inhuman and degraded work of cleanliness. If there was anyone who found dignity in manual scavenging, it was Mahatma Gandhi then, and it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi now. Modi claimed in his autobiography that manual scavenging is a spiritual experience. The discussion on the dignity of manual scavengers would also remain incomplete without looking at what Gandhi said "The ideal Bhangi of my conception would be a Brahmin par excellence, possibly even excel him... It is the Bhangi who enables society to live. A Bhangi does for society what a mother does for her baby... A mother washes her baby of the dirt and insures his health...." This is how we glorify scavenging? Mera Bharat Mahan.

We Indians are the dirtiest people as we depend on a particular section of the society to clean our dirt. I am sorry for this somewhat candid view. It is not the case in other countries, particularly the developed world. I have personally seen young students in Japan cleaning their own schools and officials cleaning their own offices. I even joined my fellow residents in an up-scale residential

area in Tokyo to clean our surroundings on a holiday and thereafter a get-together of contributory or self-served drinks and lunch or dinner. I also recall a well thoughtful activity in Beijing (then Peking) in China which was initiated by Ambassador R.D. Sathe, who later rose to become the Foreign Secretary in late 1980s – Sharamdan on October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He invited or directed all of us in the Embassy with families to come in knickers, jeans etc. with brooms, buckets and baskets to clean our sprawling Embassy premises and later join at a community lunch. I learnt a great deal from this beautiful gesture. Why don't we do this here in our mohallas and villages? No, it cannot be done unless we change our mindset and refuse to find 'spiritual experience' in the odd job. It is a matter of pity that even after 75 years of independence, we

tantly, the state needs to acknowledge the role of caste and how it traps people in the practice of manual scavenging. Building a lot of toilets without proper sewage or mechanized disposal mechanisms will only lead to more stigmatization, and more work for manual scavengers. Currently, the role of caste in cleaning and sanitation in India has been ignored by the state. If everyone has toilets, but only Dalits are supposed to clean them, then it's just a Savarna Swachh Bharat.

"Let us come out of the lip service and do something concrete while remembering Mahatma Gandhi and appreciating PM Narendra Modi. Masjid To Bana Di Shab Bhar Mein Iman Ki Hararat Walon Ne



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could not come out of the so called 'spiritual experience' and provide mechanical and appropriate tools to the safai karmcharis to clean the sewerage and do away the manual scavenging. It is not high on the policy matrix because of traditional mindset. I know personally when our people migrate to other places in foreign lands to earn their bread and butter, they don't mind doing all odd jobs to sustain and prevail. But back home in India, story is different. We need two set of people for odd jobs – one for cooking and general cleaning and other for cleaning toilets and removal and disposal of waste. Is this the way to become 'Vikshit Bharat'?

Let us stop glorifying the odd jobs to scavengers by birth. Babasaheb Ambedkar rightly said, "In India, a man is not a scavenger because of his work. He is a scavenger because of his birth irrespective of the question whether he does scavenging or not." The new slogan or 'Jumla'-Swachhta Hee Sewa Hai - has no meaning as asserted by Shonotra Kumar and Sumeesh Srivastava are lawyers working at Nyaaya, an initiative of the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy in an article 'For Manual Scavengers – Swachhta is not Sewa in the Wire and said, "Most impor-

Mann Apna Purana Papi Hai, Barsoun Mein Namazi Ban Na Saka

(Though the mosque was built overnight by the believers Our heart being old sinner for years devout could not be)
Iqbal Bara Updeshak Hai, Mann Baaton Mein Moh Leta Hai
Guffar Ka Ye Ghazi To Bana, Kirdar Ka Ghazi Ban Na Saka

(Iqbal is a good advisor, fascinates the heart in moments He did become hero in talk, but one in deeds he could not be.)

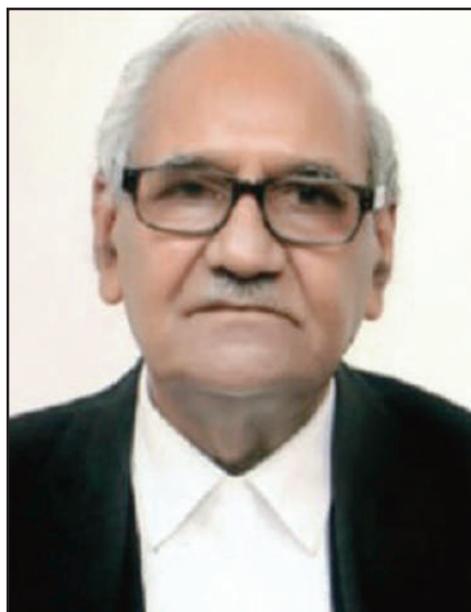
Postscript: - It has been reported in the media that at a school function in Patna, an IAS officer, Harjot Kaur Bamhrah responded as a student asked that the government was providing school dress, scholarship, bicycles and many other facilities to students, can't it provide sanitary pads for Rs 20 to 30 to girl students and said, "Today, the government would provide you with sanitary pads for Rs 20 to Rs 30. Then you ask for jeans, pants and then, beautiful shoes," she said but did not stop there. She further added, "When it comes to family planning, will the government give condoms (Nirodh) to you? – Swachhta Hee Sewa Hai !

A FLORAL TRIBUTE TO LATE SHRI SUKHDEV CHAND PAUL ADVOCATE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

It has been noted with a deep sense of grief and sorrow to learn about the sad demise of Shri Sukhdev Chand Paul (Shri S.C.Paul), a renowned Advocate Supreme Court of India, who left for his heavenly abode on September 10th, 2022 in New Delhi. Thousands of mourners, friends, admirers, relatives and associates attended his funeral services held on September 12, 2022 in New Delhi and paid their homage to the departed soul. Mr. Paul was 87 years old. Shri Paul Saheb, as he was affectionately known, was father-in-law of my eldest son, Mr. Vinod Kumar Balley. My daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lajya Balley accompanied by her daughter, Monika Balley, flew instantly to New Delhi to attend her father's funeral services and performance of his last rites.

A VETERAN LAWYER :- Mr. Paul who practiced as a professional lawyer for over forty years, was held in high esteem by his clients and professional associates. He had been assigned his personal chamber within the Supreme Court complex for the last almost forty years and he helped many other new lawyers with his acumen and expertise in the domain of practicing law.

FAMILY LIFE:- Mr. S.C. Paul belonged to a well educated family of Kartar Pur near Jalandhar. His father, late Shri Tulsī Ram Paul, was also a lawyer and a freedom fighter since nineteen thirties and forties who held many responsible positions in his



time. Thus Mr. Paul inherited a lot of ancestral values and potentials which formed a part of his lifelong endeavors of life.

Mr. Paul was blessed with two sons, four married daughters, eleven grand children and one great grand daughter. His elder son and daughter-in-law are also lawyers of the supreme court and continue to hold the same chamber after their father's demise.

He was a loving father and a grand father and helped to provide the best possible education to all his children.

A GOOD HUMAN BEING:- Mr. Paul was a living legend endowed with the qualities of a good human being, helping the needy in every possible way. Many persons who at-



tended his funeral revealed how they were helped by Mr. Paul throughout their lives without even letting anyone know about that, which vindicates his generous nature and magnanimity of good human being.

I knew Paul Saheb since 1983 when we were tied in family relationship and we held each other in high regards. Whenever, I happened to visit India he travelled with me everywhere and made sure I had a comfortable stay which was one of the rare features of his amicable nature and disposition.

GOOD PEOPLE NEVER DIE:- Though Mr. S.C Paul has departed from us physically and has gone into an eternal sleep from which no one awakens, but, a person like him with

benevolent nature and qualities, never dies, he remains embalmed in the hearts and souls of those who happen to know him.

IRREPARABLE LOSS:- The demise of Mr. S. C. Paul is undoubtedly an irreparable loss and has caused a vacuum which can never be filled. But any one born with flesh and bones is subject to extinction sooner or later but the immortality of soul is eternal and we have to accept this inevitable fact of life.

Mr. Paul lived a good and an abundant life with inborn qualities of helping others. I, joined by all my sons and daughter and their families convey my heartfelt condolences to all the members of the bereaved family with prayers for the departed soul to rest in peace and tranquility.

We also thank Mr. Prem Chumber, Chief Editor, Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba (Weekly News Papers) for conveying his condolences to the bereaved family and for inserting this message in the esteemed columns of his publication. In Sweet Memories.



O.P. Balley
Founder
Member
Shri Guru
Ravidass
Sabha,
Pittsburg
(California)



Neeraj Kumar Chander Tajpuri
and
his Family

I was born and brought up amongst those who sacrificed themselves but never betrayed the country..."

Sahib Kanshi Ram Ji

**WE PAY FLORAL TRIBUTE TO
SAHIB SHRI KANSHI RAM JI ON HIS PRINIRVANA DIVAS**





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Sacramento County Supervisor. District 4



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The CA Capital Airshow is Ready To Take Flight

The California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, is cleared for take-off!

From Friday, Sept. 30 – Sunday, Oct. 2, Sacramento County's Mather Airport will host the 16th annual California Capital Airshow, which has become one of the nation's largest and most highly respected airshows.

This year the family-friendly festival will feature a multi-national salute commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the United States Air Force. Attendees will experience the world's most talented pilots and capable aircraft both in the air and on the ground, including the long-awaited return of the US Air Force F-22 Raptor, the Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornet, US Navy Growler and an extensive list of exhilarating military jet performances, powerful historic aircraft, and miles of activities.

The wildly popular Friday afternoon Drive-In Airshow is back on Sept. 30 from 3:30 - 7 p.m. with an all-new tailgate party component. The performances, narration and music will differ from Saturday and Sunday's events, and more than 20 military jets will tear up the sky in just three hours.

The flying-only family picnic-style event will be followed by two traditional open display ramp days on Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2. Festival attractions include unique aircraft displays, interactive STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activities, live music, food and fun that

site.

Vote: Pick a Way, ANY Way

Choose how, when and where you want to vote.

By Mail: All registered voters received a ballot in the mail. Place the voted ballot inside the envelope provided, sign the envelope and return – your postage is paid!

Vote Center: With the passage of the California Voter's Choice Act, traditional polling places were replaced with Vote Centers that are open for up to 11 days, including Election Day. This means voters can choose when, where and how they want to vote – at ANY Vote Center in the County. Avoid the lines, vote early.

At the Vote Center you can drop off your completed ballot OR vote in person. There is even weekend voting. Eighteen Vote Centers open for 11 days beginning Oct. 29, 2022.

An additional 69 Vote Centers open for four days beginning Nov. 5, 2022. Eligible residents can also register to vote, update their registration and cast their ballot at a Vote Center, even on the day of the election.

Drop Boxes: Voted and signed ballots may be placed in any of the 60 secure Drop Box locations throughout

money will go to senior and disabled transportation services.

2.16% of the money will go to the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District to provide for monitoring, planning, emission reduction, and future mobility programs.

This is just a snapshot of the much larger picture, but I hope this has been helpful in helping you understand what you are voting on. If you want to read the plan in its entirety, please feel free to e-mail my office and we can send it to you.

Election Season is Just Around the Corner

We are just six weeks out from the Nov. 8 Gubernatorial Election – Sacramento County Voter Information Guides (CVIG) are in the mail and ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters starting the week of Oct. 10. Voters who have opted out of receiving a CVIG in the mail will

be able to look themselves up and view their guide online through the Voter Lookup Tool on the website beginning Oct. 10. To access the California State Voter Information Guide,

visit the Secretary of State's website.

For those voters or soon-to-be voters that need to register or update their registration file, Monday, Oct. 24 is the last day to make those changes or register online. After the 24th, you can still visit the Election Office in person, or visit one of the Vote Centers that open starting Oct. 29.

Commitment to Transparency

The Sacramento County Department of Voter Registration and Elections is committed to running a fair, honest and transparent election process. Want to come see for yourself? Come tour our office, see our equipment and processes. You'll learn a lot and walk away feeling better than ever about elections in Sacramento County. Tours are every Wednesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Registrar's office (7000 65th Street).

Once staff begin the ballot tabulation process (running the ballots through the "counting machines"), watch a 24/7 live stream of the tabulation process on our web-

Sacramento County beginning Oct. 10, 2022

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Election Results

The first release of results will happen after 8 p.m. on Election night. Ballots may take several weeks to process, due to the increased popularity of returning Vote by Mail ballots, and the trend of waiting to return them until Election Day. Want election results to be final sooner? Vote early!

A complete list of Vote Center and Dropbox locations can be found online.

For more election and voter information, visit the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections website.

To register to vote visit the California Online Voter Registration

Details of the Local Transportation Tax Measure

In the general election this November, voters will have the opportunity to vote on "Measure A", a transportation sales tax that would impact not just the unincorporated areas of County of Sacramento, but the seven cities as well. This is on the ballot due to a citizen signature gathering effort, and in order to pass, the measure needs at least 50% of residents to vote in support of it. As the text of this measure is dozens of pages



long, I wanted to use this opportunity to explain to you what this measure would actually do if it is passed in an easily understandable fashion.

First, let's go over the basics of what this measure would require of taxpayers. This tax would last until 2063 (40 years), and would be a 1/2 cent sales tax, raising around \$212,500,000 annually. This tax is in addition to the existing 1/2 cent transportation sales tax adopted in 2004, which is set to expire in 2039. The tax would not just be for Sacramento County residents, but for any person who happens to be in Sacramento County while buying something.

Now let's go over where the money will be spent:

47.25% of the money will go to local street and road repair. This includes, among some other things, pavement maintenance, new/expanded streets, programs to promote walking/bicycling, and freeway interchanges. For the first five years, no less than 90% of this chunk of the money must be spent on "Fix it First" street, road, and bridge preventative maintenance.

25.11% of the money will go to Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) to be used for, among other things, light rail and bus vehicle replacement, operations and maintenance of existing services, and operations and maintenance for new services partially funded through this plan.

22.43% of the money will go to construction of highway, transit, rail, increased bus and light rail service, and expressway expansion and widening projects. 3.05% of the

you've come to expect from the California Capital Airshow crew. Families can enjoy the exciting festival along the ramp from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with action-packed flying performances from 12 – 4 p.m.

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story but show gratitude to the men and women who serve and sacrifice while providing a platform for real-life heroes and legends to be on the ground to meet and inspire kids," said Darcy Brewer, executive director of the California Capital Airshow. "Most folks don't know it, but in the air, on the ground and throughout the year, our team uses the power and magic of flight to inspire young people."

The California Capital Airshow not only serves as a thrilling and unforgettable civic amenity but also shines a spotlight on our region.

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Each year, the Airshow draws thousands of California residents and national and international visitors. Annual economic impact stemming from the Airshow to benefit the Sacramento Region totals \$7.1 million.

With less than two days to go until the big show, there is still time to purchase Airshow discounted tickets and get the inside scoop by becoming an Airshow Insider. Sign up for free at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. No tickets will be avail-

able onsite Airshow weekend.

Low-Cost Clinic Keeps Pets Healthy and Home

Pet owners whose animals venture outdoors can be keenly aware of the possible dangers to their animals, such as rabies and other illnesses as well as pets becoming lost. However, indoor animals may occasionally get out and face the same risks. In partnership with VIP Pet Care, the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter offers low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics every third Thursday of the month, 3 - 5 p.m. at 3839 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827.

In addition to keeping pets healthy, the clinic focuses on making sure pets can safely find their way home. Most pets who get lost and find their way to the shelter have no identification tags and no microchip, making reunification difficult.

For only \$30, pet owners can buy the extra security that has proven to reunite many owners and their pets. Though visible tags are the first line of identification for animals, they may wear off, fall off or get lost. Un-

like traditional ID tags, permanent microchips can contain owner contact information, pet information and Bradshaw Animal Shelter's contact information, and most vets and shelters can easily scan them.

"A microchip greatly increases the chances your pet will be returned to you when lost," said Annette Bedsworth, Director of the Bradshaw Animal Shelter. "It just takes a moment to scan, and then we can quickly reunite pets with their families. Sadly, most pets who enter our shelter are not microchipped, and we have seen many beloved pets stay for several months before their owners finally tracked down where they were. It's heartbreaking."

Pet owners can take advantage of the clinic's affordable microchipping services on the third Thursday of every month, as well as prevent illness. Pets with up-to-date vaccinations and preventive care are protected from illnesses including heartworm, kennel cough, Bordetella, parvo and Lyme disease. If unvaccinated animals contract illnesses, an owner may face costly treatments and surgeries for these preventable

diseases. And when pets receive rabies vaccinations, it not only helps to prevent them from contracting the disease from bats, skunks, and raccoons, but it also protects residents from contracting the virus if bitten by an infected animal.

Licensing can be done at the same time as vaccinations and microchips for as little as \$15. Owners may also conveniently purchase a license online. This inexpensive service proves a pet's ownership and home address, and animals found by County animal officers can be returned immediately to the home, saving the stress of a shelter stay for the animal and the owners.

Vaccinations, microchipping and licensing cost a small fee that proves priceless when owners have safe, healthy pets at home where they belong.

Don't have a pet? The Bradshaw Animal Shelter has many available pets for adoption looking for loving homes. Adoptions include spay/neuter surgery, vaccines and microchipping. Visit the Bradshaw Animal Shelter's website to view a list of adoptable pets.

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We don't want social justice, we want social transformation. Social justice depends on the person in the power.

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Sahib Kanshi Ram Ji

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Shri Amardeep Chahal with his Wife, Mother & Father

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To get the power, there is a need of mass movement, converting that mass movement into votes, then converting votes into seats, further converting the seats into [power at] states, and lastly converting the [power at] states into [power at] center. This is the mission and aim for us.

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A community that doesn't have representation in the political power, that community is dead.
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YOU SHOULD BECOME RULERS TO CREATE CASTELESS SOCIETY

(A message from the Master (Honorable Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji) to the victimized castes at the First World Convention of Dalits, held in Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia on October 10-11-1998)

Friends,

I congratulate you for organizing this Convention to acquire a new vision towards a 'casteless society'.

I am sorry. I could not prepare my paper to be read on this occasion due to my preoccupation with the party work.

Annihilation of caste: In the year 1936, Babasaheb Ambedkar was asked to present a paper on 'caste' by the Jatpat Todak Mandal at Lahore of Punjab. But Baba Saheb was not allowed to read his paper. However, that paper was later published as a book under the title "Annihilation of Caste". After reading this book, I too started thinking that 'caste' could be annihilated. But after studying the caste behavior and after looking at our social structure. I started thinking differently. I studied 'caste' not from books, but from life. People, who come from their villages to cities like Delhi, carry nothing with them. But they carry their 'caste' with them. They leave back their little property, small lands and their huts in the villages. They leave behind everything in their village. But they will carry 'caste' is so much dearer to the people. How can we annihilate caste? I stopped thinking about 'caste annihilation'.

You have organized this Convention to move towards a 'casteless society'. I am also for 'casteless society' and my aim is also to create a 'casteless society'. But 'caste' cannot be wished away. It is not possible to eliminate 'caste'. So what to do?

'Caste is created with a purpose': 'Caste' is not created without a purpose. 'Caste' is created with a purpose. And that purpose still remains. So long that purpose remains. 'Caste' too remains. You do not find Brahmins and other upper castes holding conference like this for 'casteless society'. Because, they are the one who created this 'caste' and they stand to gain by this 'caste'. They are the beneficiaries of 'caste'. So long they stand to gain by 'caste', why should they destroy it? These conferences for 'casteless society' can only be organized by us. Because we are the victims of 'caste'.

We ourselves may not be the victims of 'caste'. But we are born among those who are victims of 'caste'. Hence, we need to eliminate the 'caste'. But even to eliminate 'caste', you must take note of the 'caste'. You cannot ignore 'caste'. We may have the desire to create a casteless society'. But it is not possible to happen in the near future. Till such time what we should do? What

I decided to do is, till 'casteless society' is created; let me handle the 'caste'. When Brahmins could use the 'caste' for their benefit, why not I could use it for our benefit?

Double-edged sword: Caste is a two-edged sword. It cuts both the ways. It cuts this way, when you use this way (swings his hand right side) and it can also cut the other way when you use it in opposite direction (swings his hand left side). I decided to handle the caste to our benefit and deprive the Brahmins of its benefits. Babasaheb Ambedkar secured political power to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with the help of 'caste'. By using 'caste', he secured separate electorates for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Round Table Conference in 1931-32. But Gandhiji went on fast unto death against this separate electorates and consequently, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were granted joint electorates.

Separate electorate: Many people ask me. "Why not you struggle for separate electorates for which Babasaheb Ambedkar fought?" I have not wasted even a single minute on this separate electorate. When it was not possible for Babasaheb Ambedkar during British rule, how it will be possible for me, now, when casteists are ruling? It is impossible.

Experts on 'caste': Babasaheb Ambedkar had prepared Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to handle the 'caste'. That is how they could get many benefits from the British. Eversince, the exit of British, only three persons have become experts in handling the 'caste'. The first person was Jawaharlal Nehru. The second one was Indira Gandhi. And third person is Kanshi Ram. (Cheers).

Nehru handled the 'caste' so well that Babasaheb became helpless. He was an expert in handling the 'caste' and retains the Brahminical Social Order. Mrs. Indira Gandhi was also an expert in handling the 'caste' to the benefit of Brahminical Order. Now, if you ask the Congress people in Delhi, "Are you benefitted by the 'caste'?" they will say, "No, we are not getting the benefits of 'caste', we do not know how to get its benefits. Only Kanshi Ram knows it. He only

knows how to handle the 'caste' to his benefit." (Laughter)

If you can prevent Brahmins taking benefits of 'caste', they will think twice to use the sword of 'caste' against us. I have learnt the art of using the sword of 'caste' to our benefit. 'Caste', which may appear as a problem, may become an asset if we handle it properly. Problems of today may be opportunities of tomorrow. They can be assets in future. Distress migration: We must learn lessons from the history. We must start the movement where Babasaheb Ambedkar left it. In 1932, Babasaheb Ambedkar demanded separate electorates for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. After



10 years, in 1942, he demanded separate settlements. He wanted to make these people independent of the Hindus. What is the position now? We have forty five lakh hectares of land under cultivation. Our people till the land and produce food crops. But they do not own that land in which they work. They are leaving the villages in distress and come to cities in search of food and shelter. This distress migration has produced more than ten crore refugees in towns in the last ten years. Ten years ago, the urban population was 5 crores and today it is 16 crores. They live in slums and on streets. Who should think about these refugees? Rural Ministry and Urban Ministry of Government of India must find the answer. The Indian Government plans for everybody except these people. There is no mention about these refugees in our budgets. There is a separate department to plan. Allocate budget and make settlements for the refugees of Pakistan, refugees of Tibet, refugees of Jammu and Kashmir, and so on. But nobody thought about these refugees of distress migration.

Since people carry their 'castes' to cities leaving behind everything else in their villages, my job has become very easy. These ten crore refugees are a problem to the rulers. But they are our assets. We will use 'caste' to liberate these people. We are going to launch a movement called "Bharatiya Sharanartha Andolan" immediately after the No-

member election for Delhi. Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. I will not sit idle in anticipation of 'caste' to vanish. I will handle the 'caste' till it remains. Games people play: Now, let me tell you my experience of handling 'caste'. What I am doing today is, I am rousing the victims of 'caste'. I am rousing the victims of 'caste' to strive for Babasaheb Ambedkar's movement. I am preparing my people – the victims of caste – to handle the double-edged sword of 'caste' to their benefit. Today everybody is afraid of my handling of 'caste' factor. Everybody is trying to stop the Kanshi Ram phenomenon. Rajiv Gandhi tried, V.P. Singh tried, Narasimha Rao tried and BJP is trying. They play their game and I am trying to play my game. (Claps)

BSP should be recognized all over India: The beneficiaries of 'caste' have created it with the purpose of ruling over others and they have retained it to perpetuate their rule. Creation is more difficult than retention. Once you create it, there is no problem in retaining it. It will simply go on.

If you want to destroy 'caste', you have to stop the beneficiaries taking advantage of it. So long the beneficiaries are allowed to use 'caste', victims are continued to suffer. If you want to put an end to it, you must learn to handle the 'caste' to your benefit. You should not allow the Brahminical Social Order to take the benefits of 'caste'. You should not ignore 'caste' but you should take note of it. Today with the successful handling of caste. Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has become the fourth national party in India. There are seventy recognized parties and we are ahead of sixty seven parties. Only Congress, BJP and CPI (M) are ahead of us. When we started in 1984, other parties said that ours would be a Uttar Pradesh party. But today, BSP is not limited to UP alone. Now, the upper castes have become unhappy.... And I am also unhappy. They are unhappy because BSP is spreading to other states too. And I am unhappy because BSP has not spread to all the states. I want BSP to become a recognized party in all the states of India, including Maharashtra. Dependents in independent India: In 1997, the Brahminical Social Order planned to celebrate the golden jubilee of independence. We too planned to celebrate. But we have nothing to celebrate. It is independence for them. But it is dependence for us. We are dependent in independ

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Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and Ad Dharm School of Dalit Awakening

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Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia was one of founding members of the Ghadar movement, which aimed at building an egalitarian society and polity after liberating India from the British Raj. He participated in the weapon smuggling mission of the movement. He was arrested and awarded capital punishment, but was saved from the death sentence by chance. The news of his supposed death reached his village. According to the tradition of his community, his widow named Piari married his elder brother. After his return to India in

1925, he remarried and had four sons from his second wife, named Bishno.

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia did not find any change in the life of his fellow villagers in Punjab after spending 16 years abroad. The social malady of untouchability had continued to torment the Scheduled Castes people. He wanted to overcome the social oppression that his people were undergoing for centuries. While living in USA, he realized what it meant to be equal, free and lead a dignified life. He made his mind to devote his life towards the awakening and uplift of the Scheduled Caste people.

He thought that the most vi-

able way to bring social and political consciousness among his people was to establish schools for the Achhuts. Settling in his native village, Mugowal, he founded a school for the lower caste children in the village. The school was temporarily housed in the garden of Risaldar Dhanpat Rai, a landlord of village Mugowal. Later on Lambardar Beeru Ram Sangha, another landlord of village Mugowal donated half an acre of land to Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia to build the school. The school had five teachers including Babu Mangu Ram ji. One of the teachers was a Muslim, Walhi Mohammad, and another was a Brahmin.

Now-a-days, the school land has been declared as Shamlat (common land) and no remnants of the school building exist except the old dilapidated structure of its well.

It was in this historic school founded by Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji that the first mammoth meeting of the Ad Dharm movement was held on June 11-12, 1926.

(Excerpted from Dr. Ronki Ram's article entitled "Untouchability, Dalit Consciousness, and the Ad Dharm Movement in Punjab," published in Contributions to Indian Sociology, Vol. 38, No. 3, 2004 with thanks).

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ent India. Even after 50 years, our people still work on others' lands. They do not have their own land. Why did these ten crore people leave their villages? Because they have no independence in their villages. When we created BSP, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Castes were not independent. They were running to different parties for tickets. Parties are nothing but tickets-printing machines. We thought why not we have our own machine. And hence we created BSP on April 14, 1984. No more platform tickets:

During the assembly election of March 1985 in UP. We gave tickets to 237 candidates. I told our candidates. "Our tickets are only platform tickets and hence you cannot reach Lucknow with these tickets." There was no demand for our tickets, then. But today there is a big demand. Every BSP candidate secures more than one lakh votes.

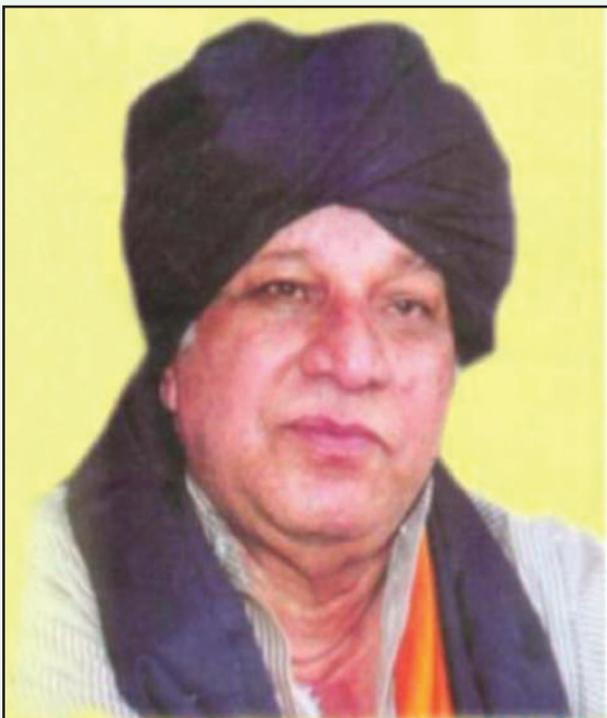
Today ours are not platform tickets. Our ticket can take you to Lucknow and also to Delhi. Why there is such a demand for our party tickets? Congress made BSP popular: In

1983, Congress Party had won 410 out of 425 assembly seats in UP. In 1985, it could get only 265 out of 425. It lost 145 seats because of BSP. Frustrated by this loss, they started calling BSP as a party of Chamars. This propaganda of Congress had really helped us. Our party became very popular among Chamars. In 1985 elections, we secured 2% of votes. In 1989, our percentage of votes went upto 9% and in 1991, 11%.

In 1993, it was 20.6%, in 1996 elections; we got 29% of

votes. We did not ignore 'caste'. We took note of it and learnt to handle it. Today, 'caste' has no effect for Congress. For us, it has a growing effect. Victims should not wish away caste. They should learn to handle it. Lessons of Maharashtra: We have people from Maharashtra here. I learnt many things from them. Half of the lessons of the movement, I learnt from Babasaheb Ambedkar and other half I learnt from Mahars of Maharashtra. From Babasaheb Ambedkar, I learnt how to run the movement. From the

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We will not stop until we unite the victims of the system and overthrow the spirit of inequality in our country.

Sahib Kanshi Ram Ji



Shingara Singh Ralh & Ralh family

Shingara Singh Ralh, President, Shri Guru Ravidass Temple Yuba City, California

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Maharashtra Mahars, I learnt how not to run the movement. It is not just important to learn how to run the movement. Because, unless you know how not to run the movement, you will not know how to run the movement.

Mahars did not handle the 'caste' properly. They said that they were Buddhists and no more Maharas. At the same time, they fought for reservation as Mahars! They demanded reservation as Mahars! Even in Buddhism, you are Mahars! You dragged in the bad breath of 'caste' to Buddhism also. 'Caste' is the bad breath of Hinduism, but it polluted the whole world.

A Century of reservation: Chatrapathi Shahu Maharaj provided the educational facilities and gave reservation to Scheduled Castes in his government on July 26, 1902. On July 26, 2002, we will be completing a century of reservation. Now, it is my duty to prepare my people not to get the reservation but to grant reservation. How to grant reservation? It is easy to understand but difficult to practice.

Who can grant reservation? Only rulers can grant reservation. Even to grant your own people – to give from right hand to left hand – your must become rulers. Therefore, we must prepare ourselves to become rulers. We should become rulers....This is the only solution.

How can the victims become rulers?

What is important?: I have not seen Babasaheb Ambedkar when he was alive nor have I heard him. I learnt Ambedkar only through Maharashtra leaders. Mr. Baji Rao Kamble, who is sitting before me here with blue cap, is also one among those who taught me Ambedkarism. When Maharashtra leaders ran after Congress Party tickets, I had heated arguments with them. They said, "If we stick to Ambedkarism, we cannot become MLAs". Is it important to run the movement or to become MLAs? Which is more important? I thought movement was more important and I decided to run the movement. It also came to my mind that we should also become MLAs to run the movement. But which party will give us such MLAs who can run the movement? Such MLAs can be produced only by our own party. Then, I left Bombay and landed in Lucknow.

Castes that supported Babasaheb: I gave a deep thought to 'caste factor'. I looked at the castes which supported Babasaheb Ambedkar. His movement was led by Mahars in Maharashtra, Paraiyahs in Tamil Nadu, Malas in Andhra

Pradesh, Jatavas in Uttar Pradesh, and Chandals in West Bengal. Babasaheb could not get elected in 1952 and in 1954. Hence, naturally, his followers thought, "When Babasaheb Ambedkar himself could not get elected, how can we get elected?"

Again I thought over the electoral victory of Babasaheb. In 1946, Babasaheb got elected in Jaisur and Kulnar Constituency of Bengal. How? Chandals of Bengal had 52% of votes. They thought it was better to send Babasaheb than anybody else to the Constituent Assembly. Babasaheb got elected because of more votes. Mahars, Paraiyahs, Malas, Jatavas etc., were not in big number. Hence, they could not succeed. They were leaving the movement.

Babasaheb Ambedkar fought for all the victims of 'caste'. But are Mahars, Paraiyahs, Malas etc., the only victims of 'caste'? Are these the only castes which are victimized by the Brahminical Social Order? No, they are not the only victims of 'caste'.

6000 victimised castes: There are about 1,500 Scheduled Castes and 1,000 Scheduled Tribes and 3,743 Backward Castes, according to Mandal Commission Report. There are more than 6,000 castes which are victimized by the Brahminical Social Order. Why they should not struggle together against caste system?

If they are separated, they are minorities. Some may be more in number and others may be less in number. If we add them all, they are a big majority. They form more than 85% of the Indian population. In Hindi, we call majority as "Bahujan".

Brotherhood among Bahujan Samaj: When Bahujan Samaj Party was started; there was no Bahujan Samaj in India. Bahujan Samaj Party can succeed only when Bahujan Samaj is created. Hence, we started creating Bahujan Samaj by developing brotherhood among the 6,000 victimised castes. In the last 15 years – that too in the last 5 years – we could bring together 600 castes, i.e., 10% of the total number of castes.

With 600 castes welded together, we are the fourth national party today. If we weld together another 400 castes and make it 1,000 castes, BSP becomes number one party of India.

I do not like speaking, though I keep on speaking. I do not want to speak. I want my works to speak.... my results must speak. I tell my friends who do not agree with me, "I may be wrong. But look at the re-

sults of my work. What do you say about it?"

Welding of all the castes was difficult. The welder was criticized and advised not to attempt it. But when the welder started his operation, nothing could stop him. He could weld very well. If he could weld 600 castes, why can't he weld many more castes?

By welding together all the castes, we can win the political power and become the rulers.

Capture Master Key: Babasaheb Ambedkar said, "Political Power is the master key." Yes, it is a master key by which you can open all the doors of progress.

In Maharashtra, you had agitated for over twenty five years to rename the Marathwada University as 'Babasaheb Ambedkar University'. You could not succeed, because you were not the rulers to rename the University. You did not have the master key in your hand. In 1989, Late Rajiv Gandhi came to Lucknow and laid the foundation for Dr. Ambedkar University. When his Congress Party was refusing to rename the Marathwada University after Babasaheb in Maharashtra, the same party was laying foundation in Lucknow for Dr. Ambedkar University. People of U.P. never demanded it. It was the Maharashtra people who were demanding it. Why did the Congress people want Dr. Ambedkar University in U.P.? Because, the people of U.P. were demanding the master key. Hence the rulers wanted to hide the master key behind the University! (Laughter)

By acquiring master key in U.P., we started many universities, not just one university, for which Maharashtra people were agitating for years. In 1994, we laid foundation for Shahu Maharaj University in Kanpur. In 1996, we opened Mahatma Phule University and Dr. Ambedkar University. And we acquired 200 acres of land for Gautam Buddha University. We created seventeen new districts of which the last one is Buddha Nagar, which is near Delhi.

You can acquire the master key of political power by properly handing the 'caste'.

Dalithing, a refined form of begging: Till now, I spoke about 'caste'. Now I want to speak about Dalits. I rarely go out of India. My followers were expecting that I would not participate in this Convention. Because I am perturbed by the Dalits. I am perturbed by their weaknesses. Their biggest weakness is dalithing.

It has become a profession. Dalithing is a refined form of beg-

ging. Dalits and beggars go hand in hand. Beggars cannot become rulers. So also the Dalits. Direction of their begging hand must be changed, like this (turns his hand downward). If you do not become rulers, our problems, are going to remain forever.

But how can you become rulers being Dalits, meaning beggars? You should cease to become Dalits. You should become rulers to get rid of all your problems. That is the only solution.

Brahminism kills all 'isms': Our intellectuals think that the solution lies in Marxism, communism, socialism etc. In a country where Brahmanism is existing, no 'ism' can succeed. Because no 'ism' has taken note of 'caste'. Therefore the duty of the intellectuals – it is my duty too – is to take note of the Brahminism and create our own 'ism'. They talk so much about unemployment.... about the one crore unemployed Brahmins. But why don't they talk about those ten crore refugees, who are illiterate and unskilled. No party thinks about those ten crore people. They are our people and hence only our party can think about them.... Only our party can solve their problems. And we can solve every problem of our people by becoming the rulers of India.

We have become the fourth national party by welding together 600 castes and by welding 1,000 castes; we will become the rulers of India. Within three years, we will be the rulers of India.

Kanshi Ram Phenomenon: I am not thrusting my ideas on others. I only narrated my experience. It is for you to benefit from my experience.

You can create a casteless society by becoming rulers. This is my solution. Why should the beneficiaries of caste destroy the 'caste' system?

Victims of caste alone have to destroy the 'caste' system. This can be done only by becoming rulers. Rulers alone can destroy the caste system.

You may think that I am asking for the impossible. But I have always been asking for the impossible and I am getting it too. This is Kanshi Ram phenomenon. Kanshi Ram phenomenon is becoming the national phenomenon. Have the right thinking to go further and a new vision to create a casteless society.

My solution is that you can create a casteless society by becoming rulers. Rulers alone can create a new society.

Jai Bhim! Jai Bharat!!

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October 7-8-9, 2022

82nd Barsi of Hazoor Shri Nabh Kanwal Raja Sahib

Dedicated families will be hosting Akhand Path Sahib and Langar Sewa in the loving memory of Braham Giani Bhagwan Dass "Raja Sahib" on the occasion of his 82nd. Barsi. Akhand path recitals will begin on Friday 10-07-2022 at 10:00 AM, and conclude on Sunday 10-09-2022. Raggi Jatha of Bhai Bhupinder Singh from San Jose and Gurughar Jatha will delight Sangat with Shabad Kirtan. Sangat is cordially invited to come on all three days. May Waheguru bless HIS devotees.

October 21-22-23, 2022

Akhand Path Sewa by New Committee

Newly elected Board of Directors and Managing Committee of the GURUGHAR will host the Akhand path and Langar Sewa. Akhand Path will start on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM and will conclude with Bhog ceremony on Sunday morning October 23, 2022. Sangat is requested to come and participate in this program for the Chardi Kala of GURUGHAR.

Diwali Celebrations.
October 24, 2022

Diwali will be celebrated in the GURUGHAR at 6:00 PM. Sukhmani sahib path and Langar sewa will be hosted by Ramesh & Gyan Suman and family. Please come and enjoy festivities and join Gurbani Kirtan and Ardas for the Chardi Kala of the entire Sangat.

November 11-12-13, 2022

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's "Parkash Utsav"

Satguru Nanak Pargateya – Miti Dund Jag Chanan Hoya

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Utsav will be celebrated at Gurughar on November 13, 2022. Akhand path will start on Friday 11/11/22, at 10:00 AM and will conclude with Bhog ceremony on Sunday morning 11/13/2022. Late Pt. Kewal Krishan Sudhir and Nirmal Devi Sudhir's son Varinder Kumar Sudhir with his wife Renu Bala Sudhir, sons Puneet Sudhir and Ankush Sudhir, will host the Akhand Path and Langar Sewa. Sudhir family is requesting Sangat to come and get Guru Sahib's blessings. May Baba ji keep Sudhir Family in Chardi Kala.

Hoisting of NISHAN SAHIB (Nishan Sahib Sewa)

Nishan Sahib Hoisting Ceremony will be held on November 12 (Saturday) at 11:00 AM. Bhai Hardial Singh Banga and Bibi Kulwant Banga will be doing the Nishan Sahib Chola Sewa and Langar sewa. The entire Sangat and the Managing Committee is thankful to Banga family for their Sewa of getting new hydraulic Nishan Sahib installed. May Waheguru bless the dedicated Banga family for their cherished desires.

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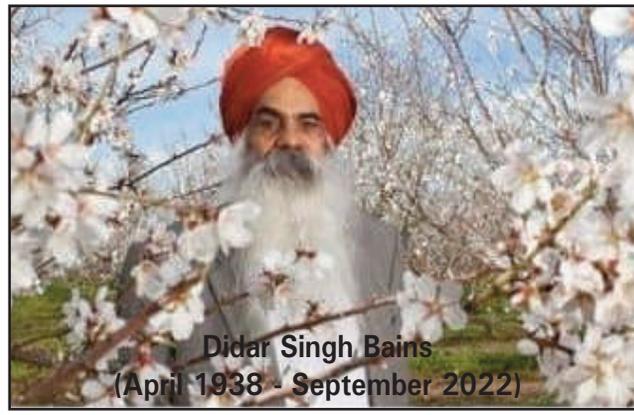
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FLORAL TRIBUTE TO DIDAR SINGH BAINS



Didar Singh Bains
(April 1938 - September 2022)



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"Ambedkar Times" and "Desh Doaba" Weeklies paid floral tributes to the departed noble soul of Sardar Didar Singh Bains, of Yuba City. He passed away peacefully on September 13, 2022 at his home, surrounded by his family. He lived full life of 84 of which 58 years of marriage by the side of his wife Mrs. Santi Marie Bains. He had three sons: Ajit, Diljit, and Karm Bains, and ten grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Born on April 20, 1938, in Nangal Kurd, District Hoshiarpur (Punjab), India, to Gural Singh Bains and Amar Kaur Bains, Didar Singh Bains spent 20 years of his early life in the village before moving to the US in 1958 in to Yuba-Sutter area. Like all other early immigrants, Didar Singh Bains started earning his livelihood through farm labor work. He liked the Yuba City (CA) for its resemblance in many ways to his home place in India.

Through his hard work and entrepreneurship, he acquired land in different parts of USA: California, Washington, Florida; Canada and India and eventually became the largest owner of peach farms in the world, earning him the title of the PEACH KING. He was also the second largest cranberry grower for Ocean Spray. After establishing himself in the field of farming, he expanded into education, public service, healthcare, legislation and religion. He loved helping people in their hour of need. Sardar Didar Singh Bains was a god-fearing person and always remained available for the Sikh Community cause and charity. Philanthropy was in his blood. He will be remembered for times to come for his noble deeds and love for the mankind.

Didar Singh Bains is survived by his wife, Santi Bains; his son Ajit and daughter-in-law, Carmen; his daughter, Diljit and son-in-law, Avtar; and son, Karmdeep and beloved daughter-in-law, Harpreet; two brothers, Dilbag and Jaswant Bains; and three sisters, Gurmeet Gill, Resham Nagra, and Surinder Dale.

"Ambedkar Times" & "Desh Doaba" Weeklies pray for the eternal peace of the departed noble soul and deeply sympathize with the bereaved family!

In addition to state level illustrious personalities paid their warm tributes to Late S. Didar Singh Bains

A list of people who spoke at Didar Singh Bains's funeral:

1. Former Governor of California Jerry Brown
2. Congressman John Garamendi
3. Senator Jim Nielsen
4. Former Congressman Wally Herger
5. Mayor Dave Shaw
6. Sutter County Supervisor, Mike Ziegenmeyer
7. California Canning Association President / CEO, Rich Hudgins
8. World Sikh Organization President, Gian Singh Sandhu
9. Family Member and Former Yuba City Mayor, Kash Gill
10. Late Didar Singh Bains's Son, Ajit S. Bains
11. Late Didar Singh Bains's Daughter, Diljit Bains
12. Late Didar Singh Bains's Son, Karam Singh Bains
13. Late Didar Singh Bains's Grandchildren
14. Jaswant Singh Bains conducted the stage.

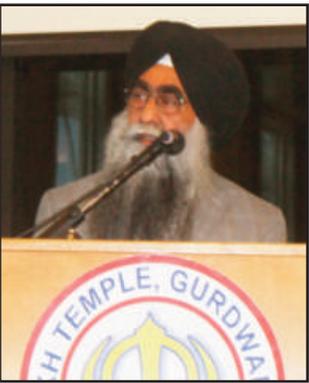
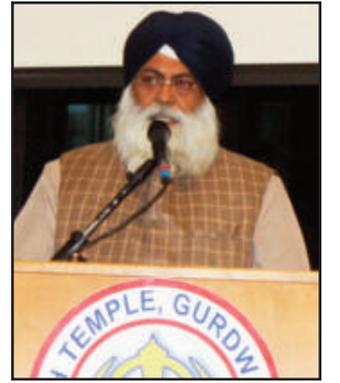
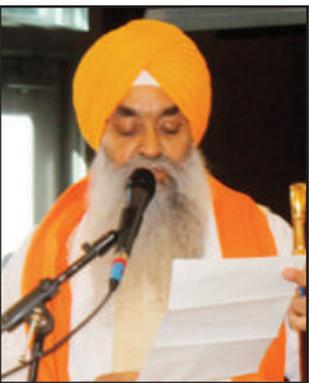
After the cremation of late Didar Singh Bains, his family organized prayer for the peace of the departed noble soul at Sikh Temple, Terra Buena Yuba City (CA). In addition to Shabad recitation at this hour of grief, many reputed personalities shared the grief of the family by paying their tributes to the departed noble soul. The Guru Ghar honored Mrs Bains and his family with Siropas.

Sh. Prem Kumar Chumber (Editor-in-Chief: Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba) released live the whole programs on Facebook from Gurudwara Sahib and shared the grief with the family.

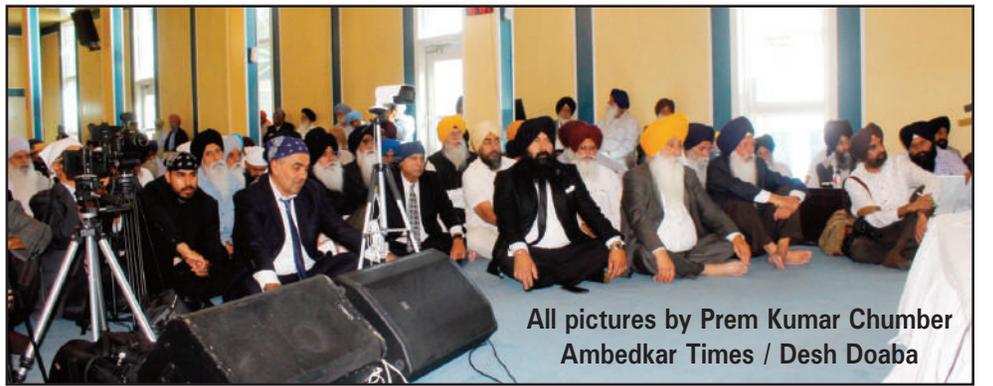
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