



Fraternity holds the Key to Democracy

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Babasaheb Dr B.R Ambedkar reiterated that liberty, equality and fraternity were the social foundations of a democratic system of governance. While presenting the draft of the constitution in the Constituent Assembly on November 25th, 1949, he cautioned the house that mere political freedom will not help India remain free for long. To make our freedom last forever he laid emphasis on the social roots of political democracy in India. The road to social democracy lies through fraternity. Fraternity instils the feelings of unity, compassion and equality among the stakeholders of a democratic setup that in turn provides the solid base for the emergence of true liberty - liberty to do what one wants to do with a gaze on its social sustainability as well as without encroaching upon the similar rights of the fellow citizens.

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, the trinity formula of instituting social democracy in independent India, coupled with Educate, Agitate, Organise aimed at what Babasaheb Dr B.R Ambedkar called annihilation of caste from the social soil of India. Caste, in his firm views, was/is anti-nation. It precludes the emergence of democratic process of social bonding while dividing the society into mutually antagonistic groups with repulsion against each other. Caste sought loyalty of its members to strictly prohibit social interactions with the members of the other caste(s) placed at the lowest rung of the hierarchical caste scale. Babasaheb DR. B. R. Ambedkar wanted his people to be educated to agitate against such a pernicious system of caste based social exclusion. The agitated people will organize themselves into a strong social force to democratically seeking equal rights in the state. It is in this crucial context that the seeds of fraternity would start sprouting slowly in an inclusive social living to provide solid base of social democracy in India for the longevity of its hard earned political democracy.

The recent most sinister us happenings in Kathua and Unnao in the states of J&K and Uttar Pradesh in India have shaken the world that how low humanity can fall in its own eyes. Such inhuman acts perpetrated on the innocent girls and in the case of Unnao the subsequent brutal killing of the hapless father of the rape victim speak volumes of hatred and violence prevalent in Indian society currently. Yet another equally disturbing communal trend that has been becoming an almost a routine happening is the vandalization of the statutes of Babasaheb Dr B.R Ambedkar. Babasaheb Dr.B.R Ambedkar is now not only confined to the privileged list of top statesmen of India. His illustrious persona has entered into the front row of most intelligent and lovable personalities in the World. It is high time to follow his given path of leaving caste behind and to embrace his most sought after principle of fraternity to overcome the current crisis of gender violence and caste conflicts and rabid acts of communal flare up.

BABASAHEB DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR BIRTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Union City (Ambedkar Times Bureau):- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Education Aid Society (AEAS) and Ambedkar International Center jointly celebrated 127th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Rattan Bodhisattva Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Raja Sweets Banquet Hall in Hayward, California on 14th April, 2018 (Saturday) with a devoted spirit of dedication and enthusiasm.

The celebrations which were attended by more than 150 people started with the screening of a slide show made on the

caution and alertness about the planned and systematic efforts of antagonistic forces to undermine the life-long sacrifices of Babasaheb.

Cultural program by AIC kids accompanied by dance performances, songs and music by youngsters lent a special attraction to the entire event. Some of the children from AIC organization also made speeches about the vision of Babasaheb.

Other speakers well versed with the mission and lofty ideals of Babasaheb in-

of honor on behalf of Dr. Ambedkar Education Aid Society and Ambedkar International Center (AIC) to Mr. O. P. Balley in recognition of his dedication and valuable contributions to the community. In his introductory remarks Mr. Ram Saroay also mentioned about his long association with Mr. Balley in the establishment of Pittsburg Guru Ghar and Supreme Council, USA. Mr. O. P. Balley is the one of the very few surviving persons in the community who had the rare opportunity of meeting



life and struggles of Babasaheb. Key members of both the host foundations who arranged this celebration along with the chief guest garlanded the portrait of Babasaheb as a mark of respect to his unrelenting efforts for social justice.

Dr. Raj Kumar Hans, a renowned scholar and author of many publications on the vision, philosophy and contributions of Babasaheb, who flew all the way from India to participate, was the Chief Guest of honor for this auspicious occasion. Dr Hans, who was introduced to the audience by Mr. Amrik Lakha, paid his glowing tributes to the missionary zeal, crusades and sacrifices of Babasaheb for emancipation of those who suffered as slaves of the so called upper sections of society for thousands of years. Dr. Hans also explained in depth in his long speech, how Babasaheb's vision for social transformation is now heading its way to be recognized on global basis, as a venerated new philosophy of thought to reckon with world thinkers like Karl Marx and others. Dr. Hans also drew attention of the audience with a note of

cluded Mr. Ram Murti Saroay, Mr. Amrik Lakha, Mr. O.P. Balley, General Secretary, Supreme Council, Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA, Mr Prem Kumar Chumber Chief Editor, Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba weekly newspapers, Mr. Vinod Chumber, Chairman Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha (Bay Area), Mr. Ramesh Suman, Chairman Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Pittsburg, Mr Dashvinder Pal from IBO and Mr. Mohinder Singh Dhama from Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Sacramento, Karanthi Tapita, Ramesh Jadhav, Arjaun, Sailaja, Anant. The inauguration song "Ghyan Surya Tu Is Jagat Ka", sung by Ms Sapna Awale (grand-daughter of late Mr. Babu Haridas Awale who worked with Babasaheb Ambedkar and was vice president of RPI in 1962).

Dr. Raj Kumar Hans, the Chief Guest of the event was honored with a plaque by Dr. Ambedkar Education Aid Society and Ambedkar International Center jointly in recognition of his scholarly vision and excellence, by Mr. Ram Murti Saroay, Chairman of the Ambedkar Education Society. The Chief Guest, Dr. Raj Kumar Hans presented a plaque

Babasaheb and attending his funeral procession on December 6, 1956 in Delhi. Mr. Balvir Thind who was responsible for maintaining the sound system for the entire event without any interruption along with the participating children in the celebrations were also recognized with certificates of appreciation by the organizers. A special display was also shown to the audience about Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba, Weekly Newspapers, for successfully completing ten years and seven years respectively, in the service of the community.

The entire event which turned out to be a remarkable success will reckon as a memorable tribute to the savior of the downtrodden who became a forceful voice of the voiceless. Mr. Takshak Chahande, a devoted follower of Babasaheb performed an admirable job as a moderator for the proceedings of the entire function. The program of celebrations ended with note of thanks by Mr. Ram Saroay, followed by a sumptuous dinner hosted by organizers of this auspicious event.

O. P. Balley

Bodhisattva Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar's 127th birth anniversary celebrations



Ambedkar International Center (AIC) and Ambedkar Educational Aid Society (AEAS) celebrated 127th Birth Anniversary of Bodhisattva BABASAHEB Dr. BHIMRAO AMBEDKAR, the Founding Father of Modern India, an Architect of Indian Constitution and an emancipator of millions of untouchables from discriminatory Hindu Caste System, at Hayward, California, USA on Saturday April 14, 2018.

Function was inaugurated by executives from AIC, AEAS and honorable chief guest of the function Dr. Raj Kumar Hans by garlanding the replica picture of BABASAHEB Ji. The inauguration song "Ghyan Surya Tu Is JagatKa" sung by Ms SapnaAwale (grand-daughter of late Mr. Babu Hari-

dasAwale who worked with Babasheb Ambedkar and was vice president of RPI in 1962) was a soothing treat to the ears of all present there.

The overall program was very well organized to imbibe Ambedkarism in next generation by giving an opportunity to young talent to come on stage and speak on the subjects. On this occasion, 14 year old Anant Ram Kumar Sherwal presented unique points on how to infuse Ambedkarism in youths, while Arjun Ramesh Jadhav and ShailejaKranthiTapita talked on important aspects from Annihilation of Castes and how Babasaheb's work fascinated the young generation, respectively.

As the source of guiding principles, executives from AEAS, Mr. Ram Saroay, Mr. Amrik Chand, Mr. Shashi Paul, Mr. Vinod Kumar Chumber, Mr. Ram Nath Chamber, Mr. Ramesh Suman, Mr. Parvindar, Mr. Prem Chumber, Mr. Ramesh Jadhav, Mr. KranthiTapita also presented their message on this great occasion to continue the fighting spirit against the odds and keep their dedication towards Ambedkar mission. AEAS is determined to provide more educational support back in India and will drive that mission untiringly to create global educated talent from under represented community, while AIC is

determined to create international center to take SC/ST/OBCs issues to U.N.O. and at global level to build pressure on Indian government for redressal of everyday issues. Their thought provoking speeches and dedication going to inspire next generation positively. Chief guest Dr Hans who is a historian, academician and an intellectual Ambedkarite, delivered a superb summarization on current affairs of India and enlightened how NRI movement could contribute for the uplifting of marginalized brothers



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and sisters to move Babasaheb's Caravan ahead.

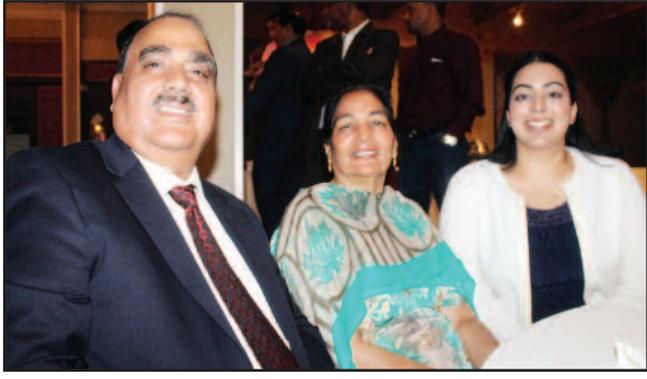
Along with missionary thoughts, there were real good cultural performances to have fun-filled celebration where young talent Saavi Vikrant Ramteke, Anayata Prashant Bhagat and Amogh Takshak Chahande performed dances, piano play and other fascinated disciplines of Babasaheb respectively. Last but not the least; organizers also honored the key speaker with plaque and other performers with the certificates of appreciation including Mr. Balbir Thind



who managed the complete audio video system of the function. Having such functions in the heart of Bay Area, California where families and friends are involved is going to create a huge impact on the upcoming generation, they will be aware of their duties towards Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's mission and bring humanity across India one day. AIC and AEAS extend their thanks to all who made this function a great successful event.

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Heartiest congratulations on the 10th anniversary of 'Ambedkar Times'

Launching a paper is enthusiasm, sustaining it is bravery, continuing it with the same enthusiasm and boldness is a missionary zeal and enterprise. Hats off to the commitment of Prem K. Chumber to Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's ideas and mission for singlehandedly ensuring that it reaches its readers without fail. Best wishes for its life and vitality.

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