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May Day Celebrations & Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar's Contributions for Laborers in India

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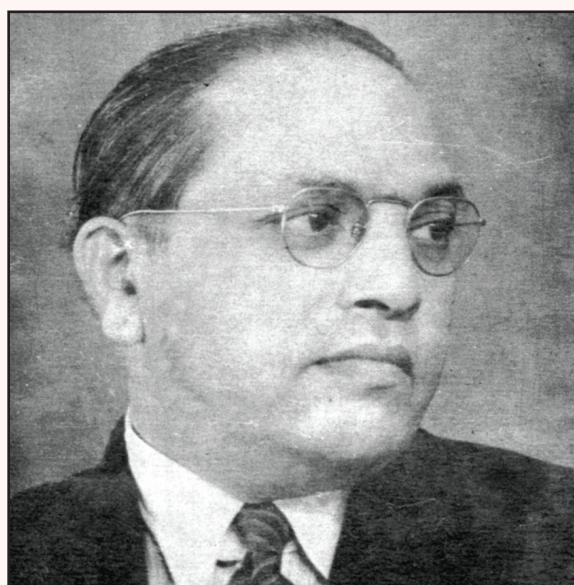
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Bharat Ratan Bodhisattva Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ramji's contribution towards the emancipation and empowerment of the working class in India both during the freedom struggle as well as after India's independence is worth remembering on the historic May Day: celebrated worldwide as International Workers' Day, also known as Workers' Day and Labour Day. It was chosen to be International Workers' Day at the International's second congress in 1891 to commemorate the 1886 Haymarket affair in Chicago wherein on 1 May workers of various industrial units observed general strike for the eight-hour workday. On 4 May when the Chicago police tried to disperse a public assembly in support of the general strike an unidentified person threw a bomb, which led to police firing resulting in the death of seven police officers, at least four civilians and wounding of sixty police officers and unknown number of civilians. This was led to the arrest of hundreds of labour leaders and their sympathizers. Later on, four of the arrested ones were executed by hanging. It was coincidence that Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar was born in 1891 and came to acquire higher education in the United States of America in 1913. What he learnt during his three years (1913-16) stint at Columbia University in New York City in the class room sessions of his great professors - John Dewey, James Shotwell, Edwin Seligman and James Harvey Robinson - made him struggle for the emancipation and empowerment of the laborers on his return in his own country during the British as well as after India's independence. During his tenure as a Labour Minister and as the Labour Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council between 1942 and 1946, he worked hard for the reduction of working hours from 12 to 8 Hours a day. His contributions towards granting the rights of the laborers are manifold: establishment of Employment Exchange, Employees State Insurance (ESI), Indian Statistical Law, Compulsory Recognition for Trade of Union, Indian Factory act, Dearness Allowance (DA), Paid Holidays, Health Insurance, Extra pay for Overtime, Legal Strike Act, Provident Fund (PF), Labour Welfare Fund, Technical Training Scheme, Mines Maternity Benefit Act, Women Labour Welfare Fund, Women and Child-Labour Protection Act, Maternity Benefit for Women Labour, Equal Pay for Equal Work irrespective of the Sex, Restoration of Ban on Employment of Women on Underground Work in Coal Mines.

As far as the public domain of working class activism is concerned, Dr Ambedkar was always acted as front soldier for the rights of workers. His contribution in highlighting the plight of Dalit workers access in the highest paid textile mill weaving departments is well known. Dalits were not allowed to work in these textile mills for the fear of pollution caused by their saliva to wet the thread during the weaving process to tie the knot, each time the weft bobbin required a replacement. Dr Ambedkar brought this issue in the public during the famous 1928 Bombay Textile Strike. He threatened to dissuade Dalit workers from joining the strike if his demand for Dalits' access to all kind of jobs in the mills was accepted. His contributions towards the bill to abolish the Mahar Watan and Khoti abolition bill were among the several prominent labour welfare measures undertook by him. Abolition of Punjab Land Alienation Act of 1900 was yet another legal relief to the non-agriculture classes, including Dalits, to overcome their exclusion from the land ownership rights.

Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba Weekly newspapers congratulate all on the May Day Celebrations the world over and also fondly remember the rich contributions made by Bodhisattva Bharat Ratan Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar towards the emancipation and empowerment of workers in India!

MAY DAY (LABOR DAY) CELEBRATED World-Wide



International Working Day also synonymous with Labor Day in some countries was observed and celebrated on May 1st, 2025 in commemoration of the rights and accomplishments of the laboring classes all over the world. More than 80 countries celebrate this significant day at national level.

In USA it is observed as a International Working day and as Labor Day it is officially observed annually on First Monday in the month of September which also marks the end of Summer. UNO observes it as an important day under the patronage of UNESCO. In India it is celebrated at federal level as a "AN-TARRASHTRIYA SHRAMIK DIWAS" and the other states observe it with different names in honor of the hardworking people who work for the betterment of our society.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE IN INDIA:

- With the dawn of Industrial Revolution the poor working conditions with hazardous environments for workers in the factories and other establishments needed improvements. It resulted in the establishment of many labor Unions and other channels for comforts of the working people.

ROLE OF Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR: - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar fought his way against poverty, adversity, injustice to pinnacle of leadership. As a member of the Executive Council of Viceroy from 1942 to 1946 and as Law Minister of India, Dr. Ambedkar, based on his extensive study of the labor problems and the labour legislations in Europe, was responsible for introduction of many landmark decisions for improving the working conditions of the

labour. Some of them are as under:-

1. Reduction in Working Hours (From 14 Hours to 8 Hours)
2. Creation of Tripartite Organization for settlement of Industrial disputes.
3. Ban on employment of women on underground work in coal mines and Maternity Benefit Act.
4. Provision for Dearness Allowance
5. Employees state Insurance Corporation
6. Pay commissions.

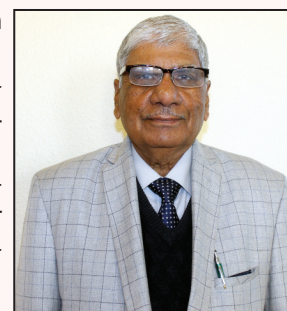
CONTRIBUTIONS OF BABU JAGJIVAN RAM:

- As labor Minister in Jawahar Lal Nehru's cabinet, Babu Jagjivan Ram was the first labour Minister to preside over International Labour Organization in Geneva. He got enacted many Bills into laws for the benefit of the labour classes. Alongwith Dr. Ambedkar he was able to steer through many other labor Acts.

1. Industrial disputes Act, 1948
2. Minimum Wage Act, 1948

The month of May 2025 is also very significant for congratulations and celebration of:-

World Press Freedom Day was observed on May 3rd, 2025 for which Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber as Chief Editor, "Ambedkar Times"/ "Desh Doaba" (Weeklies) deserves hearty congratulations.



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Assemblyman Hoover's Representative Report

Update on Folsom Lake Closure

As boating season approaches, I am calling on all agencies involved to work swiftly to establish a clear and consistent process for boat inspections and decontamination in response to the discovery of the invasive golden mussel.

Alongside Senator Roger Niello, Assemblyman Joe Patterson, and Congressman Kevin Kiley, we have sent a



formal letter to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Parks and Recreation urging immediate action to support boaters, local businesses, and our regional economy. The current policy requires a 30-day quarantine for boats launched at Folsom Lake due to the recent detection of golden mussels in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. While I fully support measures to protect our waterways, I believe this response lacks the coordination and clarity that boaters and recreation-based businesses deserve.

Lake Tahoe has successfully implemented a proven boat inspection and decontamination process, and I'm calling on our local and state agencies to follow that model. If a boat is properly decontaminated, it should not be subject to the current lake closure from April 14 to May 14. A standardized, statewide green watercraft seal—accepted across all participating lakes—would also bring more clarity and consistency to the process statewide. I look forward to working with state, federal, and local agencies to create a practical path forward that preserves our lakes, supports responsible recreation, and keeps Folsom open for all to enjoy.

You can view the letter here.

Legislative Update

Once again, I am excited to share some great news with you from the State Capitol—last week, five more of my bills passed through their respective committee hearings. I will continue to champion practical, forward-thinking



legislation that improves government transparency, enhances public safety, supports local industry, and cuts red tape. The bills we advanced this week reflect a commitment to common-sense reforms—ranging from ensuring safer school environments and streamlining the permitting process, to strengthening consumer education, enforcing contractor accountability, and supporting California's craft beverage economy. Together, these measures show how

good policy can make a meaningful difference in the everyday lives of Californians.

Here's a quick breakdown of the legislation that advanced:

AB 1233: Statewide Database of Employees to Ensure School Safety

AB 1233 establishes a statewide database for noncertificated school positions to disclose their employment history with previous school districts. This measure enhances background screening processes and ensures school environments remain safe for students and staff.

AB 1246: Supporting our local craft distiller industry

This bill expands the privileges of winegrowers and craft distillers in California. It allows winegrowers to store aging brandy on their premises and permits craft distillers to transport brandy to winegrowers for the same purpose. Additionally, the bill doubles the amount of spirits a craft distiller can sell directly to consumers at their premises from 2.25 liters to 4.5 liters per person per day. This will support these small businesses as their authorization to ship products directly to consumers sunsets at the end of this year.

AB 1308: Streamlining residential building permits

AB 1308, a bill designed to streamline the inspection process for housing construction. Under current law, local governments can take up to 60 days to complete required inspections after a project is finished. AB 1308 reduces that timeline to 30 days, ensuring that completed housing projects are not left in limbo due to bureaucratic inefficiencies. Additionally, the bill requires local building departments to post their permit fee schedules online, providing greater transparency for builders and homeowners. If a local government fails to conduct an inspection within the mandated timeframe, applicants will have the right to hire a qualified private professional to complete the inspection, which would cut down on unnecessary delays and get homes on the market faster.

AB 1341: Contractors - building law violations.

This bill strengthens contractor accountability by clarifying that violations involving the unlicensed practice of architecture, engineering, geology, geophysics, or land surveying are considered violations of the state's building laws. As such, any willful or deliberate disregard of these laws by a licensed contractor would be grounds for disciplinary action by the Contractors' State License Board.

AB 1476: Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act

This bill updates the Used Mattress Recovery and Recycling Act by allowing certain mattress retailers or distributors, especially those not primarily selling mattresses, to pay the recycling fee directly to the mattress recycling organization on behalf of the consumer. In doing so, these sellers would be exempt from displaying the charge as a separate line item. However, they must enter into a written agreement with the recycling organization and take responsibility for educating consumers on how to recycle used mattresses and where to drop them off for free.

I will keep you informed as

these and other pieces of legislation continue to move through the legislative process.

New Podcast Episode

In this week's episode of the Point of Order podcast, a couple members of my team and I dive into a fast-paced discussion covering some of the biggest headlines and policy developments in California and beyond. We kick things off with the latest on California's energy crisis, including the ripple effects of yet another refinery closure and what it means for gas prices and supply. From there, we explore a new push to unionize ride-share drivers—and what that could mean for the future of gig work in the state. We also talk tech, including the rise of AI chatbots and the challenges they pose for education, regulation, and the workforce. Plus, we unpack the future of California's Cap and Trade program, diving into its economic and environmental impacts. Finally, we break down new polling data from Politico, unpack some unexpected headlines—including Katy Perry's trip to space—and tackle a few other stories making waves this week.

You can watch, listen, and follow the podcast here.

Firefighters' Appreciation Event

This week, I had the honor of joining fellow legislators to recognize a group of courageous local firefighters who recently volunteered to help combat the devastating wildfires in Southern California. The appreciation event, hosted by Senator Angelique Ashby and her team, brought together firefighters from



Sac Fire, Sac Metro, Cosumnes CSD, West Sac Fire, CalFire, and a few incredible individuals from right here in Assembly District 7.

We gathered at the Sacramento Fire and Police Headquarters to present certificates of appreciation and express our gratitude for their selfless service. I was especially proud to recognize Rescue Specialists Mark Bulger and Stephen Christopher Anderson of the Folsom Fire Department—two outstanding firefighters from our district who stepped up when our state needed them most. These incredible men and women left the comfort of their community and put their lives on the line to protect others. Their bravery and dedication remind us of what true public service looks like.

To every firefighter honored at this event: thank you. Your commitment, sacrifice, and heart for service make our communities—and our state—stronger and safer.

Capitol Annex Update

Last week, I spoke with KCRA about a project that continues to frustrate many of us in the Legislature—and should concern every California taxpayer: the Capitol Annex Project. Originally estimated at just over \$500 million

in 2018, the cost has now ballooned to over \$1.1 billion, with little to no public accountability. That's more than it cost to build the Golden 1 Center and nearly as much as Levi's Stadium. And the Legislature is using your tax dollars to pay for it.

The part that frustrates me the most? Lawmakers—myself included—are being kept in the dark about what exactly this money is being spent on. One of the more troubling aspects is the inclusion of private hallways for legislators—corridors designed to shield us from public and media interaction. Let me be clear: this is the height of



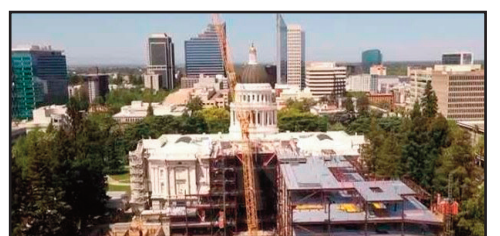
hypocrisy. We're building a publicly funded building that's supposed to serve the people, and yet it's being designed to literally hide public officials from the public.

I ran for office to fight for transparency, accountability, and responsible governance. This project flies in the face of all three. Since taking office, I've been asking questions and pushing for answers. So far, the silence from the Joint Rules Committee has been deafening. If you're frustrated by this kind of unchecked spending and secrecy, you're not alone. I'll keep fighting for answers and demanding that taxpayers get the transparency they deserve. You can view the full story here.

Folsom Chamber Awards

I was delighted to attend the 2025 Folsom Chamber of Commerce's Community & Business Awards celebration, where we recognized some of the incredible leaders, businesses, and organizations that make Folsom such a special place to live and work.

I was honored to present certificates to each of the award winners and personally thank them for their contribu-



tions to our community. From small business owners to tireless community advocates, these individuals represent the very best of who we are. This event is a powerful reminder that Folsom thrives because of the people who invest their time, talents, and passion into building a stronger, more connected city. Congratulations to all the honorees, and thank you to the Folsom Chamber for putting together such a meaningful celebration.

Will Migration Redefine or Divide Canada's Multicultural Identity in the Federal Election 2025?

The Canadian federal election has fixed for April 28, 2025, going to elect 343 MPs under a new 2021 census-based map, with 27 million voters. The major political parties such as Liberals (Mark Carney), Conservatives (Pierre Poilievre), NDP (Jagmeet Singh), Bloc Québécois (Yves-François Blanchet), and Greens (Jonathan Pedneault) have focused and directed their manifestos on immigration and cultural identity. All the political parties have different stances towards migration and cultural identities. In this context, the Liberals prioritized to reduce immigration and integration funding to bolster multiculturalism. On the other hand, the Conservatives have been advocating stricter immigration controls and cultural alignment, emphasizing Canadian values to address cohesion fears. The NDP promises robust settlement services to support inclusive diversity, while the Bloc demands Quebec's immigration control to preserve Francophone culture. Greens focus on sustainable immigration tied to cultural harmony. The migrations stances and the U.S. tariff threats stoking patriotic fervour, this election manifesto stances likely to shape voter sentiments. Migration and cultural identity, pivotal to Canada's multicultural ethos, could polarize the electorate, determining the election's outcome and future social cohesion.

As Canada moving its federal election on April 28, 2025, migration stands as a bedrock of the election campaigning, which has ignited the radical debate over the Canadian multicultural identity. With a population of 41.59 million comprising of diverse ethnicities, Canada has long been remained as the champion of multicultural identity. The diversity has been remained a pillar of its global reputation, rooted in the Multiculturalism Policy (1971). On account of its immigration in general and rapid surge of the same has increased population. The surge of the same has strained housing, services, and social cohesion. Now, the 54% of Canadians have been questioning the high levels of immigration. Against this background, now the question is emerging out of the electoral debates, will migration going to redefine Canada's multicultural ethos, reinforcing its inclusive legacy, or will it divide society, fuelling cultural tensions and eroding national unity? The Federal Election April 2025 has become a battleground for this question, as political parties clash over integration, identity, and sovereignty amid external pressures like U.S. rhetoric. The outcome will determine whether Canada's multicultural fabric emerges stronger or frays under the weight of competing visions.

The Canadian Multicultural Identity

Since the 1970s, the Canadian society has been remained as multicultural society. The multicultural identity is a deliberate socio-political construct, which was originated in the Multiculturalism Policy 1971 and further strengthened by the Canadian Multiculturalism Act 1988. Under the Multiculturalism Policy 1971, Canada recognized its cultural diversity by promoting cultural preservation and equal opportunities within a

bilingual framework. Subsequently, the Canadian Multiculturalism Act made more formalized in legal sense these principles. These principles are mandated the federal support for equal participation, cultural interactions and pursuit of anti-discrimination efforts. This is how the Canadian Governments established multiculturalism as a cornerstone of Canadian identity, fostering inclusion and social cohesion.

Since 1970s, this multiculturalism framework continued celebrating its diversity as a national strength, rather fostering inclusion of immigrants who have shaped Canada's cultural mosaic. This argument was further substantiated by Gallup's Migrant Acceptance Index 2019, by which Canada for the same was on top of the list. That reflected Canada's welcoming migration ethos and multicultural inclusion. Consequently, population growth, cultural richness, and economic development have been growing in the country. The new comer immigrants are contributing to the vibrant communities from Vancouver's Chinatown to Toronto's Little India.

However, in the recent past, the same multiculturalism ethos, has become a critical factor in the Canadian internal and external politics from several perspectives in general and the growth pace of immigration in particular. It has created several challenges for this multicultural identity of the country as well. The citizens started attributing that the strained housing, healthcare, and social services due to the presence of temporary residents, million international students and foreign workers in the country. A Environics Institute survey (2024) reported that about 54% of Canadians believing that immigration levels are too high, up from previous years. These tensions raise a critical question: can Canada's multicultural identity adapt to rapid demographic change without fracturing societal unity?

Migration's Societal Implications

Realizing the emergence of anti-immigration sentiments impact on Canadian society extends beyond economics, rather these sentiments are touching the very fabric of cultural identity and social cohesion. It is well accepted that multiculturalism has historically been kept unified the Canadian society along with fostering pride in the prevailing diversity. Yet, the current socio-political, legal and socio-economic implications have bolstered the social risk of polarizing the communities. Particularly, the young Canadians under 30, who have been encountering the job scarcity and housing costs, increasingly view immigration as a serious concern. The social media analysis has also revealed the rising negativity toward international students. These sentiments have threatened the inclusive ethos that defines Canada, potentially fuelling social divisions.

Moreover, migration has created an immigrant's friendly image along with



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a domestic harmony of Canada. The same has created and enhanced Canada's soft power, whereby the same remained successful in attracting talents and investments. But in the recent past, conversely, failures on part of Canada to integrate newcomers risks multicultural image identity, reducing social trust, and weakening its national unity. The same further strengthened by the "Trump Effect" as the U.S. President Donald Trump's 2025 tariff threats and annexation rhetoric. The anti-migration sentiments intensified these stakes, spurring patriotic calls to protect Canada's cultural sovereignty. Thus, the migration debates in this election campaigns likely to carry long-term implications, determining whether Canada remains a beacon of multiculturalism or retreats toward insularity.

Voter Concerns and the Cultural Divide

In such a catch 22 position, it seems that voters are likely to remain at crossroads, weighing Canada's multicultural legacy against integration challenges. The ongoing public discourse has been reflecting a cultural divide. Some voters see migration as enriching Canada's diversity, while conversely some fear that it would wear down the social cohesion. As per 2024 polls, about 60% of Canadians, worry about cultural assimilation. The same sentiments were further amplified in urban centers like Toronto, where housing shortages and crowded services heighten the ethnic tensions.

As far as external factor is concerned, the US's influence is looming largely on the Canadian voters. Trump's rhetoric has strengthened the Canadian patriotism, further putting the migration as a test to national identity. Thus, the voters are seeking those leaders/government who/which can balance the openness with cultural unity, ensuring newcomers integrate without diluting Canada's multicultural ethos. Thus, it is argued that more than economic concerns, the cultural sentiments may sway the 2025 election, as parties have been vying to re-define Canada's future identity.

Political Parties' Cultural Strategies

In this election, all major political parties have been trying to craft migration policies to address these cultural concerns, each offering a distinct vision for Canada's multicultural identity. Liberal Party under the leadership of Prime Minister Mark Carney advocates for a capacity-based immigration approach, reducing 2025 targets from 500,000 to 395,000 permanent residents. However, the same has been striking balance between subsequent planned cuts. Carney emphasizes integration, promising investments in settlement services to strengthen multiculturalism. The Liberals frame immigration as vital to Canada's global identity, citing its role in cultural and economic dynamism. Critics, includ-

ing NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, argue this prioritizes corporate interests over social cohesion, yet the Liberals' multicultural narrative resonates in diverse urban ridings.

Led by Pierre Poilievre, the Conservatives Party has proposed controlled immigration, striking balance between the economic needs and cultural alignments. Their stance includes stricter border policies and reducing immigration levels, whereby the same has appealed to the voters prioritizing cohesion. Poilievre has also rejected Trump's annexation rhetoric but taps the patriotic sentiments, re-positioning Conservatives as guardians of Canadian values. Their focus and priority on the "societal norms" in immigrant screening, has sparked controversy in the country. As the 80% of Prairie Conservative voters supporting this stance, however, the strong critics have warned as the same risks alienating diverse communities.

Although, there are two major parties, but the small parties like NDP, Bloc Quebecois etc are also likely to play in the formation of new government in case minority government take place. Jagmeet Singh's NDP also promotes balanced immigration with robust integration support. The NDP is highlighting its past achievements like pharmacare. In order to foster cultural unity, the NDP pledges to enhance cultural adoptive and settlement services such as language training, employment programs etc. Singh as an established leader of NDP, prioritized multiculturalism as a social justice issue, advocating for equitable inclusion. Although, the NDP's influence is limited in the post -2024 split with the Liberals, but their stance towards multiculturalism, appeals to progressive voters valuing diversity.

The Bloc, under Yves-François Blanchet, prioritized Quebec's cultural identity. The party is demanding regional control over immigration to protect Francophone cultural heritage. He is criticizing Carney for neglecting Quebec's needs, which is conceived as resonating with the Quebec voters. This party's cultural preservation is paramount, shaping regional electoral dynamics. People's Party of Canada (PPC) under leadership of Maxime Bernier advocates for drastic immigration cuts (100,000–150,000 annually). The same has advocated for measures like banning "birth tourism." Its rhetoric risks deepening societal divides, underscoring the polarized migration debate.

Electoral Implications

The diverse views and stances of major and small political parties of Canada towards migration likely to have drastic impacts on migration and voters. If migration and multicultural identity are examined through the lens of current paradoxical stances, it seems that the same is likely to determine the 2025 election's outcome. Along with several issues, the issue of migration and multicultural identity, surveys argued that the Liberals at 40%, narrowly leading the Conservatives at 38%, given the former's multiculturalism stances remains sustainable with better

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My fellow Bootan Mandian Hardev Kaur Shant – An Obituary

One of my fellow Bootan Mandians and an old family friend Hardev Kaur Shant, 77 years, passed away in the night of April 26-27 after prolonged health problems. Hardev was the wife of my child-

Baby is highly educated lady with B.Ed and LL.B degrees. She is married to Additional Sessions Judge, Rashpal Singh. The scion of the family,

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ents who were staunch Ambedkarites and social activists in the area. Prem was fully associated with the socio-political bandwagons as a student

Hardev and Prem. BSP reposed faith in her and made her BSP candidate from a Jalandhar Assembly constituency not once but twice.

With the demise of Hardev, We



hood friend Prem Shant with whom we have had close relations since our formative years in Bootan Mandi Jalandhar.

Prem was a bureaucrat of Punjab Government and retired as Excise and Taxation Officer. Hardev was a duty bound and dedicated house wife till they settled their children. In this process, Hardev proved herself and contributed immensely in making the family; a family of which everyone would feel proud – out of their four siblings, two daughters, Neena and Rimpay are practicing doctors with coveted professional degrees of MDs. Both are married to MDs and practicing professionals. The third daughter,

Sushil Sheemar is an ITS technocrat and is currently holding the BSNL's fort in Chandigarh as Chief General Manager. Sushil's wife, Jaswinder (Lovely) Sheemar is yet another Additional Sessions Judge in the esteemed family of Hardev and Prem. From these details, one can easily make out as to how much effort, dedication, sacrifice and involvement Hardev must have given to raise such a coveted family. Hardev was a family maker par excellence. She could be a source of envy for many of our ladies.

Prem Shant inherited and imbibed social involvement from his par-

and always extended and devoted his time and energy to carry forward the 'Caravan' of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Babu Kanshi Ram. Hardev was not to remain behind. She stood by Prem through thick and thin and joined him as a social and political activist. Hardev carved her path in the BSP with her sheer dedication and humility. It is a matter of satisfaction to write that she have had opportunities to host Babu Kanshi Ram and also Behn Mayawati at her home in Jalandhar not once but several times. One can easily understand as to how much confidence and faith Babu Kanshi Ram must have had in the family of

have lost an ever smiling and hospitable friend. My wife Vidya who left this world a year ago was a close friend of Hardev. Perhaps they would catch up and revive the association in the Heavens. I will personally miss Hardev's sagacious and spontaneous Jai Bhim. Jai Bhim as a salutation does not come to me spontaneously. Hardev knew it and will purposely and pointedly say Jai Bhim to me and add that this was the mode we greet each other.

We will miss you, Hardev. Our heartfelt condolences to Prem and the bereaved family.

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integration. Conversely, the Conservatives gain traction among those prioritizing cultural unity, particularly in Ontario and Prairie swing ridings. In case of hung parliament, the NDP and Bloc may find a critical role leveraging their integration-focused platforms. Particularly, the election 2025, seems that it would be a referendum on Canada's multicultural future, given the voters face a choice. They can reinforce diversity as a unifying force over prioritizing the cultural homogeneity.

The choice of voters in the 2025 election for migration and multicultural identity debate's implications for Canadian soci-

ety likely to remain profound. An acceptable and successful multicultural identity used to foster social harmony, global influence, innovation and reinforcing Canada's role as a diversity leader. Whereas, failure to address these paradoxes on part of the federal government, move the society towards the social fragmentation, reduced trust, and a weakened national fabric. Consequently, several issues and concerns particularly in terms of socio-legal and socio-economic would emerge before the government. Therefore, the next government has to strike a balance between its migration and multicultural identity and basic needs of life. Thus, the next government's policies that

strengthen multiculturalism while addressing integration will determine whether Canada would remain a cohesive, inclusive society or succumbs to fragmentation. The 2025 election is thus a pivotal moment, setting the course for Canada's cultural identity in an era of global upheaval.

Conclusion

This federal election would be a crucial for Canada's multicultural identity, with migration at its heart. At last, it can be argued on the basis of Liberals' vision of controlled and managed multiculturalism, the Conservatives' push for cultural unity, and the NDP and Bloc's calls for equitable integration are offering to diverse and oppo-

site choices to the voters. Additionally, external pressures, like US's tariff threats, amplifying the radical stances of various political parties, framing migration as a test of Canada's cultural sovereignty.

Thus, against this electoral background it is concluded that social fragmentations and consequences would create a weak multicultural identity leaving indelible imprints internally own its the society and externally would dent the multicultural global standing of the country. The same would determine either the multiculturalism survives as core pillar of a resilient nation or likely to succumb to division in a polarized world.

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