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REMEMBERING KOMAGATA MARU

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Komagata Maru reminds us of the great sacrifices made by Punjabis for the honour of our motherland and to seek freedom in order to live with self-respect and dignity. Komagata Maru incident also reminds us of the draconian exclusionary laws brought into practice to keep out immigrants from the colonies of the British Raj. The first of such laws was passed on January 8, 1908, which debarred all those persons from entering into Canada who did not "come from the country of their birth or citizenship by a continuous journey and or through tickets purchased before leaving their country of their birth or nationality." In fact, this or any such type of law was enacted to preclude immigration from India. Given the long distance between India and Canada, unbroken or continuous voyage from India was next to impossible then. Generally, such a long distance voyage required some halt in Japan or Hawaii that activated the exclusionary clauses of the above-mentioned laws.

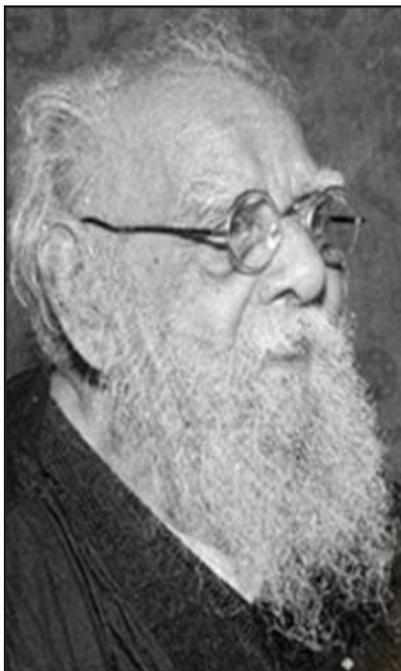
A total number of 376 passengers from Punjab boarded



the Komagata Maru, a Japanese steamship hired by Baba Gurdit Singh Sandhu, who publicly espoused the Ghadarite cause during his sojourn in Hong Kong. Baba Gurdit Singh Sandhu was well aware of the exclusionary immigration laws of the Canadian government. But given his revolutionary spirit, he was determined to challenge such inhuman legislation leading to a prolonged battle with the Canadian white regime. In the due course of whole of the episode, tremendous political awareness was generated. Public meetings were organized by the Canadian conservative political leadership to build up pressure to keep the passengers out. On the other end a "shore committee" was organized under the leadership of Hassan Rahim and Sohan Lal Pathak. Indo Canadians also held protest meetings in Canada and the United States to build up pressure against the exclusionary immigration laws. After a prolonged confrontation which also witnessed some violent outburst from the stranded passengers who were demanding that justice be given to them, only 20 passengers were allowed to enter Canada and the rest of them were deported back on the same ship. The Komagata Maru, which sailed from Hong Kong, Shanghai, China to Yokohama and finally to its destination in Vancouver arrived in Calcutta on September 27, 1914. The political events that surrounded the episode met their thunderous flare up at the Budge Budge leading to the killing of 19 innocent passengers who were already harassed to the core. During the melee some of the passenger escaped and the remainder were arrested and imprisoned or put under house arrest in their respective villages until the end of the World War I.

The Komagata Maru incident provided impetus to the Ghadar movement and sharpened the ongoing freedom struggle in the country. This incident is metamorphosed into a vibrant memory of great sacrifices and candid concern for freedom, dignity and justice. The incident did not stop haunting the conscience of the perpetrators of such inhuman atrocities on the enthusiastic passengers who wanted to take a whiff of fresh air on the promised soil of Canada. On May 23, 2008, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia did penance in unanimously passing a resolution that "this Legislature apologizes for the events of May 23, 1914, when 376 passengers of the Komagata Maru, stationed off Vancouver harbor, were denied entry by Canada. The House deeply regrets that the passengers, who sought refuge in our country and our province, were turned away without benefit of the fair and impartial treatment befitting a society where people of all cultures are welcomed and accepted

REMEMBERING DALIT SAVIOURS



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Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, E.V. Ramasamy Naicker (Periyar), Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Narayan Swami Guru, Achutananda, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia are among the forerunners of Dalit saviors who devoted their entire lives for the emancipation and empowerment of the downtrodden. During their life-times they had to struggle very hard to articulate as well as build a 'counter public' for reclaiming the long lost Dalit space. Braving untold sufferings and persistent opposition from all the possible quarters, they remained steadfast in their mission to prepare a solid base for grooming the cause of the community. Despite the innumerable hardships, they succeeded in their bold endeavours to pave the way for Dalit liberation leading to 'equality, liberty, fraternity'. Of late their struggle as well as vision/philosophy started getting recognition even in the political circles of their opponents. Almost all of them now feel proud of owning/appropriating them as and when they deem so fit. The recent praises showered on Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by almost all the mainstream political forces in India is a case in point. Year-long preparation by the ruling as well as opposition parties for the celebration of his 130th Birth anniversary are being reported in almost all the national newspapers.

During the 1920s, a large number of Ad Dharm movements took roots in different parts of India. Ad Dharm movement of Punjab is one of them. It born in the background of series of political developments in the region. It was founded and led by Great Ghadarite Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, who wanted that his people should have their own separate identity and the wherewithal to lead dignified life. He was convinced of the fact that the only way through which his people can live with dignity and self-respect was to form their own exclusive Dalit identity, political party and religion. He succeeded on all these crucial accounts.

He got recognition from the British Government in 1931 for a separate religion for the lower castes of Punjab (Ad Dharm), contested provincial assembly elections and pleaded meticulously for the rights of his people at all the platforms available during his struggle.

Now when all the major political parties in India are promising to follow and implement the thinking of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, it would be in fitness of things that the Punjab government should rename one of the coming up institutes of higher education in the state after the name of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia who was among the pioneers of the Dalit freedom fighters, founders of Dalit movement in Punjab, visionaries and educationists in the state.

AD DHARM IN PUNJAB ELECTIONS

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Ad Dharm movement of Punjab gained tremendous importance within a short period after its foundation in 1926. That it got recognition for a separate religion for the so called lowest of the low from the British Government speaks about its great strength. In 1931, about 500, 000 Scheduled Castes (SCs) got recorded Ad Dharm as their distinct religion. Thereafter, its record victory in the 1937 Punjab Provincial Assembly elections reinforced its popularity among the SCs. Its victory in the 1946 Punjab Provincial Assembly election to the Punjab Legislative Assembly assigned it an independent political

identity. Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, the founder of the Ad Dharm movement, was elected from Hoshiarpur constituency. It contested both the abovementioned assembly elections in collaboration with the Unionist Party. Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia also contested the Punjab Legislative Assembly Election of 1952, but as an Independent contestant from the Garhshankar Constituency.

He was offered a ticket by the Congress to contest the assembly elections as its nominee but Babu Mangu Ram Ji refused to contest the election on the Congress ticket and the same was given to Mr Kartar Singh of village Langeri of Hoshiarpur District.

Ambedkar -new Context and right Perspective

Going by my repeated writings, of late, one may tend to say that I am overwhelmed by the phenomena called Ambedkar. Though I personally don't believe in cults, but with the fast changing scenario, Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar is increasingly becoming a cult in India but luckily in a positive sense. Let me explain the matter a bit more not as an expert but as a lay man and a humble Ambedkarite.

The socio-political scenario in the country is changing fast. Thanks to the Constitution of India given to us by our forefathers led by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, rightly called Father of the Constitution. Not very long in the past, the 'status quoists' belonging to the mainstream of the society did not take Ambedkar seriously and rather tried their best to undermine and negate him and his legacy. But that was not to be as his personality and legacy was too potent to contend with. BabasahebAmbedkar was a visionary leader. The socio-

kar in the Heavens will only be happy to see this scene, two young and gracious ladies sitting and operating in the corridors of power with authority and aplomb. Later it was revealed, though it was not necessary, that one of them, Vyomika Singh belonged to the socially marginalized segments of the society. There is no point, to my mind, in hiding the fact as we still live in a caste ridden society and it will remain so for years to come. It is my humble suggestion to the GOI to revive and resurrect the Chamar Regiment in the Indian Army with a view to provide much needed pride and confidence among the young Dalits to make and get their due share in the security and defense of the country. It is a well-known and recognized fact that the Sikh Light Infantry of the Indian Army, comprising of Mazhabi and Ravidassia Sikhs, showed its valour and won appreciation as and when given chance to so like the Chamar Regiment in the British colonial days. It would yet be

empowerment with serious intent to bring about Samrasta in the society. The sooner the better.

We are yet to go a long way to address these issues to make the society and polity really secular to maintain and preserve our inherent diversity. BabasahebAmbedkar stipulated India is Bharat to be Secular State to contain and preserve its unique identity as a multi-cultural, multi-religious and multi-lingual society. His views on the rights and duties of minorities are well known and documented. Let there be



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political edifice of the country gets its cement and glue from the constitution. I will touch only two aspects or attributes pertaining to the situation as these are currently engaging the attention of the country in one way or the other – Socio-Economic Empowerment of Dalits and Women and Secular and Composite Socio-cultural Society. One may agree or not agree with me but I intend to say my mind.

The affirmative action by the State in empowering the socially marginalized segments of the society generally called Dalits and the women folk have done well as expected and visualized by BabasahebAmbedkar in the face of opposition by the so called Thekedars of the society particularly professing the rotten Manuwadi thinking. Though establishing a casteless society and bringing about social and economic democracy is the ultimate goal yet we should not ignore the ground realities of caste and religion. The forces of change and transformation are at work and we must encourage them. The recent events and happenings –Operation Sindoor to address the challenge of terrorism resulting in conflict with Pakistan is one such demonstration. Our armed forces hit the infrastructures of terror in Pakistan and POK. The High Tables in New Delhi to brief the media and public were adorned by two worthy ladies of the Brass of the Armed Forces, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Col. SofiyaQureshi. Could there be a better example of Women Empowerment? BabasahebAmbed-



another affirmative action to realize the vision of Ambedkar in uplifting the socially marginalized youth.

There is yet another point to depict Ambedkar in new context and right perspective – elevation of Justice B.R. Gavai, a staunch Ambedkarite, to the coveted constitutional post to adore the chair of CJI. This empowerment has come by the thoughts and teachings of Gautama the Buddha - Be your own light. The concept of Peace and Fraternity and not Yudha pertained to Buddhist Thought. Here also Ambedkar's vision comes handy. BabasahebAmbedkar took the lead to revive Buddhism in India by embracing Buddhism in 1956 and showing path of peace and harmony in the divisive society. Here comes the stage when our socio-cultural outfits like RSS, SGPC among others need to come out and stand to address the issues of caste and women

many more Col. SofiyaQureshis' and young Ponywala,Shafeeq Ahmed who challenged the dastardly terrorists in Pahalgam and succumbed to the gun-shots of the enemies of humanity along with his fellow countrymen. There is no place of narrow minded fanatics like Vijay Shahs'.

With this, I think, the time has come to think and adopt the thought of BabasahebAmbedkar in its new context and right perspective to carry the caravan forward to make India a developed country by 2047 as visualized by PM NarendraModi and 'We the people of India'. I conclude this off the cuff piece with AllmaIqbal's poetic assertion:

Hawaida Aaj Apne Zakhm-e-Pinhan Kar Ke Chorun Ga
Lahoo Ro Ro Ke Mehfil Ko Gulistan Kar Ke Chorun Ga

I will surely exhibit all my hidden wounds today
I will surely change assembly to a garden with blood mixed tears
Jalana Hai Mujhe Har Shama-e-Dil Ko Souz-e-Pinhan Se
Teri Tareek Raaton Mein Charaghan Kar Ke Chorun Ga

I have to light every heart's candle with hidden pathos
I will surely create bright illumination in your darkness
Parona Aik Hi Tasbeeh Mein In Bikhare Danon Ko
Jo Muskhil Hai, To Iss Mushkil Ki Asan Kar Ke Chorun Ga

If stringing these scattered pearls in a single rosary
Is difficult, I will surely make this difficult task easy

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Assemblyman Hoover's Representative Report



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Governor Newsom's 2025-26 Budget May Revise

Last week, Governor Gavin Newsom presented his May Revision to the 2025-26 state budget, which projects a \$12 billion deficit. Total spending for his newly proposed budget is \$321.9 billion, which is \$24 billion more than the 2024 budget act. Despite this increase, Newsom has dedicated zero funding to Proposition 36 for mental health or drug treatment programs. Prop 36 was overwhelmingly passed by California voters, by nearly 70%, to increase penalties on certain drug and theft crimes.

The budget deficit is \$12 billion dollars more than he projected in his January budget, an unprecedented increase. While the Governor attempts to shift blame to the federal administration, his own policies have steadily expanded Medi-Cal (also known as Medicaid) over the past few years to all immigrants, regardless of their legal status. This expansion has caused Medi-Cal's funding needs to balloon from \$21.6 billion to \$42.1 billion in just six years.

I also remain concerned about the Governor's proposal to send \$1 billion dollars to High-Speed Rail at a time when other services, including IHSS and foster programs, are being cut. I will continue working with my colleagues on more responsible ways to balance the budget that better prioritizes seniors, students, and public safety.

Raising Awareness about the Impacts of Social Media and Smartphone Use

I, along with Senators Henry Stern and Monique Limón, held a press conference last week to promote a screening of the Hulu documentary series, Social Studies, with Executive Producer Lauren Greenfield. Social Studies features a diverse group of LA teens who open up about the problems they face and offer an intimate glimpse into how social media has reshaped their childhood and influenced their lives. It reflects on the pressures teens face online, such as battling bullying and combating beauty and weight standards. Their compelling and relatable experiences take viewers on a raw, visceral, and urgent journey through the challenges of growing up in the digital era.

The press conference was part of a bipartisan effort to highlight the growing concern over smartphone use in schools and the adverse mental health impacts caused by social media. I spoke about my bipartisan legislation, the Phone-Free Schools Act (AB 3216, 2024), which was signed into law last year with the goal of limiting smartphone use in the classroom. Numerous studies have shown that extended use of smartphones and social media negatively affects the mental health of our youth, especially among young girls. The Phone-Free Schools Act marks a significant step toward reducing these harms; however, more must be done to ensure that our children stay off their devices and instead establish real human connections.

You can watch my comments at the press conference here.

Assembly Passes Bill to Protect Children from Predators

Two weeks ago, Assembly lead-

ers in the Supermajority watered down AB 379 by removing a provision that would have made it a felony to solicit sex from 16- and 17-year-old minors. Following sustained public pressure, the felony provision was restored, and last week, the California State Assembly passed AB 379 with bipartisan support. This marks a huge win for common-sense legislation aimed at protecting our children. The bill now moves to the Senate where I will work to make sure it is not watered down again.

Last week, I joined Fox Business to discuss our fight to protect minors from being purchased for sex and the false ads that were launched to mislead Californians.

You can watch my interview on Fox Business here.



Recent District Events

My staff was proud to join the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the Cordova Recreation and Parks Foundation during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held at the Hagan Community Center. The event brought together local leaders, residents, and supporters of parks and recreation to recognize the Foundation's dedication to preserving and enriching the community's outdoor spaces and programs.

The Cordova Recreation and Parks Foundation is a nonprofit, volunteer-led organization that plays a vital role in supporting the Cordova Recreation and Park District. Through fundraising and advocacy, the Foundation ensures that local residents continue to have access to high-quality recreational opportunities and facilities.

Annual Spirit of San Juan Awards Reception

On May 8, the San Juan Unified School District hosted its 12th annual Spirit of San Juan Awards, which my team had the opportunity to attend. The event celebrates individuals across the district who exemplify the best qualities of impactful educators and students. The honorees are recognized for removing barriers to education and striving to promote inclusivity within the educational landscape. Throughout the evening, students from various San Juan Unified high schools participated in the event, showcasing career skills learned in their respective programs.

This year's awardees:

Taya Baggett, student at Cameron Ranch Elementary School
Sonia Botello, school and community worker at Dyer-Kelly Elementary School
Kristi Char, teacher at Mira Loma High School
Sara Opeyany, teacher at Lichen K-8
Anna Stellmacher, student at Rio Americano High School

Baryalai Talash, instructional assistant at Mira Loma High School

Rosemont Community Association Annual Meeting

Last week, I had the distinct honor of attending and speaking at the Rosemont Community Association's Annual Meeting. It was a valuable opportunity to speak with and listen to the dedicated residents of Rosemont. The passion and engagement demonstrated by community members were truly inspiring. Attendees raised thoughtful questions, voiced their concerns, and shared their vision for the future of their neighborhood. I was pleased to provide helpful resources and information at my booth and to connect directly with those who are working every day to make Rosemont a better place to live.

I remain committed to supporting and uplifting communities like Rosemont. Their civic involvement and strong sense of unity are a testament to the strength of our region. I look forward to continuing our collaboration and building a stronger, more connected community together.

60th Anniversary Celebration of Folsom Care Center

It was an honor for our team to attend the 60th Anniversary celebration of Folsom Care Center, a skilled nursing facility in Folsom. Folsom Care Center, a family-owned institution, consistently upholds a high standard of care, fulfilling its commitment to support individuals in need of personalized assistance. The dedicated team works closely with each resident to develop tailored care plans, ensuring comfort, well-being, and individualized attention.

Folsom Care Center provides essential care along with comprehensive speech, occupational, and physical therapy services. The center emphasizes resident engagement through social activities and family involvement. They offer specialized diets and rehabilitation with a focus on comfort, dignity, and compassionate recovery.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Folsom Care Center on reaching this remarkable milestone of 60 years, and we look forward to witnessing the continued legacy of compassionate care for many more years to come.

Deterding Elementary Capitol Visit

Last Friday, I had the privilege of speaking with students, teachers, and parents from Deterding Elementary School on the Assembly Floor. It is both inspiring and crucial to speak with our youngest members of society about the democratic process. I had the opportunity to share more about my journey to becoming an Assemblyman, the life of a bill, and answer some questions.

Deterding Elementary School

cultivates the very best in our students with an arts-inspired approach to learning. While championing both strong academics and creative confidence, students can develop a lifelong appreciation for learning and social responsibility. I admire their school motto, "Be here. Be kind. Exercise your body and mind."

Rancho Cordova Luncheon

Thank you to the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cordova Community Council for inviting me back to speak at their May luncheon. These monthly events offer a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our community, connect with local businesses, and share more about our work at the Capitol. Following the Governor's May Revision for the 2025-26 Budget, I am grateful for the chance to speak with community members about the importance of prioritizing our roads, education, and public safety in the budget.

Congratulations to the Cordova Community Council on 65 years of serving Rancho Cordova. Thank you for your commitment to civic engagement and passion for celebrating community milestones. I am honored to serve alongside such dedicated organizations as the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cordova Community Council, which bring together citizens from all walks of life.

Taste of Fair Oaks

My team and I had a great time at this year's Taste of Fair Oaks. This exciting annual event featured gourmet food tastings, a silent auction benefiting the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank, and fun contests like a \$250 cash key contest, wine wall pull, and putting competition. With live DJ entertainment and dancing, it was the perfect evening to connect with friends and neighbors while supporting a great cause.

Taste of Fair Oaks brings together restaurants, wineries, and breweries for delicious food and award-winning beverages. Thank you to the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce for dedicating over 30 years to hosting this impactful event to celebrate the community and uplift our local businesses.

Orangevale-Fair Oaks Big Day of Service

This past Saturday was the 2025 Big Day of Service. This annual event assembles volunteers from across the district to dedicate one day to beautifying Fair Oaks, Orangevale, and Citrus Heights. I had the honor of speaking at the Kick-Off Rally to encourage and thank the volunteers who worked on community projects at over 50 locations.

Thank you to the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Community Foundation and the hundreds of volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to support our community projects. Your dedication has made a real difference, and we greatly appreciate your commitment to creating positive change. Your efforts truly help strengthen and uplift our community for generations to come.

THE AD-DHARMIS: SOURCES/WRITINGS

ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE AD-DHARM MOVEMENT

In addition to the book "Religious Rebels in the Punjab: The Ad-Dharm Challenge to Caste" authored by Mark Juergensmeyer which is a history book about the glorious Ad-Dharm Movement of the Untouchable Castes of Punjab for Ad-Dharm Religion, there are many other sources of information about the Ad-Dharmis.

The Indian Franchise Committee Report 1932 is another invaluable source of information which has a Memorandum submitted by the Ad-Dharm Mandal delegation to the Committee. The Memorandum starts with the following lines:

"In the first place we want to make it quite clear that we are not Hindus. There is no doubt that from time immemorial on account of political and economic pressure we have been kept in the fold of Hinduism. But this was done by the trickeries of the Hindus for their own political purposes. We are as separate from the Hindus as east is from the west and north is from the south. We are the descendants of the aborigines of India who were the real sons of the soil."

Support was also extended to the Ad-Dharmis by Mr. M.A. Ghani, M.L.C., General Secretary, Punjab Labour Board via his Memorandum submission to the Indian Franchise Committee, which stated:

"A strong movement is afoot among these people to cut themselves off from the Hindus and form a separate religion of their own. This religion is called "Ad-Dharm". So popular the movement is among them that in the last census, with all the atrocities and cruelties perpetrated upon them by the Hindus and Sikhs, no less than 4 lakhs of them were able to have themselves recorded as Ad-Dharmis. Had there been no pressure on them from the well-to-do communities, their number would surely have been no less than 25 lakhs. Under the circumstances, I would strongly appeal for separate electorates for them."

Dr. Rajendra's Prasad's book "India Divided" is an invaluable source of information of that time pe-

riod, which has passages about the Ad-Dharmis and further confirms the status of Ad-Dharm as a separate religious identity in pre-partition period in both Census 1931 and 1941. This book was first published in 1946. This book is a must buy for those interested in Indian History.

In 1985, a Souvenir was pub-



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lished by Late C.L. Chumber, Organiser, Babu Mangu Ram Memorial Committee, on the 99th Birth Anniversary of Babu Mangu Ram Muggowalia, which has invaluable information in Punjabi language about the Ad-Dharm Movement.

Recently it also came to my knowledge from Mr. P. K. Chumber, Editor-in-Chief, Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba, that there is also reference of the Ad-Dharm Mandal in the writings of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. "Shaheed Bhagat Singh Te Una Deya Likhta" in Punjabi and "Bhagat Singh Aur Unke Sathiyon Ke Dastavez" in Hindi, are both edited by Jagmohan Singh. From this input about the Writings, I then also came across during

research, a news article published in The Tribune dated March 22, 2018 titled "Pro-Dalit stance largely forgotten" which has a line stating: "Bhagat Singh backed the activities of the Adi Dharam Mandal led by Babu Mangu Ram." In addition to this, the article titled "Problem of Untouchability by Shahid Bhagat Singh" was published in Red Spark and "Achhoot Samasya" was published in Hindi in the Marxists Internet Archive (MIA). The source of information of this article was: "Kirti, a Punjabi Magazine published from Amritsar in June 1928." Balbir Madhopuri, Punjabi Writer and Sahitya Academy award winner, brought to my notice another publication titled "Bhagat Singh - Amar Vidrohi" edited by Malvinder Jeet Singh Warriach, and published by the Publications Division, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

Additionally there are references/important passages about Ad-Dharm from the following sources in English:

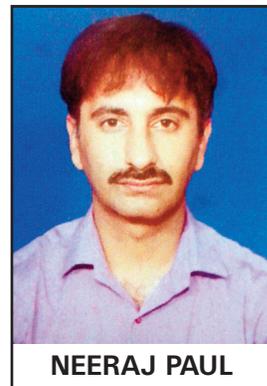
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Important among the sources is the Ad-Dharm Mandal Report and the Census 1931 Punjab Report. The Ad-Dharm Mandal Report is available in English in the Appendix in the concluding part of the book "Religious Rebels in the Punjab: The Ad-Dharm Challenge to Caste". The Census 1931 Punjab Report has a Chapter on Religion which has a separate Section on Ad-Dharmis. In both Part-1 Report and Part-2 Tables of the Census 1931 Punjab, can be found statistical information about the Ad-Dharm Religion. Some statistics in tabular format has also been reproduced in the previous edition of Ambedkar Times.

In the previous two editions of Ambedkar Times I had shared information about the Ad-Dharmis from other available sources of the pre-partition period, "The Modern Review" and "The Indian Social Reformer". There may be many other sources of information which needs to be found and researched.

This research work is an ongoing process, and as and when more information is found, would be made known and shared.



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