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UNITED AWARENESS COMMITTEE CELEBRATED DR. AMBEDKAR 124th JYANTI WITH A SPLENDID SUCCESS



The United Awareness Committee, USA and Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Sacramento celebrated 124th Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Sri Guru Ravidass Temple, Rio Linda California on Sunday April 19, 2015 with great enthusiasm and dedication. The joint efforts of both the Managing Committees made it reach sublime heights of a magnificent success.

The most striking part of this historic event was that it was graced by prominent representatives of the California State Government with their presence, namely Mr. Jim Cooper - Assemblyman (District 9 -CA), Mr. Keaton Riley (Field representative of Congressman Dr. Ami Bera -District 7, CA), Mrs. Bobby Singh Allen (President Elk Grove School District, CA) and Mr. Mikey Hothi (Field Representative of Mr. Jim Cooper, Assemblyman). They all paid their glowing tributes and adored the role and efforts of Dr. Ambedkar for his unparalleled contributions and life long struggle for social justice for unprivileged and neglected segments of Indian society. Dr. Ambedkar was highly acclaimed as a great pioneer and a natural born civil rights leader. All the representatives from the State Government were honored as distinquished quests of honor and were honored with Saropas, the highest honor in the tenets of our religion. All the guest speakers were very conspicuous in their approach and emphasis to focus on what was common in the culture of both the countries.

The following prominent members of the community were also awarded with commendation certificates by Mr. Jim Cooper - Assemblyman (District 9 - CA) on behalf of the State Government in recognition of their participation at the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple and for their distinguished services in Ravidassia Community and extending esteem, gratitude, heartiest congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the people of the great State of California.

Mr. O.P. Balley - General Secretary, Supreme Council Sri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA

Mr. Vinod K Chumber - President, Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha BayArea Fremont, CA

Mr. Prem K Chumber - Chief Editor, Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba publications

Mr. Shingara Singh Ralh -President, Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Yuba City, CA

Congressman Dr. Ami Bera honored the executive members of the United Awareness Committee of USA, and Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Rio Linda with the certificate of Congressional Recognition for their outstanding services in the community. This magnificent gesture on behalf of the State Government at this important occasion is a badge on the name of the whole Ravidassia Community for its contributions towards the welfare of the State of California in different fields.

Mr. Jeevan Rattu and Rakesh Chander performed an excellent job as Stage Secretaries and organized the event towards а very successful end.

The following speakers also

paid their respects on this historic event associated with the celebration of Dr. Ambedkar's 124th Birth Anniversary.

Mr. O.P. Balley who had the rare opportunity of meeting Dr. Ambedkar in person in 1955 and 1956 in New Delhi drew public attention to the versatile genius and penetrating intellect of Babasaheb as Chairman of the drafting committee of Indian Constitution and his outstanding contributions in the field of economic structure, social justice and as builder of the modern India.

Dr. Harmesh Kumar PhD and an eminent psychologist focused on Babasaheb's education in USA, which had its reflections of liberty, equality, and fraternity in India's constitutional structure. He likened Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Dr. Ambedkar on issues of social discrimination and segregation.

Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber of "Ambedkar Times" addressed the audience with his journalistic and professional approach and the role of (Contd.. on Page no 4)

Dr. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated at Ambedkar Bhawan Jalandhar CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Editor Prem Chumber Ji,

I have learnt with pleasure that the "Desh Doaba" has entered into its forth year. I take this



opportunity to greet and congratulate you and your team and also the readership of the paper on this occasion.

I very well understand and appreciate how difficult it is to bring out a vernacular paper in a foreign country. You have done it flying colours. with Both the "Ambedkar Times" and the "Desh

Doaba" are serving the people of Punjab living not only in the USA but many other countries also. It also a matter of gratification that these publications dedicated to the worthy causes of the weaker sections of the society with deference to the mission and philosophy of their leaders Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and Babu Kanshi Ram.

I wish you further success and prosperity in the years to come.

(Ramesh Chander) Ambassador -IFS (Retired)

Jalandhar- Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti, April 14, is celebrated in Jalandhar every year. But this year, the 125th year, was special and was observed with great enthusiasm by the followers of the great leader. It was clearly evident that the acceptability of Dr. Ambedkar is not only increasing over the re-

cent years but he is becoming the icon of the Indian society at large. All political and social forces are falling on each other to own the legacy of Dr. Ambedkar. It is a matter of gratification.

On April 13, many political and social outfits joined together and conducted a "Chetna Yatra" in

the afternoon. It was a big show led by Chief Parliamentary Secretary Avinash Chander. On April 14, there was yet another 'Chetna March" which started from BootanMandi, the place visited and adorned by Dr. Ambedkar in October, 1951. The volunteers of SamtaSainik Dal, young boys and girls, joined the Yatra at Ambedkar Bhawan and provided colour to the event. The statue of Dr. Ambedkar at Ambedkar Chowk on Nakodar Road was decked with flowers. There was an unending queue to garland the bust of the leader and pay their respect. The Langars (community kitchens) were arranged at many locations on the route of the Yatra. Like the past years, there was a big public meeting, arranged by Ambedkar Mission Society, to pay tributes to the revered leader at Ambedkar Bhawan. Dr. Ajit Singh Chahal, Head of

> shetra University was the lead speaker at the function. He spoke with conviction and gave reasons as to why Dr. Ambedkar was the greatest leader of India. The editor of BheemPatrika and a staunch Ambedkarite Lahori Ram Balley and President of Ambedkar Mission Society, Dr. TarsemSagar also spoke

and paid glowing tributes to Babasaheb. JagtarWarianvi Musical Group regaled the audience with its missionary compositions on the life and philosophy of Dr. Ambedkar. Late in the evening of April 14, there was a huge public meeting at BootanMandi, in front of the house of Seth Kishan Dass where Dr. Ambedkar stayed in October, 1951, which was addressed by many political and social leaders like CPS Avinash Chander of Akali Dal and Prem Shant of BSP. These leaders remembered the leader and paid befitting tributes.

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efforts towards its anticipated goals. Other speakers who spoke on the occasion included Mr. Rakesh Chander, Mr. TavinderKazla, Mr. ParamjitBhutta, Mr. Sukh Ram, Mr. Hans Raj Kajla and Mr. Kewal Bolina, the pioneer members of the United Awareness Committee, elaborating on the aims and objectives of the organization to bring all organizations to a common platform for building strong bridges of goodwill and cultural homogeneity among various shades of public opinion. The United Awareness Committee, USA would like to thank all the organizations and Sri Guru Ravidass Sabhas for

presence. A special thanks does to Mr. Ram M. Saroay - Ex Chairman of Dr. Ambedkar Educational Aid Society and Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Bay Area California, Mr. Jaswinder L. Banga Chairman of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Sacramento, Mr. Jaswant Sheehmar -PRO of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Sacramento, Mr. Vinod Chumber -Chairman of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Bay Area California, Mr. Shingara S Ralh - President of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Yuba City California, Mr. Amar Droach - Stage Secretary of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Fresno, and Mr. Prem K Chumber - Chief Editor of "Ambed-

media for taking such initiatives and gracing this occasion with their benign kar Times" and "Desh Doaba". The all volunteers for their diligent services committee would also like to thank who worked days and nights in mak Vinod K Chumber, Mr. Sonu Ambedkar, Mr. Ramesh Bangar, Mr. Mohinder Dhami, Mr. Palwinder Mahi, and Mr. Amar Daroch for expressing their gratitude and sharing their valuable views to make such celebration more successful in the future.

> Both the organizing committees would also like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Sukhram Chander, Mr. & Mrs. Gian C Kajla, Mr. & Mrs. Satnam Ram, Mr. & Mrs. Prem Sagar, Mrs. Surinder Kazla, Mrs. Surinder Chander, Mr. and Mrs. Agia Ram, Mrs. Surinder Kajla, Mrs. Krishna Ujagar, Soma Rani, and

ing this celebration a successful event.

The program ended on a very positive note and with very warm feelings of success, as desired and contemplated by the organizers of the event. My special thanks to the visionary members of the United Awareness Committee, Mr. Rakesh Chander, Mr. TavinderKazla, Mr. ParamjitBhutta, Mr. Sukh Ram, Mr. Hans Raj Kajla and Mr. Kewal Bolina for sponsoring and organizing this wonderful event.

- O. P. Balley General Secretary, Shri Guru Ravidass Supreme Council, USA