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## THE NATION OF EQUALITY, OPPORTUNITY AND FREEDOM

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The American Declaration of Independence reiterated that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These are not mere words but the conscience of those who struggled and sacrificed for the birth of a new world of freedom, peace and opportunities where everyone would be equal and assured of dignified living. The American Declaration of Independence is a testimony of revolt against foreign rule and laid the foundations for human rights and the national sovereignty. The American Declaration of Independence was made after 15 months of the War of Independence. It brought to an end all political connection between the united colonies and the state of Great Britain. The delay in the Declaration was primarily due to the time factor that associated with the consensus maturation process among the fighting colonies over complete withdrawal from the British Empire. It was finally by June 10, 1776 a committee was set up under Jefferson to draft the Declaration and on 4 July 1776 the Declaration was approved and issued.

The Declaration derives its strength from Lockean philosophy that 'government rested on a contract between government and governed and that, if the government failed to deliver the ends which had persuaded the people to enter that contract, it could be overturned. Jefferson spelt this out explicitly in the Declaration. Men had rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness'.

The Declaration further emphasized rather on a more bold promise and moral value that 'all men are created equal and have inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness'. Although for many people such bold contents of the Declaration look as if they were a great rhetoric but the conscientious citizen of The United States of America have proved that this new nation of equality, freedom and happiness is in fact a reality that anyone can experience in person while walking on its vast lands.

"Ambedkar Times" wishes Happy 4th of July to all its worthy writers, contributors, readers, and well wishers.

## SRI GURU RAVIDASS TEMPLE PITTSBURGH (CALIFORNIA)'S 29TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Pittsburg (Ambedkar Times News Bureau) : Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg (California) & the entire Sangat celebrated Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg's 29th Anniversary on June 29th, 2014 with Bhog ceremony of three days Sri Akhand Path Sahib Sewa, with great enthusiasm and dedication. With the devoted efforts of Sangat and the management committee the event was a magnificent success.

Mrs. Asha Sharma, a renowned preacher of Gurbani and a versatile communicator in Punjabi

language graced the occasion with her presence. Prominent Kirtan Jathas: Head Granthi of Gurughar

Bhai Parkash Singh Ji, and Bhai Harjinder Singh Rassia Ji, Ex Head Granthi of this Gurughar and also Bhai Baldev Singh Ji and speakers Mr. O. P. Balley, Mr. P. K. Chumber, Mrs. Gina Bhatia & Mr. Baljit Singh and more also glorified this historic event.

Honorable Mr. O. P. Balley

Ex Chairman and founder member of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg (California) who was well (Contd.. to page no 4)



## BABASAHEB DR. AMBEDKAR'S 123RD BIRTHDAY WAS CELEBRATED IN SACRAMENTO

Sacramento (Ambedkar Times News Bureau)- The architect of India's constitution, Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 123rd birthday was celebrated

for the event thanked all the Sabhas and the chief guest, Mr. N. Parthasarathi, Consulate General of India, San Francisco (California) accompanied by



very enthusiastically in India Plate Restaurant W.Sacramento on June 28, 2014 in Sacramento by Begumpura cultural and educational society. All Sri Guru Ravidass Sabhas and Valmik Sabha extended their full cooperation to make it a successful event. Mr. Jeevan Rattu, the stage secretary

Dy. Consulate General Mr. Anand Kumar Jha. While addressing the audience the honorable Consulate General offered to address all questions and concerns relating to issuing of visa and other allied issues. The consulate General in his (Contd to page no 4)

## GLOBAL PROTEST AGAINST CASTE DISCRIMINATION



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21st June, 2014 will be remembered as a historic day in the Dalit history when for the first time NRIs settled in various countries came on streets simultaneously to protest against the caste based discrimination and ill treatment being met to them on the basis of their birth. In solidarity with Dalit organisations across the World, on this very day, a demonstration against caste discrimination took place in front of the 10 Downing Street, the official residence of the British Prime Minister. This was a second demonstration by Dalits held in the month of June. It was organised by the Anti Caste discrimination Alliance UK

and supported by a number of organisations including Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK, Ambedkar Mission Society, Bedford,



Southall Black Sisters, Indian Workers Association, Sri Guru Ravidass and Bhagwan Valmik Sabhas across UK and several other organisations. The purpose of the protest was to raise awareness with UK Government policy-makers, Parliamentarians, (Contd to page no 4)

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speech emphasized on the adorable contributions of Babasaheb and his distinguished role as the architect of India's constitution. Mr. N. Parthasarathi also said in his speech that we should set up an Educational Award" in USA in the name of Dr. Ambedkar which should be awarded to a student with the best merits irrespective of any sectarian considerations. Mr. Parthasarathi also promised to display the portrait of Babasaheb in Consulate's office in the coming month of August, 2014. Mr. O.P. Balley General Secretary, Supreme Council Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA who had the rare opportunity of his association with Babasaheb addressed the audience with his

personal knowledge about Babasaheb's vision and crusade for social justice. Mr. Balley who was at Babasaheb's residence on December 6, 1956, the day of his death, told the audience that he felt so fortunate when he had the opportunity of carrying Babasaheb's body along with five other persons present there. He also stated that Babasaheb's accomplishments in life show that "it is the worth and not the birth which is the real source of a person's recognition in society. Mr. Vinod Chumber a prominent member of our community said that "what we are is because of Babasaheb". Mrs. Rajwant daughter of the missionary, late Mr. Dharam Singh Bharti told the audience how his father alongwith Subedar Jogin-

der Singh, Mr. Wattan Chand Paul, and Mr. Sohan Singh Dhola had started Babasaheb's mission which is still followed up by Joginder Chumber, Jassi Banga and Jaswant Sheemar.

Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber Chief Editor "Ambedkar Times" and "Desh Doaba" thanked Mr. N. Parthasarathi for his promise to display Babasaheb's picture in his office. Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber also stated how we all have equal rights and privileges in USA without any discrimination. Other speakers who participated in the event included Mr. Gian Nega from L.A, Ram Sewak Bhatia, Raj Sood, Mr. Mohinder Singh Dhami and Mr. Sewak Dass Ralh. Mr. Jeevan Rattu who conducted the

proceedings of the stage very successfully was also admired by Mr. Parthasarathi. Mr. Avtar Singh Jassal who took the responsibility of Guru Ghar's loan was honored with a plaque. Mr. Hardyal Banga was also honored by the cultural society with a plaque for his community services. In the end Mr. Jassi Banga thanked again the chief guest and the audience on behalf of Begumpura Cultural and Education Society and also explained the aims and objectives of the Begumpura cultural and educational society for helping the needy and deserving students in India.

Mr. Jassi Banga, Mr. Joginder Chumber & Mr. Jaswant Sheemar's efforts which made this event very successful.

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(versed with the history of this temple since its inception enlightened the sangat with the history of the Gurughar and paid his glowing tributes to the memory of those founding members, mostly from Fiji Islands, who are no more with us, but their devotion and untiring efforts made the establishment of this first Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburgh (California) in USA, possible.

Mr., Prem Kumar Chumber, Chief Editor: Ambedkar Times (English & Punjabi) and Desh Doaba (Punjabi) also participated in the celebrations and conveyed his congratulations on this auspicious occasion. Mr. Chumber also emphasized on the inhuman treatment and lawlessness in India towards helpless women belonging to the down trodden sections of society.

"Ambedkar Times" and "Desh Doaba" once again congratulate the entire community for this successful celebration which will go in the annals of the history of Pittsburgh Gurughar as a memorable day. Mr. Abhishek Pal (General Secretary of Gurughar) successfully conducted this historic event.

## GLOBAL PROTEST AGAINST CASTE DISCRIMINATION

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and the Press about the key issues that impact on socially excluded groups like Dalits, atrocities against them including the rape and violence against women and girls in India. It also intended to promote the draft UN Principles and Guidelines for the Effective Elimination of Discrimination based on Work and Descent established by the UN Human Rights Council.

A petition including a joint statement signed by numerous Dalit and non-Dalit organisations demanding the government to implement without further delay the law agreed by Parliament to outlaw Caste-based discrimination in the UK, was handed over to the Prime Minister. The protesters also asked the British government to use their clout to stop atrocities against Dalits especially caste based rapes and violence against women.

The call for Global action against caste based discrimination was given by the US based organisa-

tion, International Commission for Dalit Rights (ICDR) and joined by many cross faith Dalit and non-



Protest against caste based discrimination at the Golden Gate Bridge Plaza (San Francisco) on June 21, 2014

Dalit organisations (including those representing Ambedkarites, Buddhists, Christians, Muslims, Ravidassia and Valmikis). At the same time, the protest events also took place in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles in USA and Toronto in Canada and raised the voice against human rights abuses in India and abroad.