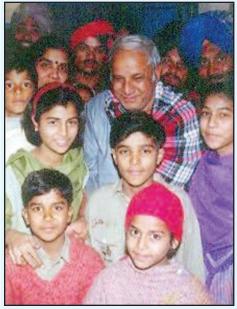
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### AMBEDKARTIMES.COM TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT **MASSIVE NAGAR KIRTAN BEGAN FROM** SAHIB KANSHI RAM JI **GURDWARA SAHIB TURLOCK** March15th, 1934 - October 09th, 2006

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Sahib Kanshi Ram Ji was born on March 15, 1934, in Khawas Pur village of Ropar District of Punjab. He belonged to the Ramdassia community (Ad Dharmi) of the Scheduled Caste group, which is the largest group in Punjab. He was named Kanshi because after his birth the midwife placed him in a tray made of kansa metal. His father owned some land and his uncles were in the armed forces. In Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram's own words, "I was born and brought up amongst those who sacrificed

themselves but never betrayed the country..." Despite his low caste background, he earned a bachelor's degree in science from the Government College at Ropar (Punjab). Soon after, he joined the research staff of Kirki's Explosive Research and Development Laboratory (ERDL) in Pune 1957. While working in Pune, he quit his job after becoming involved in the famous Deena Bhan case. Deena Bhan, a Rajasthani Scheduled Caste employee and senior colleague of Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram was suspended. His fault was that he protested against the decision of ERDL management for the cancellation of holidays for Dr. Ambedkar and Lord Buddha Jayantis and their replacement by the Tilak Jayanti and one additional holiday for Diwali. Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram decided to fight against such a caste ridden and dictatorial behavior of the management. The fighter in Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram got the suspension orders of Deena Bhan revoked and Dr. Ambedkar and Lord Buddha Jayantis holidays were restored.

This was the beginning of the long battle for the emancipation of the Dalits in the country that Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram had to lead till his last breath. He resigned from his job and totally dedicated his entire life for the cause of the community. He never married nor visited his home since then. His struggle was not for the home and family. He devised a new strategy to regain the lost glory of the original (Adi) inhabitants of Bharat. He gave utmost importance to the culture of work and democratic method of struggle. He also expanded the circle of the Dalits by incorporating other Backward Classes and Minorities into it.

He criticized the post-Ambedkar leadership of Dalits in India. For that he declared Poona Pact as the main reason. He said that "Poona Pact made Dalits helpless.

By rejecting separate electorate, Dalits were deprived of their genuine representation in legislatures. Several and various kind of Chamchas were born in the last fifty years. As and when India's high caste Hindu rulers felt the need of Chamchas and when the authority of the upper castes got endangered by real and genuine Dalit leaders, Chamchas were brought to the fore in all other fields".

In his "The Chamcha Age", a well-argued and polemical tirade against the pseudo Dalit leaders, Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram sharpen the contradiction for the legitimate acquisition of political power by the downtrodden in electoral democracy in India. In, the Chamcha Age, "he focused very much on the Poona Pact which was a point of a rather decisive Gandhian victory over Dr. Ambedkar after a long duel between the two at the Round Table Conference". Ambedkartimes.com pays tribute to The Great Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji on his eighth death anniversary.



Two days religious samagam of Gurdwara Sahib Turlock (California) was concluded with great enthusiasm and admiration. Thousands of devotees participated in the spiritual congregation at the Gurdwara

Sahib. The Bhog of Sri Akhand Path Sahib was organized with tremendous reverence at Gurdwara Sahib on

March 14, 2015. On the next day, March 15, 2015, Nagar Kirtan was organized. During the Kirtan Darbar Bibi Baljit Kaur Khalsa-Talwarewale and Bhai Surjan Singh DhaddiJathamesmerized the devotees with varas and poetry. Around 11.30 am, the Mayor of Turlock reached Gurughar and was honored by the committee of the Gurdwara Sahib. At 12.30pm the Bir of Guru Granth Sahib was bedecked on the Bus for the launch of the Nagar Kirtan. Gatka aerobatics were displayed during the Nagar Kirtan. The entire city of Turlock was soaked in the Khalsaicolor. A large number of devotees welcomed the Nagar Kirtan at places and organized langars of different foods, soft drinks and sweets with great veneration. After passing through various places, the Nagar Kirtan reached Gurughar at 4pm. A

**Dear Editor Prem Chumber,** 

I am happy to learn that the "Ambedkar Times" has entered into 7th year of its publication. I take this opportunity to congratulate you and your team on the occasion. I have been a regular reader and contributor to the esteemed "Ambedkar Times" over the years. It is gratifying to note that the paper has made a good progress and space for itself. Your dedicated approach and whole hearted involvement in the community matters are praiseworthy.

I wish you and the Ambedkar Times all success and progress in the years to come.

With regards,

day before, i.e. on March 14, 2015, children, adults, senior citizen and ladies participated with tremendous interest in tournaments organized during the samagam by the committee of the Gurdwara Sahib. Besides the

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children race, below 55 years and 60 above years of age group persons' races were also organized. Wrestling

competition and tug-of-war games of children and senior children were also organized. The Gatka of Tarna Dal also participated in the competition at the tournament. Chatai race was also organized. Sandeep Zanti, Harsimran Singh Sangram, Bhagdeep Singh, Sarabjit Singh and Zorawar Singh Sandhu acted as referees in different game competitions. The Ambedkartimes.com forum congratulates the organizers on the great success of this memorable spiritual program. We pray the Akal Purukhthat the entire Punjabi community will continue to organize such spiritual program to bring us all together and to keep us reminding our rich composite cultural heritage.

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