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THUS THE REAL SEQUENCE OF THE SLOGAN IS:

EDUCATE, AGITATE AND ORGANIZE

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Educate, Organize and Agitate is the most mis-quoted slogan of Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar. Its true version is: Educate Agitate and Organize. Baba Sahib uttered these precious words at the end of his historic speech delivered at the All-India Depressed Classes Conference (July 18-19, 1942 at Nagpur), convened to create an All-India organization with distinct aims and purposes in co-operation with all the inter-provincial forces. It was at this very conference that a declaration was made about the formation of the All-India Scheduled Castes Federation. Below are given the exact words of the concluding part of this historic speech of Baba Sahib, as cited in his 'fascinating biography' authored by Dhananjay Keer:

"My final words of advice to you are educate, agitate and organize; have faith in yourself. With justice on our side, I do not see how we can lose our battle. The battle to me is a matter of joy. The battle is in the fullest sense spiritual. There is nothing material or social in it. For ours is a battle, not for wealth or for power. It is a battle for freedom. It is a battle for the reclamation of human personality" (Bombay: Popular Prakashan, 3rd ed. 1971, p: 351, emphasis added).

Babasaheb's struggle for the uplift of the socially excluded was precisely spiritual in the sense that it intends to restore their lost dignity and make them equal with all the other sections of the rest of the society. For that the method he chooses was democratic-constitutional. Being educated in the oldest democracies in the world, Dr. Ambedkar imbibed the true spirit of democracy and constitutionalism. He wanted his fellow -beings and his countrymen to follow democratic ways for the peaceful resolution of all one problems including the most fatal one - the Untouchability.

In his democratic scheme of conflict resolution, education figures at the very beginning of the social struggle. Hence "educate" comes first in his three stepped slogan of educate, agitate and organize. By education Babasaheb did not mean merely certificates and degrees. For him to educate means to become aware of one's real life conditions; to be conscious of ones surroundings; to raise objection to the inhuman existence in the society; and to ask for change for the better. "Tell the slaves he is a slave and he will revolt", that is the real meaning of education.

It is such education that will stir agitation within, leading to what Babasaheb called "agitate". To "agitate" does not mean to organize guerrilla warfare, to do murda bad - murdabab. On the contrary, it means to become aware about ones social conditions and to seek viable steps for the eradications of the causes of the problems. Babasaheb told us that only real and true education could only make us to "agitate".

And it is this agitation, which is within, that would ultimately help us to "organize". The true example of which is Babasaheb himself, who after obtaining critical and rational sense through his education felt toofan within and consequently organized three political parties (Independent Labor Party, Scheduled Caste Federation and Republican Party of India) to secure Dalit human rights.

Thus the real sequence of the slogan is:
Educate Agitate and Organize

Mr. Rahul Gandhi's Visit to Silicon Valley, Bay Area (California)

Santa Clara (Ambedkar Times Bureau) - Mr. Rahul Gandhi's visit to San Francisco (California) was a very uplifting for Indian Overseas congress workers and all those who love India and wants to see united India. Our Constitution prepared under the chairmanship of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar calls India a union of states with fragrant diversity of regional cultures, customs, foods and different languages. The Ambedkar Times Bureau talked with Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Chairman for the state of California Chapter of The Indian Overseas Congress of USA under the global leadership of Mr. Sam Pitroda, and Mr. Mohinder Gilizian in USA. An extra ordinary, sincere, excellent selfless hard work was done by Sandeep Vangala and SankaranShanmuto organize this event '**MOHABBAT KI DUKAAN**' on May 30, 2023 in the heart of Silicon Valley in the San Francisco Greater Bay Area.

As per Dr. Harmesh Kumar, a well-known

community leader in the Bay Area told that Mr. Gurwinder Singh Mr. Vinod Kumar Chumber, Chairman, Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Bay Area (CA) helped for Mr. Gandhi's team for this visit. Dr. Kumar is a licensed clinical neuropsychologist in California with almost 40 years' experience in mental health. He is currently contesting an election for US Senate (www.drkumar4senate.com) on the seat being vacated by a retiring veteran senior senator of California, Ms. Diane Feinstein due to her ailing health. Dr. Kumar mentioned during his interview that Most of the San Francisco Bay Area (California) Indian residents were so enthusiastic to welcome Mr. Rahul Gandhi to the Bay Area. Majority of Indians including mainstream Hindus see a glimmer of hope and future of India in him. Since the BJP government came into power, it promoted so much division between Hindus and other religious communities. The control of media by BJP and polarization especially **(Contd. on next page)**



Rushali Kler, my fellow Bootan Mandian – a Shining star

I have been writing about my fellow BootanMandians in my blogs to register my sense of belonging as a social being and a small cog in the community life. Today, a worthy daughter, Rushali Kler, of Bootan Mandi, my native place in Jalandhar has given me yet another opportunity to write – Rushali Kler has passed the Indian Civil Services Examination, 2022 with flying colors.

It means now she will join the big league of elite civil services like IAS, IFS, IPS and other allied services. I take this opportunity to congratulate Rushali and her proud

parents and public service traits, it seems, are inherited in Rushali's genes – her great grandfather, Seth Kishan Dass was a politician (MLA) and community activist of standing, her uncle (father's brother), Avinash Chander is former MLA and Chief Parliamentary Secretary of Punjab, her aunt (father's sister), Anupam Kler is a PCS officer in Punjab. Rupali's maternal grandfather (Nana), Govind Ram was an IPS officer of great caliber. Rushali has held the family flag high and rightly so. It is a matter of great satisfaction. I wrote a blog on Babita Kler on October 6, 2021

PCS (Judicial) and a good number of sons and daughters of the soil in banking, insurance, medical and other services. Rushali has credited her parents as her motivators; particularly her mother IAS Babita for her success and has wished to join the elite service and said "I am hoping to have a choice between IAS and IPS services." One can understand her emotional bondage – as an IAS to step into the shoes of her gracious mother, Babita and as an IPS to pay a befitting tribute to her Nanaji, Govind Ram. Sharing my loud thinking, I may say that if Rushali is allotted IPS, the

Sunita Kler as Judges, Neena and R i m p y (daughters of Hardev and Prem Shant) and M a m t a (daughter of Krishan Lal) as doctors, Anju Mahesh Chander as



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parents and the family. We, the fellow BootanMandians are proud of Rushali and wish her all the best and further success in the days to come.

Rushali is the daughter of the first family of Bootan Mandi, Seth Kishan Dass, a great community leader of his times and a close associate of Babasaheb Ambedkar. Rushali is the daughter of one of the scions of the family Steven Kler, an established businessman and a political activist and Babita Kler, an IAS herself, adorning a coveted post in the Government of Punjab. Intellec-

which may be accessed at: <https://diplomaticitbits.blogspot.com/search?q=babita+kler>

Just to complete the story, I may mention here that Bootan Mandi has produced and contributed a great deal in the sphere of public and government services in the recent years; in addition to some of the details I mentioned with regard to the family of Rushali – Ambassador Ramesh Chander, IFS, Sushil Sheemar, ITS, Pushpa Kler, PCS (Judicial), Kler brothers; Sunil and Pawan, both PCS Allied, Jaswinder (Lovely) Sheemar,

things would turn a full circle for us in Bootan Mandi to boast of having IFS, IAS and IPS among the fellow residents.

It would also be a great source of inspiration to the up-coming generation in the area to follow suit.

Before I close this congratulatory and felicitatory note, I may add that like the young ladies leading and topping the UPSC Examinations for the successive years, of late, it has been observed that my fellow BootanMandian girls have outshined the boys – Jaswinder Sheemar and

Teacher/Instructor of ILETS and Priya Ambedkar in scaling the heights (Mountaineering) among others. With this, I once again greet and congratulate Rushali Kler for her excellent fete in joining the young brigade the 'Steel frame of India', the Indian Civil Services.

I am confident that Rushali would add to the forces interested in the empowerment and weaker sections of the society.

अभी तो नापी है हमने थोड़ी सी ज़मीन,
जरा देखिए खुला आश्मान बाकी है.

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of Hindus and Muslims has created an uneasiness feeling among peace loving Indians. Mr. Pitroda also mentioned during his talk that when he grew up in Orissa, he has Sikh, Muslim and Jains as his neighbors and "everybody was his uncle and their children as his brothers and sisters and they lived peacefully without any fear and were very affectionate towards each other. That concept of India is gone with BJP government as per Mr. Pitroda. Being a practicing psychologist, Dr. Harmesh Kumar reported that kind of hateful language and promotion of a one particular concept of Hindutva by BJP and RSS has created very tense social environment in India. This a distraction from real issues Indians are facing like big unemployment among youth, lack of housing and poor public education and unaffordable private education which only rich children can afford.

Dr. Kumar reported that there were many messages on WhatsApp groups sent by BJP devotees that Mr. Rahul Gandhi was invited by Muslims only. It is very far from the truth and is fake news. He reported that all the mainstream Hindu organizations from North and South India, minorities including Muslims, Christians, Dalits, and Jains participated in his program. It

was a breath of fresh air to listen to Mr. Gandhi. He mentioned that most of the people travelled hundreds of miles to listen to Mr. Gandhi on a working day, which a proof of his message resonating with ordinary Indians.

Mr. Rahul Gandhi's vision, simplicity and ability to engage people were superb as per Dr. Kumar. His upbringing in a Christian and Hindu family conditioned him to see the world more humanly. His interactions and lessons he learned from Bharat Jodo Yatra made him very mature and wise person and he can relate to the suffering of the ordinary human beings. His humane touch and loving personality with humility were visible and reflective the way he interacted with children, women and ordinary people in the audience from all walks of life as reported by Dr. Kumar. When some Khalistani



members tried to interrupt his talk, he handled that so maturely and in a non-reactive manner while saying, "We don't get angry with those individuals because we have opened the shop of love. I see lot of my Sikh brothers sitting here who love India and wants the

betterment of their motherland." Most of the Punjabi diaspora applauded and clapped his handling of that interruption in a non-fault-finding way. He truly represents India's ancient wisdom as demonstrated by his non-judgmental way of handling a very difficult situation as per Dr. Kumar. He was very sincere when he talked about his vision to make India a self-sufficient especially by empowering the socially disadvantaged communities from the bottom of social hierarchy in India. He emphasized the need to empower the labor movement in India by involving those

skilled people who are involved in creating wonders with their hands. We need to engage those skilled people in training the new generations in their respective professions rather than creating an economic model where it only benefits those who open these trade schools but not those skilled people. Mr. Gandhi mentioned, "The manufacturing sectors can develop and we can compete with China only if we empower the ordinary people who are working with their hands. Unfortunately, most of them are Dalits, people from OBC and tribal communities are not benefitting from the current economic model being promoted by BJP government. It is transferring public resources to private hands and denying the due share to these communities and it increases the gap and social divisions between rich and the poor segments of Indian society. This phenomenon leads to more hatred and violence in the society in the long run."

Dr. Harmesh Kumar mentioned that listening to Mr. Gandhi made him proud of our motherland (Janmabhoomi). His visit rekindled a ray of new hope among Indians from all walks of life. We wish Mr. Rahul Gandhi the best in making India the real "Bengumpura" as promoted by Guru Raviddass Ji!

To Ensure We Have Fewer Victims, I Will Stand With Law Enforcement

I have always worked hard to listen to the community - and then be a strong voice for my constituents. That's why I do extensive public outreach, including a district-wide poll like the one we did last month.

For the past few years reducing the impact of homelessness has been the top priority for people in the 4th district - and county-wide. Homelessness is still an issue, but the rising impact of crime on our families and business is now. Almost one-third of the public now cites crime as their top issue.

Even more alarming, nearly 1/4 of residents in District 4 report having been the victims of a crime in the last three years. It's no wonder that 2/3 of voters feel that we need MORE police patrols, not less.

I have always believed that keeping the public safe is government's highest and most fundamental responsibility. That is why public safety has always been my top priority with policy as well as in the County Budget. I will continue to give the Sacramento Sheriff and Sacramento County Probation my strongest support and stand by those who keep us safe.

I believe deeply in justice - and redemption. But my deepest commitment is to the people I represent, the Constitution I swore to uphold, and to the innocent victims of crime.

Sacramento County Sheriff's

Department has a tough beat - covering one of the largest and most populated jurisdictions in the state while keeping more than 600,000 residents safe. Our Probation Department supervises over 22,000 adults on probation - ensuring that they fulfill their



sentences, stay out of trouble, and become productive members of the community.

I will continue to stand by our First Responders - but our job is made harder and our residents are made less safe by radical policies and crazy laws being passed by the State Legislature.

Instead of dealing with the growing concern with crime, the Legislature is busy passing bills like AB 418 to ban Skittles and AB 2098 to

strip licenses from doctors who share information about COVID treatments or information that bureaucrats haven't approved.

Even worse than wasting time, money, and energy on senseless or reckless legislation, some legislators continue to push "decarceration" and pro-criminal policies that will make it harder for our brave Deputies to keep us safe.

Assembly Bill 742 will drastically ban the use of K9 units for arresting dangerous criminals - putting officers' lives in jeopardy. SB 1007 requires the state to provide free telephones for convicted criminals in our jails and prisons - making it easier for them to continue coordinating illegal activities or smuggling drugs into jails. Their wrong-headed bills even SB 809 would actually prohibit businesses from asking about or considering criminal history in hiring decisions - allowing criminals to hide past behavior like robbery or theft from potential employers.

Over the next months, the Board of Supervisors will begin the

budget process to set priorities and fund programs - including the budgets for Sheriff & Probation, as well as funds for jails, the DA, and the courts. Some activists are still pushing the "defund police" agenda - and during the budget talks, they are sure to be loud voices during Budget discussions. I will be sharing details about those hearings in my next newsletter as well as on my social media. I hope you will take the time to make your voice heard - I need your support to help ensure that keeping our citizens safe remains the top priority for the County of Sacramento (despite the reckless laws the Legislature keeps pushing.)

Thank you for reading - and as always, if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net. Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th District, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Murieta.



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Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram: Heralding Enlightened Democracy

The formation of Bahujan Samaj Party on 14th April, 1984 on the 93rd birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, the tallest of social revolutionaries India has ever produced, with Kanshi Ram at the helm of affairs, changed the body politics of the country infusing hitherto unconventional and somewhat unbelievable grammar of politics, with fresh idioms and terminology. The very selection of the venue for the occasion, the famous Boat Club at iconic India Gate, just in front of the Parliament and President House, the power house of India, speaks volume of the ambition and aspiration this social colossal was carrying and aiming at. It was so far, by all standard, the most substantial, meticulously articulated and well thought out intervention by the caste victims in India to redeem India democracy from the clutches of caste hegemony focusing on the strategy of empowering the most oppressed segments of India society namely the Bahujan Samaj consisting of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes along with religiously converted minorities from these oppressed groups. Bereft of power, prosperity and prestige for quite a long, this political experiment was unique and unapparelled for a giant community that has been for long languishing in slumber. **'Our ultimate aim is to rule India'** thunders Kanshi Ram who became phenomenon of far-reaching consequences within no times. His socio, cultural, economic and intellectual initiatives firmly established him as the **political genius, the cold-blooded calculator, the enigmatic maverick, rootless negotiator, the progressive pragmatist, the rational humanist and the enlightened democrat** providing social legitimacy in the form of blood and flesh to the skeleton of political democracy hegemonized by the brahminical elected tyranny. By the end of 1990s he become the real game changer of India politics representing the democratic upsurge their assertion and ascendancy of the Indian mass to Indian power center. He is credited as the harbinger of setting in the process circulation of elite replacing the ruling castes from power corridors, the requisite precondition for successful working and survival of the democracy as propounded by Babasaheb.

Hailing from Punjab and coming from the community of politically the most subjugated and indifferent lot; the untouchables, Kanshi Ram was able to put to fire the imagination of the gullible untouchables who have suddenly visualized an objective for their purposelessness wondering of a modern object on which Gandhian, Marxian or rightist brahmanics have a perpetual ownership right. The untouchables, one of the most recalcitrant of the caste victims were first and fast to own the historical responsibility of bringing justice to the

masses and legitimacy to the democracy that was highly content deficit. Soon a secret was unearthed by the educated elites and the intelligentsia that the call given by Kanshi Ram to capture the political power was nothing new and Ambedkar had already advised Dalits to write on their walls that 'they have to be the governing community of this country one day.' But Ambedkar literature largely remained inaccessible even to the educated ones, not to mention of the uneducated mass struggling to survive in hostile socio-economic condi-



tions under acute political subordination. But the uneducated ones within no time proved themselves to be the great learners and quickly capture the zest of the matter unmistakably. The rural masses of Dalits, with no food in their belly began to queue up serpentine behind the Elephant, the election symbol of BSP which was used by Dr. Ambedkar also for political mobilization and consolidation. These supporters had great hunger in their eyes for self-respect and dignity as they were sleeping for long.

With emphasis on **'own ideology, own leadership and own organization'** Kanshi Ram was able to instill the vigor, vitality, enthusiasm, dynamism and requisite self-confidence in the community. The ever-enthusiastic new political recruits taking great moral postures on contemporary political issues, started confronting the most powerful ones i.e., VP Singh and Rajiv Gandhi. These symbolic fights were great moral boosters with unique mobilization strategies, the much-needed initiation was performed, and the neediest lot started learning and using the political means for their liberation with the permanent agenda of social transformation and economic emancipation.

Having resigned his government service from Explosive Research and Development Laboratory (ERDL) Poonain 1964 at the age of thirty, Kanshi Ram took twenty years to develop non political roots for his full-

fledged political action establishing Backwards And Minority Employees Community Federation (BAMCEF) a non-religious non-agitational and non-reactionary national campaign working as brain bank, talent bank and money bank rooted on the principle of pay back to the society by the educated employees sharing their time, talent and treasure, the Buddhist Research Centre (BRC), the intellectual and research wing, Dalit Shoshit Samaj Sangharsh Samiti (DS4) as agitational wing and finally Bahujan Samaj Party in 1984.

Through these organization initiatives and various national campaigns i.e., Jati Todo Samaj Jodo movement, Kanshi Ram known earlier as K.R. Ramdasi, revived the **Social Transformation and Economic Emancipation Movement** started by Jotiba Phule in 1848, re-establishing its historical continuity that was briefly broken after Babasaheb Demise on 6th December 1956. As an epitome of absolute determination and unflinching dedication with exemplary sacrifice he left with his family and his engagement in 1964, and resolved to dedicate his entire life to the Phule Ambedkarite Mission having no individual attachment, property and family and remained true to his vows till his last breath on 9th October 2006.

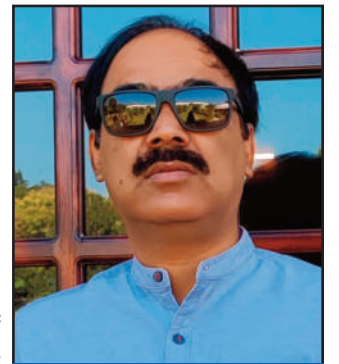
As a master strategist and master organizer, Kanshi Ram used 'Mammoth Rally' as confidence building mechanism in the community which is sparsely scattered, resource less and heavily dependent on dominant castes for his day today survival at micro level in obscure primitive village setting. Being part of those millions or more who attended these rallies provided the lonely diffident villager a great feeling of belongingness and superior strength that there are so many like him and he is not alone. It was a great empowering strategy executed with meticulous perfection and alacrity. Also, Kanshi Ram dissuaded local cadres not to contest PRI elections lest they confront the dominant power at the village level

and with no weapons of confrontation i.e., education, wealth, arms and as a corollary the local organizations may run the risk of demoralization. Also, these elections at the panchayat or local levels were used as ploy to demoralize the most powerful untouchable community by propping up political stooges from numerically insignificant untouchables group bringing the evil design of Poona Pact to the village level. In the initial years of the BSP, Kanshi Ram at the beginning of his address, used to advise 'political others, the opponent Manuwadis' to leave the rally ground for they might not like some of his observations and more so as he is interested in self-respect movement building a Bahujan Samaj with its own strength and support and therefore there is no need for outsiders' support.

It was a plain thinking and even plainer talking. Some of the people did leave the meetings and he used to complete his address for hours together audience mesmerized with pin drop silence and absolute concentration. It impacted greatly, the historically excluded community that was used to everyday abuse and humiliation, scolded and booted out from every possible position and premises of prominence. They were witnessing nothing sort of miracle happening in front of their naked eyes, at least one of them is so powerful and mighty that he can command the commanders, he can ask them to leave the hall. As a practice so far only, they were asked to leave or not to enter but now the reverse process has started, now they can make and expect better and larger thing to happen. It worked as a great moral booster in the on-going psychological warfare, as at the ground and material level conditions were otherwise utterly hostile. It was another master stroke with which Kanshiram prepared his cadre of highest conviction, unflinching commitment and stunning courage as the transformative human agency, the agent of change and civilizational development.

The political seeds of emancipation and empowerment started getting right manure, light and water. The journey for reclaiming fullest humane personality began in the right earnest discarding the politics of dependency and demoralization by the Dalits. Kanshi Ram emerged as the symbol of articulation, assertion and emancipation for historically despised humanity. The politics of north India was never to remain the same. The Dalit declared their arrival as conscious, capable, catalyst of change

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Assemblyman Hoover's Representative Report



Assemblyman Hoover Featured on National TV

On Wednesday I was featured in a national news story centered around my bipartisan proposal to audit California homelessness spend-



ing. Our state has spent \$20 billion taxpayer dollars in the last five years, meanwhile homelessness in Sacramento County alone has skyrocketed 67% since 2019. It's time to get to the bottom of where these resources are being spent. I appreciate the national attention being given to this critical issue.

New Podcast Episode Released

This week the second episode of my podcast was released. You can watch, listen, and subscribe on YouTube and Spotify. It will also be available on Apple, Google, and Amazon very soon.

This week my cohost was Assemblymember Juan Alanis who represents parts of Stanislaus and Merced counties.

We discussed a number of topics including Speaker Willie Brown's recent speech at the CalChamber breakfast, Governor Newsom's CEQA reform proposal, Juan's experience serving on the public safety committee, in-

coming House of Origin bills, the Problem Solvers Caucus, and legislative life in the Superminority.

Bill to Require "Narcan" at Public Schools Passes Assembly



On Thursday the Assembly passed AB 19, a bill I coauthored to

som Cordova School Board and I am thankful for the opportunity to help move this forward statewide. Deadly fentanyl is readily available in every community, this will provide schools with an important tool to combat this



growing crisis.



require schools to have "Narcan" available at each school site to provide emergency medical aid to a person suffering from an opioid overdose. I pushed for similar requirements locally when I was on the Fol-

CEQA Reform Bill Passes Assembly

This week a bill that I am joint authoring, AB 1307, unanimously passed the Assembly Floor and now moves to the Senate for consideration. This bipartisan proposal will re-

duce barriers for student housing and other projects by clarifying in statute that unamplified human voices are not considered "pollution" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but would instead be addressed through local ordinances.

Think Smart Inc. Recognized as Small Business of the Month

It is my pleasure to announce that Think Smart Inc, a business that focuses on building innovative and cost effective ways to help businesses achieve success through technology, has been named as my small business of the month. They are located at 11190 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200 in Rancho Cordova.

Pictured is Assemblyman Hoover with owner Rob Ross.

If you know of a small business that you think is deserving of being recognized, you can nominate them by clicking on this link.

Grand Opening of "Blue Waters Mortgage and Real Estate" in Folsom

This week my team gave a certificate to "Blue Waters Mortgage and Real Estate" in Folsom (located at 1847 Iron Point Rd, Suite 180) for their business opening ribbon cutting event. They are unique in that they offer both mortgage and real estate services to their clients, providing the full spectrum of home buying, selling, and financing services.

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and transformation of Indian politics and consequently socio-cultural structures with democratic élan. Next two decades witnessed intense politicization of gullible masses that was determined to change, 'Vote Hamara Raj Tumahra Nahi Chalega to Vote Se Lenge CM PM, Aarakshan Se SP DM'.

By awakening the masses and inducing them for meaningful involvement in the democratic process, Kanshi Ram was able to convince the gullible Dalit, backwards and converted religious minorities whom he collectively called as Bahujans that the political power has great transformative potential and a great felicitator for destroying socio economic inequality and structures of dominance and brahminical hegemony. The right to vote is the most precious possession of the Bahujan Samaj and they must exercise it with utmost efficiency to bring the desired political change in the socio-economicsystem. As other resources i.e., education, wealth and power are not in their favor the Bahujans must realize the significance of vote and their numerical preponderance so decisive in majority driven democratic system.

The very name 'Bahujan Samaj Party' of the organization was a marvel of socio-cultural philosophy

and political stewardship. The idea of Bahujan explains the origin, status and objective of the party. Not only the idea of Bahujan signifies philosophy, perspective and Programme but positively set the agenda for the mission as it is widely called, in the form of 'Jati Todo Samaj Jodo'. Graded inequality with vertical and hostile castes as warring factions have remained the backbone of brahmanical supremacy as the Bahujan Samaj was divided into more than 6000 subgroups. Kanshi Ram called them as caste victims and on the basis of collective victimhood started mobilizing them providing alternative notions of identity, history and culture of India extensively using Gautam Buddha, Jotiba Phule, Shahuji Maharaj Periyar, Narayna Guru, Ambedkar, Mangu Ram Mugowalia and many more social revolutionaries who fought for change and self-respect of the Bahujan Samaj as his references. In contrast to the brahmanical traditions of keeping the masses in dark and utter ignorance, this mobilization was primarily aimed at enabling, empowering and enlightening the Bahujans and specially the most needy and desirous of change and transformation in its initial years.

Kanshi Ram made a feverish pitch to be an honest claimant to represent the constituency of both

Chaudhry Charan Singh and Jagjivan Ram and up to some extent Abdulla Bukhari. It was nothing less than a political coup in India subcontinent and brought caste and its related debate to the central stage and changed the agenda for India politics for good. The Bahujans were unleashed from the great political slumber and hibernation and they being there for centuries together, have enormous appetite for reclaiming their lost glory positions. The great democratic principal of power to the people starting taking its toll on the hegemonic castes status quoits and the participation and representation started assuming substantial proportions. By 1996 within twelve years of its inception BSP was able to achieve national party status forming four-time government in the largest state of India Uttar Pradesh. BSP has the national presence and have won Lok Sabha and Vidhana Sabha elections in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana and Karnataka. Kanshi Ram's substantial contribution can be gauged from the fact that the Lok Sabha accounting for less than ten OBC members in early 80's has become democratically representative to the tune of 200 members coming

from this huge group constituting half of the India population. The masses who are masters of democracy started having sense of ownership and belongingness to the political democracy which was otherwise barren from the point of their emancipation from all wants, empowerment through strategic resource redistributing i.e., power, prestige and prosperity and enlightenment making becoming transformative agency of one person one value, everyone is to be counted as one, no one is to be counted for more than one. The great masses of India specially the caste victims, scattered on the margins of social cultural and religious hegemony, were able to visualize themselves as the enlightened citizens beyond the clutches of caste, class and patriarchy, striving and fending for themselves. Having carved out an independent path of self-respect and self-righteousness for the Bahujan Samaj, Kanshi Ram was able to instill the philosophy of 'be your own guide and master' discarding all dependencies and rightfully reclaiming the usurped human personality. The time of idea for which Kanshi Ram struggled hard all through his life, has come alive and is flourishing substantially by transforming Ignorant Democracy into an Enlightened Democracy.

JOINT STATEMENT

DECLARE 14 APRIL, THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR AMBEDKAR AS 'INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EQUALITY'

We, the following organisations, request the Government of India to make a demarche to the United Nations to declare 14 April, birthday of Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao R. Ambedkar as „International Day of Equality“.

It gives us Indians, wherever we are settled, immense pride when we see one of our iconic figures - Dr Ambedkar - recognised worldwide in the matters of equality and social justice. His enormous contribution towards a just society and equality has been acknowledged in many countries around the world. He has been honoured with statues, schools and rooms in institutions and library's named after him. Columbia University in the US, London School of Economics in the UK, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, York University, Toronto, Canada, Koyasan University, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and Hungary are some of the many places where his statues have been installed. In Hungary there is a school named after him. In Jamaica, a road „Dr Ambedkar Avenue“ was inaugurated by the former President of India. There is a street „Ambedkar Way“ in Auckland, New Zealand. In London Gray's Inn, his Alma mater has honoured him by naming a room „Ambedkar Room“ and installing his portrait donated by the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations, UK (FABO UK). Ambedkar Museum London has become India's pride for having only museum in the World named after any Indian.

Dr Ambedkar's contribution to social equality is as significant as that of Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Dr Nelson Mandela. It is a matter of great pride for all Indians to observe when a number of organisations, institutions and local authorities in India, and around the world are honouring Dr Ambedkar by declaring 14 April, a day of equality. First City of Burnaby in Canada proclaimed this in



April 2020, followed by a declaration that 14 April is „Dr B.R. Ambedkar Day of Equality“. This was followed by the Province of British Columbia,

Canada in April 2021 that reaffirmed it again in April, 2022 and 2023. Vancouver also followed this and recognised 14 April as a day of equality. In the US, the state of Colorado has also declared as a „Day of Equity.“

In the United Kingdom, City of Coventry made a declaration „Coventry City Council hereby declares 14th April as Equality Day in honour of the work of Bhim Rao Ambedkar for equality, liberty, fraternity and justice for all humans“. The time is ripe for the Government of India too to also recognise him as our national treasure and actively pursue the UN to declare 14 April as the International Day of Equality.

The UN in New York is not new to celebrating Dr Ambedkar. His birthday was celebrated at the UN on 14 April, 2016 and 2023. The leader of the Indian delegation to the celebrations, Sardar Charanjit Singh Atwal, former Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha and Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, supported this proposal in his address. In his report submitted to the Prime Minister on 3 May, 2016, Mr Atwal urged the Indian government to recommend to the UN that it declare 14 April as an International Day of Equality. By honouring Dr Ambedkar at the UN, India will not only strengthen its „soft power“ in diplomacy but also promoting the UN goal of just world order based on equality.

FABO UK have been pursuing this proposal via the India's High Commission in London since 2015. We urge the Government of India to recommend this proposal to the UN General Assembly to be held in September 2023 to declare 14 April as an International Day of Equality. We hope you will pass on this proposal to the Government of India with a favourable recommendation.

- * Ambedkar Mission Society, Bedford
- * Anti-Caste Discrimination Alliance, UK
- * Asian Rationalist Society, Britain
- * Bhagwan Valmik Sabha Bedford
- * Bhagwan Valmik Sabha Birmingham
- * Bhagwan Valmik Sabha Coventry
- * Bhagwan Valmik Sabha Oxford
- * Bhagwan Valmik Sabha Southall
- * Bhagwan Valmik Temple Wolverhampton
- * Buddha Dhamma Association, Southall Central Valmik Sabha UK
- * Dr Ambedkar Mission Society, Glasgow Dr Ambedkar Buddhist Organisation, Birmingham Dr Ambedkar Memorial Trust, London Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK Indian Scheduled Caste Welfare Association, UK
- * Indian Workers' Association, Great Britain
- * Jagat Guru Valmik Ji Maharaj Mandir, Gian Ashram, Birmingham Kanshi Radio Ltd Kanshi TV Punjab Buddhist Society, UK

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- * Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Strood
- * Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Strood, Medway
- * Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Walsall
- * Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Willenhall
- * Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Wolverhampton

After the Rakhigarhi excavation..

The Dravidian heritage is resurgent in North India



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In Dr. Ambedkar's book "The Untouchables: Who were they and why they became Untouch-

ables?",

"The Dravidians (Nagars) in North India abandoned Tamil as their mother tongue and instead adopted



Sanskrit. The Dravidians (Nagars) in South India kept Tamil as their mother tongue and did not adopt Sanskrit which is the language of the Aryans" While the Indians living in North India are not ready to accept themselves as Dravidians, the followers of Ambedkarism also refuse to accept themselves as Dravidians. Despite the abundance of anthropological data, remains and research reports, the masses are not ready to accept this thesis.

While a few people were prepared to accept the idea that the Dravidians occupied not only South India but the whole of India, the Aryans rejected the idea that North Indians were Dravidians, and that Dravidians were decisively present throughout India. Influenced by political, cultural and media lobbying, North Indians also refused to accept the concept of being Dravidians.

Now, as medical science prevails and grows, fear begins to spread among the Aryans. The present tense is the tense of genes. We are living in an age where genetics can be used to identify people and find out they are from which race, from which place, and from which age.

The Aryans say that Ayyappa was born to a man in unison with a man, Rama was born from the union between a horse and a woman, and Narakasura was begotten from the union between a pig and a woman. But, the Rakikardi excavation has put an end to all these myths.

Against the Aryan political and cultural ideology, the Dravidian cultural political ideology has been campaigning politically for more than 5 years in the whole of India, especially among the northern Indian peo-

ple by our Bahujan Dravida Party on the grounds that the excavations at Rakhigarhi would be an opportunity to politically unify the people divided by the name of caste into the Dravidian race.

Our party senior office bearers went to Rakhigarhi along with the party workers Mr. Rajbir, national core committee member, National Spokesperson of the party, Mr. Ashok Saket, in-charge of media wing of the party, Mr. Selva Singh and other 3 party cadres.

After consultation with those who were primarily involved in the Archeological survey and after talking to some of the researchers who have written research papers on Rakhigarhi, our team spoke to some villagers and academicians who have acquainted themselves with Dravidian ideology in North India and the information we gathered are presented for you in the following passages...

The ongoing excavations at Rakikardi in Haryana State on an area of 1375 acres, have shown that there seems to be a very big city inside the earth.

No evidences pointing to the existence of castes or Hinduism, were found.

The land area of the area under study here is higher than the land area of Mohanjodhara.

According to the archetype of the human genome currently found in Rakhigarhi, the people who lived here



were the ancient Dravidians of our race, who lived about 7500 years before the birth of Buddha.

There were no residues of the Aryans who lived in this land. That's what many objections raised from both politically and socially. But, it is noteworthy that the genes obtained here have been studied through scientific and technological means and medical means.

As early as 1922, Mr. Iras mentions that the Indus Valley Civilization is the Dravidian Civilization.

Many Linguists are saying that there are many Tamil words in the Punjabi language, and there are many Tamil words in the languages of the Adivasis in the north-eastern states of India, in the languages of China, and in the languages of Japan.

Rakhigarhi's medical and scientific research provides evidence that the Dravidians were spread across India

It has been proved that the civilization and culture of the native people who lived here came through the legacy of the Dravidian people of South India.

According to the study called "Language and History through Skull Study", after examining the four types of skulls found in Mohenjo-Daro excavation, one of them was found to be similar to the Athitchanallur skull species of Tamil Nadu.



Similarly, the skull found in Haryana's Rakhikurdi excavation has been identified as a skull belonging to the indigenous hill people of Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris.

According to the linguistic

shattered all the Aryan literature and studies into pieces.

Hereafter, there can be no more assertions on Aryanism being the highest. Consequently, the four Varna theory of Hindutva stands demolished. This research has great potential for social change in India.

The Rakhigarhi excavations are a new source of great political change in India. Many articles say that the principle of Hinduism, which is the principle of the Aryans, is going to die.

Most of the Aryans who refused to accept the research done so

far in India, are unable to defy the findings any further, as it is now a globally accepted scientific study. It is seen that many protest articles are being written.

Aryan intellectuals have been burning their midnight oil to prevent this excavation report from going to the masses.

However, the study has been extensively published in the leading magazine "Outlook August 2018" and "India Today September 2018". India Today magazine (page . 26) has tabulated the main title about this report.

Dravidian antiquity is based on archaeological evidence, literary evidence, and data found in ancient texts written in Sanskrit. But, Rakhigarhi 's new scientific study reveals Dravidian antiquity in India. And it is attesting to the unique character of the Dravidian languages,

The report says that the Dravidian people are the masters of the soil and the truth is being drummed to the world. All the indigenous Dravidians in India should hold up the study report of Rakhigarhi. Similarly, the historical lies of Aryans, who are immigrants, should be overcome. The findings of Rakhigarhi have rung the deathknell to Arya Hindutva Sangi gatherings.

Educationists, writers, lawyers, social activists, progressive politicians, Bahujan and Dravida movement activists should use many strategies to take this report to the people, students and youth.

Through our awareness campaign and struggle, we will make Bahujan Dravidian Rule (Begumpura Raj) to flourish again in this country.

Pick of the Day – Arjun Ram Meghwal and Rattan Lal Kataria

Today, May 18, two news items in the media attracted my attention which I thought of sharing with you here – Elevation of Arjun Ram Meghwal as the Law Minister of India and Demise of former Minister, Rattan Lal Kataria with whom, both of them, I have had the chance to meet not as a matter of relationship or even acquaintances but as a routine courtesy in the process of my post retirement activities. Both happen to be dalit leaders of their own standing in the BJP.

Arjun Ram Meghwal – A simple and sober politician from Bikaner in Rajasthan made his mark as a self

administrator and a simple and humane politician. I recall Arjun Meghwal peddled his way to Rashtrapati Bhawan on a bicycle to take oath of office as an MOS and later also with his traditional headgear (colorful turban) and dhoti cycled to his Ministerial office and Parliament House. The position has taken a full circle in his elevation to a much sought after job as the Law Minister of India. This honour has another dimension too; Arjun Ram Meghwal is the second dalit Law Minister after the legendary Babasaheb Ambedkar since independence. I am confident that he would prove himself to match the

Hon'ble Arjun Ram Meghwal all the best in his new assignment as the Law Minister of India. Hearty Congratulations, Sir.

Rattan Lal Kataria – Haryana BJP leader and an MP and former MOS Rattan Lal Kataria (71) passed away on May 18 after a brief illness. He was a grass-root public functionary who made his mark as a successful politician – an MLA and a Minister in Haryana and three MP from Haryana and finally an MOS in the Ministry of PM Narendra Modi. I happened to meet him at his residence in New Delhi on his becoming the MOS for Social Justice and Jal

Shakti along with my friend and BJP leader Rajesh Bagha. We were returning from our visit to the RSS Headquarters in Nagpur and had a few hours in Delhi before we board the train to Jalandhar. Rajesh Bagha thought of utilizing the time by meeting the BJP leaders. He took me and one of our friends Gurdip Singh, a prominent businessman of the community to Rattan Lal Kataria's official residence. Rattan Lal Kataria, in his rustic demeanor, received us with appreciable warmth. He was dressed informally and was in his pyjamas; a simple living. He made us sit and comfortable in his modest sitting room and ordered tea and snacks in his typical Haryanvi style. We congratulated him on his getting a coveted position in the government. As a down to earth politician and behaving as a modest person I laughed loudly and while thanking us said, 'Now they have



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made man. Belonging to a poor weaver's family, he studied and did his MA and a degree in Laws while serving as a Telephone Operator and later in coveted positions as an officer of the Rajasthan Civil Service (RAS) including District Collector of Churu as he was inducted into the IAS by his own right. It seems his attachment to the Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan as OSD while in government service, helped him in ushering himself into public life as a politician after his retirement. He scaled the ladder as an MLA, Minister in Rajasthan, MP and Minister in PM Narendra Modi's government in New Delhi. While holding important portfolios at the Central Government as an MOS, he made his mark as a good

high profile job.

I met Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal some years before at the Rashtrapati Bhawan when I joined a delegation along with Meghwal Sahib under the aegis of Forum of Scheduled Caste MPs and MLAs to submit a Memorandum to the then Mahamahim Rashtrapati Ram Nath Kovind on matters of concern and interest to the SC communities including the proposed on April 14, birthday of Babasaheb Ambedkar as International Day of Equality of which I am the initiator since June, 2015. I found him a simple but warm hearted politician fully engaged in the welfare and empowerment of the weaker sections of the society.

I take this opportunity to wish

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picked up a Chamar to clean the Ganga' as the Minister of Jal Shakti and added that the times were definitely changing under the BJP regime. There is no point in elaborating it further.

We exchanged notes on some more issues of concern and interest. Rattan Lal Kataria spoke high of the Dera Sachkhand Ballan and said that he was enjoying a good rapport with the Dera. Rattan Lal Kataria was a worthy son of the soil; a simple and sober man. The community and the society have lost a good and simple politician in the death of Kattaria Sahib. May God grant peace to the departed soul? OM Shanto OM. With heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

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