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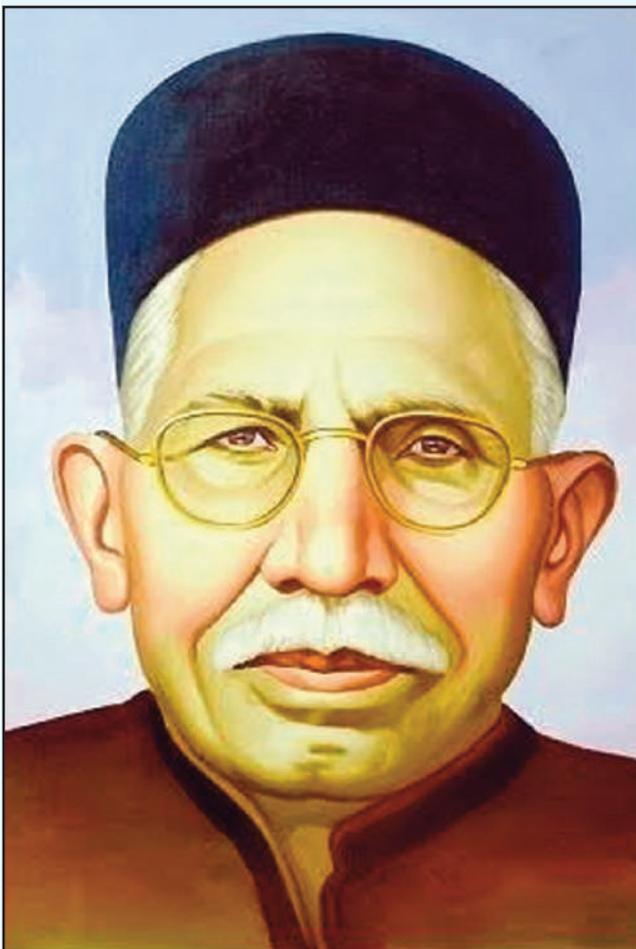
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AD DHARM IN PUNJAB ELECTIONS

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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 if the low from the British Government speaks about its great strength. In 1931, about 5,00,000 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 above-mentioned assembly elections in collaboration with the Unionist Party.

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia also contested the Punjab Legislative Assembly Election of 1951, but as an Independent contestant from the Garhshankar Constituency.

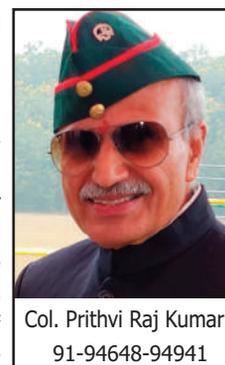
He was offered a ticket by the Congress to contest the assembly elections as its nominee but Babu Mangu Ram Ji refused to contest the election on the Congress ticket and the same was given to Mr Kartar Singh of village Langeri of Hoshiarpur District.

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Saints and 'Samajik Samanata Sangathan Punjab' take vow to save Constitution

The 'Samajik Samanata Sangathan (S3) Punjab (Regd.)' with Ch. Khushi Ram IAS (Retd.) as its President, Col. Prithvi Raj Kumar, IPoS, Additional Secretary Govt. of India (Retd.), Sr. Vice President, Dr. Jagtar Singh, IRS (Retd.), Sr. Vice President, Er. R.L. Sandhu, Chief Engineer (Retd.), Sr. Vice President, Ch. Bhagwan Das, Thekedar, Sr. Vice President and others is on a mission to unite the multiple organizations of the SC/ST/OBC/Minority and other communities with the motto "Samvidhan Bachao, Loktantra Bachao and Desh Bachao". The unity being a question of life and death for these sections for mitigation of their problems and miseries as said Babasaheb, the Sangathan is committed to take up

Khushi Ram, Col Prithvi Raj Kumar, Dr. Jagtar Singh and Er. R.L. Sandhu represented the S3. The aims and objects of the S3 and purpose of the meeting were highlighted by Ch. Khushi Ram, Col. Prithvi Raj Kumar, Dr. Jagtar Singh and Er. R.L. Sandhu, and the need for unity to resolve the common social and economic problems with the motto of "Save Constitution, save democracy and save the country" were stressed. Appreciating the initiative of the S3,



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the cause of unity among these sections as its sacred duty. Unfortunately, the Constitution fathered by Babasaheb that guarantees fundamental rights, equal opportunities, protection and safeguards for the all round uplift and dignity of life of people of these sections, is under a grave threat from the Hindu orthodox mindset. These forces are at work latently and patently to replace the Constitution with archaic laws of Smritis particularly the Manu Smriti. Such evil designs can be checked and the Constitution saved not only in the interest of these sections but the country as a whole only by the concerted efforts and united force of the marginalized, backward and minority sections which constitute about 85% of the population. The Sangathan (S3) has been successful in bringing 24 important organizations of these communities together on one platform under the banner of "Samajik Ekta Manch" for the purpose.

The Sangathan held and is holding parleys with different organizations including religious ones of these sections to reach out to the grass root level throughout Punjab with a missionary zeal. A meeting was held with the saints of 'Guru Ravidas Sadhu Sampardaye Society (Regd.) Punjab and All India Adi Dharam Mission (Regd.)' on 10th October 2023 at Sri Guru Ravidas Public School, Chuharhwali. The meeting was chaired by Sant Sarwan Dass ji and presided by Sant Nirmal Dass of Babe Jaude. Ch.

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sant Nirmal Dass ji, Sant Inder Dass, General Secretary, Sand Paramjit Nagar, Cashier, Mahant Purshotam Lal Chak Hakeem, Assistant cashier, Sant Satwinder Heera, National President All India Adi Dharam Mission, Amit Kumar Pal, national Cashier, Sant Dharam Pal Shergarh, Sant Balwant Singh Sini, Ms.Santosh Kumari Architect, Baba Balkar Singh Taggar Wadala and Sant Gurmit Dass Piplanwala and others expressed their views on and shared concern for multiple socio-economic issues impacting the marginalized and backward sections. They came forward with their valued suggestions to take the mission of Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and Saheb Sri Kanshi Ram ji to its logical destination. They approved the initiative of the S3 and resolved in one voice to join hands and head together with S3 in its mission and to save the Constitution at every cost.

Earlier during the day a meeting with Sant Kulwant Ram ji, President, Sri Guru Ravidas Sadhu Sampardye Society (Regd.) Punjab and Chairman Satguru Ravidas Ji Charitable Trust (Regd.) Bharomajra, was also held.

He also appreciated the initiative and efforts of the Samajik Samanata Sangathan (S3) and extended his organization's wholehearted support for its mission. He emphasized the need to work in unison for achieving the mission.



Model – UN 2023 at Police DAV Public School at Jalandhar

On October 27, Police DAV School, one of the best schools in the region, invited me to deliver a key note address at the inaugural session of the annual event - Model UN. It was the second time successively when the honours fell on me; courtesy Principal Dr. Rashmi Vij, one of the finest and acclaimed academician and educational administrator around. I write this

esteemed school. The welcome speech of Principal Rashmi Vij was very inspiring and thought provoking. Thanking me for joining them at M-UN, she said that since the subject matter of the event was diplomacy and international affairs, it was only appropriate to invite a speaker of relevant background. In my key note address, while thanking the school management for

was fast losing its relevance, I quoted a diplomatic assertion, "What keeps me awake at night is the issue of relevance of the UN".

Commenting on the evolving foreign policy of India, I said that it was a matter of satisfaction that coming out of the 'goody-goody' phase, of late, it had been observed that Indian foreign policy was getting pragmatic

that they did most of the things in-house with regard to the M-UN under the supervision of Tanvi Khanna as Head of Oper-



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with a sense of gratification in the process of living my post retirement life as I find myself fully engaged in such productive activities with a view to pay back to the society. As usual, Model – UN 2023 was a well arranged and aptly conducted function under the stewardship of Principal Dr. Rashmi Vij, an embodiment of culture and dignity with her competent colleagues and Coordinators of M-UN; Balwinder Singh, Manoj Dutta, Sheema Sharma among others. The well planned and presented programme was interspersed by cultural items of songs and dance by the talented students of the

inviting me again to the event I said that I tended to accept such invitations without any hesitation for my own somewhat selfish reasons. I utilize such opportunities to charge and recharge my batteries by meeting and interacting with intellectuals and academics and also young students which also further educate me. I briefly touched on the role and contribution of India in the functioning of the UN and added that India was yet to get its due and rightful place and space at the Horse-shoe High Table of the Security Council of UN in New York. Lamenting on the emerging situation in which UN

and assertive and rightly so. Underlining the importance of such events, I informed the young audience that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, father of the Indian constitution delivered a historical and thought provoking lecture on Parliamentary Democracy in India way back in October, 1951 at the session of the Mock-Parliament of Jalandhar DAV College. Abhimanyun Rathore, a talented and well-groomed student, declared the M-UN 2023 open with aplomb as the SG of UN. Principal Rashmi Vij appreciating the role and contribution of the entire team of young students of the school told me

ations. A vivacious duo of the school talent; Bhuvan and Niharika steered the function as skillful Anchors. It was a pleasure to be there at the Police DAV – Model UN 2023. The bonus was to meet many of the worthy Principals of the Schools in and around Jalandhar and also the grand-parents of the SG Abhimanyun Rathore, dignified senior citizens belonging to an established business family of Jalandhar.

Watching and listening to the young students performing and participating in the M-UN 2023, it gave me feeling of satisfaction and a poetic assertion came to my mind –

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Opportunity Denied

Elected officials have a responsibility to protect and preserve the "American dream" - which includes being able to provide for your family and build a better life. Government exists to ensure we can work to realize our dream, keep our community safe, and safeguard our right to "the pursuit of happiness." For many, the path to happiness is built on the opportunity that comes from a good job. Politicians should never use the power of government to block opportunities or force people to join a union in order to be able to work and provide for their families.

But a few weeks ago, a three-member majority of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, failed in that responsibility during a contentious meeting to require contracts to include a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the massive airport expansion for the first time in history.

There is a reason Sacramento County has never required a PLA before: Despite all the diversionary chatter, a PLA means that only union labor can work on the project, ignoring the fact that 87% of all construction workers in our region choose not to be members of the union. Advocates disingenuously argue that workers can be part of the project by simply joining the union, but it is not that simple.

Only a handful of workers who don't already belong to the union will be allowed to work on the project (typically only three or four). The government will force that handful to join a union if they want to work. Even more troubling, when those workers return to their regular employment, they will lose all the pension contributions paid to the union during the project (around \$10 an hour). They will also be forced to leave their employer's health insurance plan and enroll in the union plan, which disrupts their health plan coverage. Only union apprentices will be allowed to work, denying non-union apprentices vitally needed work experience in their community.

PLAs also raise the cost - not from higher wages (all wages have to meet union wage levels) but from compliance costs and reduced competition. Many studies put the increase to taxpayers for PLA as much as 30%. That means the \$1.3 Billion "Big Build 2" airport project may cost taxpayers \$390 million more, or the airport will have to cut hundreds of millions in passenger amenities to meet the budget.

PLA advocates claim that the agreement prevents work disruptions and guarantees fair wages. But all projects already require prevailing wages, apprenticeships, and a safe working environment - which is why no project in our history has faced significant work disruptions. The initial airport "Big Build" - which was completed on time and under budget - didn't have a PLA. Neither does the first phase of "Big Build 2" the Terminal B pedestrian walkway. Other successful projects like the Sacramento Regional Sanitation District's Echo Water Project were realized without the additional costs and burden of a PLA. So you have to ask, why do we need one now?

The nature of PLAs is to dissuade and throttle competition, which inflates costs while denying the overwhelming majority of local workers and businesses the opportunity to work on



the project. This results in a disregard for public and personal fiscal responsibility, forces taxpayers to shoulder the higher costs, and denies workers the chance to work and provide for their families. Rather than fostering growth, PLAs are shackles that bind the construction sector, suffocating both innovation and competition.

"Pursuit of happiness" means more than economic opportunity - it also means residents have a sense of safety and security in their homes and businesses. Recent videos of the looting of a 7/11 in Rio Linda serves as a horrific reminder of the chaos unfolding in our communities - and its not just in big cities anymore. The failure of government to stand up to activists pushing for "decarceration" and "defund police" aren't just theoretical debates; they have very real, destructive consequences that endanger every Sacramento resident.

To label any crime as "victimless" is not only misleading but willfully ignorant. As dangerous ideologies are imposed on us, like California's Propositions 47 and 57 which reduced penalties for crime or SB274 which allows willful defiance in our classrooms, we see a growing threat to our personal safety.

Allowing homeless camps to take over our public spaces hurts businesses, schools, families, and communities - and erodes our sense of security. We must take real action to change course and place the well-being and safety of our families and communities at the forefront of our laws and public policy. That's what I will be focusing on for my final year as County Supervisor.

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@sacounty.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.

Upcoming Community Meetings

I really hope all of you in our community can make it to our final meetings



of the year. It's going to be a special occasion, as I will be presenting awards to some incredible individuals and leaders who have contributed so

much to our community this year. I'm really looking forward to celebrating their accomplishments together, and I can't wait to see you all there!

Orangevale

Monday, November 6th
Orangevale Community Center
6826 Hazel Ave, Orangevale, CA
6:00pm

Rio Linda/Elverta

Wednesday, November 8th
Rio Linda Elverta Recreation & Parks District
810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, CA
6:00pm

North Highlands

Monday, November 13th
North Highlands Recreation & Parks District
6040 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA
6:00pm

Folsom

Wednesday, November 15th
Georgia Murray Library
411 Stafford St, Folsom, CA
6:00pm

Citrus Heights

Monday, November 27th
Citrus Heights City Hall
6360 Fountain Square Dr, Citrus Heights, CA
6:00pm

Antelope

Wednesday, November 29th
North Highlands-Antelope Library
4235 Antelope Rd, Antelope, CA
6:00pm

Public Input Needed on Virtual Budget Workshop

Budgets are complicated - especially budgets as large as Sacra-



mento County's. In order to demystify the budget process, the County is offering a virtual budget workshop and wants to hear from you to schedule this workshop at a time that works best for most of our residents!

You can make your voice heard and let us know what time of day works best for you by completing this simple, one-question survey. The survey is open through Friday, November 3, and the results will inform whether the County holds the workshop before noon or after 5 p.m.

The live workshop will be available via Zoom.

Here's what to expect from the budget workshop:

Staff from the Sacramento County Budget and Debt Management

Office will kick off the workshop, providing information about the County budget, including major program areas, historic funding trends and current issues.

Representatives from the County's Departments of Homeless Services and housing, Probation and Voter Registration and Elections will follow with brief presentations highlighting the different services and funding streams for their specific areas.

Viewers will have the opportunity to ask questions and/or provide input about the budget via the Q&A feature on Zoom.

This workshop will take place in early to mid-December. A news release will go out before the event letting residents know the time and date. For those who cannot watch the workshop live, the video will be available on the County's YouTube account.

Sac County Favorite Pet Faire Returns Nov. 4

The four-legged friends of Sacramento County have something to wag their tails about as the 2nd annual Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire re-



turns to Bradshaw Animal Shelter on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3839 Bradshaw Rd.

This free-admission pet festival is open to the public and promises a day of fun for animal lovers of all ages. More than 60 booths will be in attendance including food trucks, dozens of pet-related vendors, other municipal shelters and 501c3 animal rescues, and more. From pet accessories and raffles to face painters and handmade dog treats, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Dogs on leash are welcome at the event.

If attendees don't yet have a furry friend or have been thinking about adopting another one, the Animal Care Faire is the perfect opportunity to welcome home a new pet. The animal shelter will be open to the public from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and adoption fees for dogs and cats will be waived. Included in each pet's adoption is their spay/neuter surgery, microchip, up-to-date vaccinations and monthly preventatives, and a 1-year license for Sacramento County residents.

The Roy C. Marcum Animal Care Faire was established in 2022 to honor the memory of fallen Sacramento County animal control officer Roy C. Marcum, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on November 28, 2012. In memory of Officer Marcum, the dog park in front of the animal shelter was renamed the "Roy C. Marcum Bark Park." The event not only honors Officer Marcum's legacy, but also encourages responsible pet ownership and animal welfare in the community.

Your Personal Guide to Flood Preparedness (Contd on next page)

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia's Contributions towards the Emancipation and Empowerment of Lower Castes

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Ambedkar Times (English) & Desh Doaba (Punjabi)

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia was one of the pioneers of Scheduled Castes struggle who worked deeply for the annihilation of the oppressive caste system. Through his innovative methods of struggle and exceptional organisational capabilities, he brought forth the hidden strength of his fellow community inmates for their liberation and socio-cultural as well as economic empowerment. He began his struggle towards upward social mobility while working for his livelihood and struggling for the liberation of his motherland - as a part of the Gadhar movement - in the US at the same time when Dr B.R Ambedkar was studying there for higher education on a fellowship from Maharaja of Baroda and preparing himself for a larger struggle against the system of caste and untouchability back home. After returning to his home town in Doaba Punjab in 1925, after spending 16 years abroad, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia saw to his surprise that the social setup as he experienced 16 years before leaving for the US did not change at all. It remained intact and still stared into eyes with its poisonous fangs of social oppression. It was also the time when the Adi movements in South India were building up pressure against caste structures. It was also the time Dr B.R Ambedkar was also preparing himself to launch his lifelong struggle for the annihilation of caste from the



Indian society.

In Punjab, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia took Ad Dharm movement to the door steps of his people and built a formidable grassroots Dalit movement leading to social consciousness among the so-called lowest of the low castes people of the hierarchical society. A time came when Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia extended full support to the struggle of Dr B.R Ambedkar during his tirade against M.K. Gandhi's opposition to the demand of Communal Award for the Scheduled Castes during London Round Table Conferences and later on after the grant of the his fast unto death by against it.

Dr Ambedkar and Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia remained thoroughly involved in their respective struggles for Dalit emancipation and empowerment till their last breath and let behind them a rich legacy of Dalit consciousness and struggle. Babu Mangu

Ram Mugowalia lived almost two and a half decades more after the passing away of Babasaheb Dr B.R Ambedkar on December 6, 1956. He came forward once again to re-lead the Ad Dharm movement started by his namesake Mr. Mangu Ram Jaspal in the 1970s. He gave his people their forgotten heroes, Sants, cultural heritage and separate religion (Ad Dharm). Under his able leadership the SCs of Punjab contested twice the Provincial elections before Independence and won almost all the reserved 8 seats for the SCs.

Read more <http://www.ambedkartimes.com>

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It is important for you to know the flood risk to your home or business. After years of drought, the floods of 2023 were a stark reminder about the County's location in a floodplain. The County's Department of Water Resources has information to help residents understand the threat flooding may pose to property. Go to www.stormready.org and click Flood Zone Information to learn more about your flood risk.

If you live in a flood zone, you can reduce the potential for damage to your property by being proactive.

Before the rain falls, remember to clear storm drains of leaves and debris to ensure the water freely flows away from your home. Clogs can cause localized flooding to streets that could eventually back up to your doorway. If you come across street flooding, call 3-1-1 to have County crews come out and clear the clogs. Don't drive through flooded streets. Turn around, don't drown!

If you see items dumped into nearby creeks, call 3-1-1 and report it. It's important to clear those areas before the rain to avoid problems.

Even in non-disaster years, nearly 20 percent of flood insurance claims in Sacramento County come from moderate to low-risk areas. Residents can obtain flood insurance if their homes or businesses are not in the mapped floodplain. If unchecked,

localized flooding can cause a lot of damage. If you live in an area prone to flooding, consider talking to a qualified insurance agent about flood insurance. It takes 30 days for flood insurance to take effect, so don't wait.



Did you know that Sacramento County takes part in a special Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that helps reduce the cost of flood insurance? Through FEMA, residents living in a designated Special Flood Hazard Area can save about \$446.00 per year on the full cost of a standard flood insurance policy.

During Flood Preparedness Week, take the time to develop an evacuation plan for you and your family. This plan will be useful for any potential disasters, including fires. It's

not too early to decide where you will go and what you should take.

What do you take if you need to leave? Remember the "five Ps" you should have ready to go if you need to evacuate:

People and pets

Papers (important documents)
Prescriptions (medication, eyeglasses, hearing aids)
Pictures (Irreplaceable memories)
Personal computer

Also, have a designated meeting place in case your family is separated. Visit Stormready.org to view evacuation maps as well as the region's flooding history.

Need sandbags? On November 1, Sacramento County will open two sandbag locations for residents in the unincorporated area. For those who

live in a flood prone area, this will offer up the chance to grab sandbags prior to the rainy season. The County supplies the sand and bags but bring a shovel. There is a 20-bag limit per visit.

Do you live near a creek or stream? Follow the rise of nearby streams with the Water Resources Rainfall and Stream Level Information System at www.sacflood.org. This system monitors 47 different waterways in the County. If you live by one, it's one way to keep an eye on how high the water is rising.

You can also receive evacuation notices during flood threats by signing up to Sacramento Alert. This Countywide system, run by the Office of Emergency Services, will keep you informed about potential flooding or other emergencies threatening your neighborhood. Be Aware. Be Prepared. Use Flood Preparedness Week to make yourself Storm Ready.

Upcoming District 4 Events

Autumn has arrived and with it comes the excitement and celebration of this beautiful season. To make the most of the Fall season, I wanted to share with you events in the district that are sure to add a touch of joy to your celebrations.

Don't let the fun slip through your fingers - I look forward to seeing you there! Click the button below for more information.



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Education of Depressed Classes

The discussion on the Statutory Commission was the pivot of the whole session in the Central Legislature and more particularly in the Legislative Assembly. As we have said, earlier in this report, the feeling engendered in this matter permeated everything which came up for discussion and determined the attitude adopted towards it.

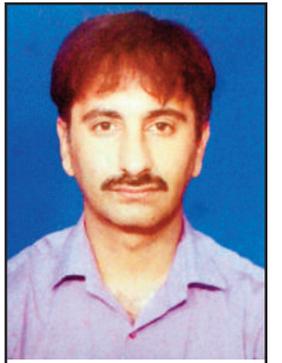
The winter session of 1928 was a long and crowded one and included items of business second in importance only to that which we have been discussing. The Gold Standard and Reserve Bank of India Bill, the Indian Navy Bill, the decisions of His Majesty's Government and the Indian Government on the Indian Sandhurst Committee's Report, all came under discussion during the session and their fortunes are traced in other parts of this Report. It would be wearisome to enter into the other work of the session in detail, and no attempt, therefore, to do so will be

made. Legislation on a variety of subjects, economic, legal, and social, was either introduced or passed, and one or two resolutions came up for discussion. Of these latter, one will be discussed here, because of its general interest. This was a resolution moved on February the 23rd by Mr. Jayakar, leader of the Responsive Co-operator group, who wanted the Assembly to recommend to the Governor General in Council that directions be issued to all provincial governments to provide special facilities for the education of the untouchable and other depressed classes and also that all public services, especially the police, be opened to them. Lala Lajpat Rai wanted to add to the resolution a rider urging the grant of a crore of rupees for the education of the depressed classes and their admission to all wells, streets, roads, and institutions which were financed wholly by public funds. He also desired the preparation of list of un-

touchables and others who are not untouchables but who are at present included under the head of depressed classes in Government records. In replying for the Government, Mr. Bajpai, Secretary in the Department of Education, Health and Lands, expressed the fullest sympathy with the objects of the resolution and gave figures which showed that since the introduction of the Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms considerable progress had been made in the education of the depressed classes. The number of scholars belonging to this class had risen since the reforms from 295,000 to 667,000 whilst the number of scholars belonging to other classes had increased by only 33 per cent.

He pointed out that Central Revenues could not now be spent on the education of these classes because education was a provincial transferred subject. He, however, offered to send the proceedings of the

House to Provincial Governments along with the broad points which had emerged from the debate. Lala Lajpat Rai's amendment was rejected by the House, and Mr. Jayakar's resolution was amended so as to recommend that the Government "issue directions to all Provincial Governments to provide special facilities for the education of untouchables and other depressed classes, particularly by reserving seats in teacher's training classes for them and also for opening all public services to them."



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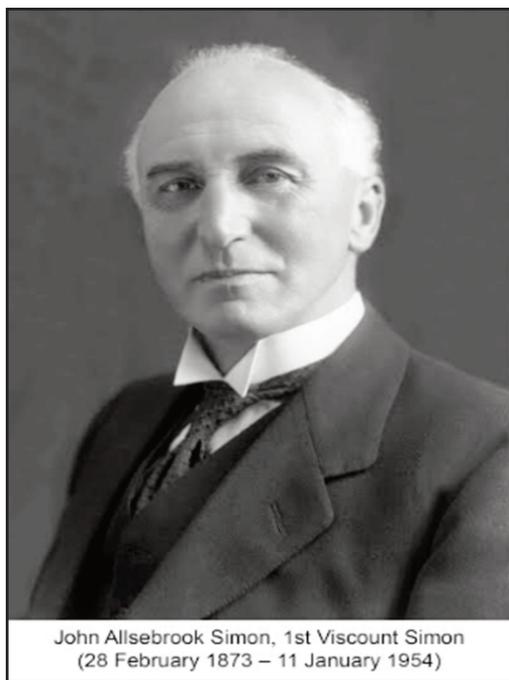
Source Courtesy: India in 1927-28
By J. Coatman
Director of Public Information,
Government of India

8th November 1928: Depressed Classes' Deputation (Ad-Dharmis)

Before the Conference met, a contingent of 500 members of the depressed classes' men from various parts of the Punjab, had arrived - all red-turbaned and dressed in white - and wished to meet Sir John Simon. Sir John's time being fully occupied, he was unable to witness the demonstration but received a small deputation of six of them led by Mr. Rajah.

Sir John Simon received the deputation's address and assured them that though he could not hear them publicly, he was giving his best consideration to their case and that Mr. Rajah was there giving all the facts and figures and devotedly representing the cause of the depressed classes.

The depressed classes deputation, said in the course of their memorial that they belonged to an ancient race which ruled India about 5000 years ago, prior to the invasion of India by the Aryans. The Aryans, whose present descendants were called high class Hindus, had all along



John Allsebrook Simon, 1st Viscount Simon
(28 February 1873 - 11 January 1954)

been treating them with the most inhuman brutality, so that their unlucky community, numerically large as it was, is now little more than a mere name. In spite of the fact that there were some highly-educated and capa-

ble men in their community, they were not given any honourable status in society nor the right of ownership or anything. They had not even the right to safeguard their individual lives.

This deplorable condition of the mute millions of the depressed community was due to the horrible treatment meted out to them by high-class Hindus in consequence of the pronouncements of the ancient Aryans, which were embodied in the Manu Smriti and a lot of other Hindu scriptures of that ilk.

The deputationists next stated that they did not wish to be called Hindus but 'Addharmis' and in the next census they should describe themselves as 'Addharmis'. They did not want Swaraj in India under present conditions, as it would mean practically a monopoly by caste Hindus.

They enumerated their demands as follows:

Necessary arrangements for the better education of Addharmis

(untouchable) boys and girls; separate representation in all public bodies and the Legislature; a share in all public services, including the police, civil and military; a Minister in every province; equal rights of using all District Board public wells with other communities; equal rights of ownership of any property - dwelling houses and common fields - with other communities and proscription of the Manu Smriti and all such Hindu scriptures in which contemptuous references are made to the race and community. References to the community by the term of Shudra, the memorial urges, should be strictly forbidden. Land in the new colonies should be distributed just as it is done in the case of other communities.

Source Courtesy:
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SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF GHARSHANKAR CONSTITUENCY PUNJAB ELECTION 1951

CONSTITUENCY: GHARSHANKAR, NUMBER OF SEATS = 2					
1.	HARBHAJAN SINGH	M	INC	23092	18.53%
2.	KARTAR SINGH	M	INC	20641	16.57%
3.	CHANAN RAM	M	IND	15834	12.71%
4.	KILWARN SINGH	M	SAD	13046	10.47%
5.	BHAG SINGH	M	LCP	11537	9.26%
6.	SADA RAM	M	CPI	6949	5.58%
7.	SEWA DAS	M	IND	6528	5.24%
8.	DALJIT SINGH	M	IND	5771	4.63%
9.	DOGAR SINGH	M	SP	4053	3.25%
10.	NARINDER SINGH	M	SP	3408	2.74%
11.	MANGOO RAM	M	IND	2353	7.89%
12.	RAM LAL	M	BJS	2035	1.63%
13.	WATTAN CHAND	M	IND	1783	1.43%
14.	MULA SINGH	M	IND	1459	1.17%
15.	SURJIT SINGH	M	IND	1284	1.03%
16.	KALYAN SINGH	M	IND	1264	1.01%
17.	LAMBER SINGH	M	IND	1064	0.85%
18.	BHADAR SINGH	M	IND	1052	0.84%
19.	SOHAN SINGH	M	IND	801	0.64%
20.	BAKSHSHISH SINGH	M	IND	640	0.51%

ELECTORS: 110789
VOTERS: 124594
POLL PERCENTAGE: 112.46%
VALID VOTES: 124594

ABBREVIATIONS USED:
INC: INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
SAD: SHIROMANI AKALI DAL
LCP: LAL COMMUNITY PARTY
CPI: COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA
SP: SOCIALIST PARTY
BJS: ALL INDIA BHARATIYA JAN SANGH
IND: INDEPENDENT
M: MEN

Reference: Statistical Report on General Election, 1951
to the Legislative Assembly of Punjab
Election Commission of India, New Delhi

Courtesy: Ambedkar Times November 18, 2020

PERFORMANCE OF SCHEDULED CASTES FEDERATION (SCF) IN PUNJAB ELECTION 1951

NUMBER OF SEATS CONTESTED = 9
 NUMBER OF SEATS WON = 0
 NUMBER OF FORFEITED DEPOSITS (FD) = 2
 VOTES POLLED: 98268
 VOTES POLLED % = 1.97%
 VOTES % IN SEATS CONTESTED = 10.17%

ABBREVIATIONS USED:
 SCF: ALL INDIA SCHEDULED CASTE FEDERATION
 M: MEN

Reference: Statistical Report on General Election, 1951 to the Legislative Assembly of Punjab Election Commission of India, New Delhi

RESULTS FOR SCF CONTESTANTS						
1.	RUPAR NUMBER OF SEATS=2	CHANAN	M	SCF	2287	1.59%
2.	NAWANSHEHR NUMBER OF SEATS=2	HARNAM DASS	M	SCF	15744	11.13%
3.	PHILLAUR NUMBER OF SEATS= 1	ISHAR RAM	M	SCF	10088	24.93%
4.	NURMAHAL NUMBER OF SEATS=1	RAM NIRANJAN	M	SCF	8600	22.74%
5.	NAKODAR NUMBER OF SEATS=2	KARAM CHAND	M	SCF	11996	10.32%
6.	ADAMPUR NUMBER OF SEATS=2	KARTARA RAM MIRHAS	M	SCF	13941	12.37%
7.	SAMRALA NUMBER OF SEATS=2	BACHINT SINGH	M	SCF	13777	11.65%
8.	JAGRAON NUMBER OF SEATS=2	JAGIR SINGH	M	SCF	8993	7.11%
9.	KOT BHAI NUMBER OF SEATS=2	HARWANT SINGH	M	SCF	12842	10.00%

LIST OF PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES IN PUNJAB ELECTION 1951

PARTY TYPE	ABBREVIATION	PARTY
NATIONAL PARTIES	BJS	ALL INDIA BHARTIYA JAN SANGH
	CPI	COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA
	FBL (MG)	F.B. (MARXIST GROUP)
	INC	INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
	RRP	AKHIL BHARATIYA RAM RAJYA PARISHAD
	SCF	ALL INDIA SCHEDULED CASTE FEDERATION
STATE PARTIES	SP	SOCIALIST PARTY
	LCP	LAL COMMUNIST PARTY
	PDCL	PUNJAB DEPRESSED CLASSES LEAGUE
	SAD	SHIROMANI AKALI DAL
INDEPENDENTS	ZP	ZAMINDAR PARTY
	IND	INDEPENDENT

HIGHLIGHTS

1. NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES								
TYPE OF CONSTITUENCY	GEN	SC	ST	TOTAL				
NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES	105	0	0	105				
2. NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS								
NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS IN A CONSTITUENCY	1	2	3	4	5	6-10	11-15	ABOVE 15
NUMBER OF SUCH CONSTITUENCIES	1	2	5	9	17	48	14	9

TOTAL CONTESTANTS IN FRAY: 843
 AVERAGE CONTESTANTS PER CONSTITUENCY: 8
 MINIMUM CONTESTANTS IN A CONSTITUENCY: 1 IN 18 - FEROZEPUR JHIRKA
 MAXIMUM CONTESTANTS IN A CONSTITUENCY: 20 IN 59 - GHARHSHANKAR And 61 - NAWA

3. ELECTORS		TOTAL
i.	NUMBER OF ELECTORS	6522434
ii.	NUMBER OF ELECTORS ENTITLED TO VOTE	8623498*
iii.	NUMBER OF ELECTORS WHO VOTED	4989077
iv.	POLLING PERCENTAGE (iii/ii)*100	57.85%

* - The (ii) includes electors for more than 1-seat.

4. NUMBER OF VALID VOTES = 4989077

PERFORMANCE OF POLITICAL PARTIES

PARTY	SEATS			VOTES POLLED		VOTE % IN SEATS CONTESTED
	CONTESTED	WON	FD	VOTES	%	
NATIONAL PARTIES						
BJS	62	0	39	277616	5.56%	10.55%
CPI	26	4	12	193974	3.89%	12.84%
FBL (MG)	19	1	15	69694	1.40%	6.07%
INC	121	96	5	1830601	36.69%	37.14%
RRP	1	0	0	8104	0.16%	29.92%
SCF	9	0	2	98268	1.97%	10.17%
SP	64	0	58	224608	4.50%	7.57%
	302	101	131	2702865	54.18%	
STATE PARTIES						
LCP	9	1	4	57739	1.16%	8.67%
PDCL	7	0	5	42996	0.86%	5.90%
SAD	48	13	9	620455	12.44%	26.56%
ZP	31	2	5	372126	7.46%	25.53%
	95	16	23	1093316	21.91%	
INDEPENDENTS						
IND	446	9	395	1192896	23.91%	24.58%
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GRAND TOTAL	843	126	549	4989077		

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How to control the air pollution of Delhi?

Like every year, this year also the country's capital Delhi has come under the spell of air pollution at the beginning of winter. The air quality of Delhi and cities in the National Capital Region has reached the poor and very poor categories. According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research, Delhi, Noida, and Gurugram's air quality index on 29 October 2023 is 322, 324, and 314, respectively. According to the Air Quality Index criteria, 0 to 50 is good, 51 to 100 is satisfactory, 101-200 is moderate, 201 to 300 is poor, 301 to 400 is very poor and 401 to 500 is severely poor.

On October 28, the air quality index of Delhi city was recorded at

24-hour burning garbage dumps, diesel engines, air conditioners, thermal plants. The number of registered vehicles in Delhi was only 34 lakh in 2000 which increased to 122.53 lakh in 2021-2022. Even after 15 years old vehicles have been banned, around 80 lakh vehicles ply on the roads of Delhi every day and emit gases like carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxide, ozone, and some others in Delhi's environment. According to a study by the Centre of Science and Environment, 70 per cent of the air pollution in Delhi is caused by vehicles alone. Industrial units also release huge amounts of polluting gases into Delhi's air. Areas in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi generate 11,000

cause the air pollution in Delhi is more than these cities.

Continuous construction work and thermal plants in Delhi are also responsible for the increasing pollution in Delhi. According to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, incidents of setting fire to paddy residue in Punjab and Haryana this year have been recorded in very few places compared to previous years. The India Meteorological Department stated that the wind towards Delhi has come from south-east instead of north-west these days.

Along with this, it is also worth noting that during the lockdown period, the air in Delhi became completely clean as all kinds of activities in

instead of private vehicles, the number of private vehicles will automatically decrease. As a result, the hassle of widening of roads and creating new parking spaces will also be eliminated. The government can also convert vacant parking lots into

green belt areas to reduce the amount of air pollutants released into the local environment as the vegetation in the green belts will absorb those pollu-



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Air pollution increases the incidence of respiratory diseases as well as skin and heart diseases. According to the Air Quality Index 2023 of the Energy Policy Institute of the University of Chicago, the average life expectancy of Delhi residents is decreasing by 11.9 years due to increasing air pollution in Delhi. A 2020 report of this organization stated that this figure was 10.1 years. The central and state governments need to take serious measures to protect the environment of Delhi and the health of Delhiites.

301. In view of the poor air quality, vice chairperson of the Delhi Municipal Corporation has announced a detailed plan to control air pollution in Delhi for 2023-24. According to this plan, seven mechanical sweepers and eight smog guns will be arranged to control the air pollution of Delhi. The Delhi Environment Minister has also demanded from the central government to strictly ban low-quality diesel-powered buses in cities in the National Capital Region of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan states. The demand for such initiatives comes every year from the Delhi government and environment ministry officials because at the beginning of winter, when the night temperature starts to drop suddenly, the amount of smoke, dust and other pollutants present in the air is converted into smog which engulfs Delhi in severe air pollution.

Severe air pollution in Delhi is mainly due to geographical and local factors. According to the India Meteorological Department, due to the calm winds, temporarily the polluted gases, smoke and dust particles spread in the local environment of Delhi are not spreading to distant places and are polluting the local air of Delhi. The main sources of local air pollution in Delhi are: increasing number of vehicles, industrial units, construction activities,

tonnes of waste every day. According to the municipal corporation officials, approval is yet to be sought from the administration for the bio-mining projects to clean 3 million tonnes of waste from Gazipur landfill and 20 lakh tonnes from Okhla landfill. A report highlighted the fact that 1.7 million tonnes of coal is used annually in industrial units in the National Capital Region. Coal releases more polluting green gases into the environment than any other fuel.

For the past several years, whenever Delhi was affected by this severe air pollution, instead of solving the problem of pollution, the central and Delhi governments started blaming the neighbouring states for burning paddy straw.

Air pollution not only pollutes the environment, it also adversely affects the health of all living organisms (plants, animals, and humans). According to a report on South-East Asia by the Greenpeace organization, 54,000 people in the city of Delhi died due to air pollution in 2020. According to a joint study by Dr. Arvind Kumar and Dr. Sandeep Salvi, one in three school-going children in Delhi, is suffering from asthma. This study brought out that the children of Delhi are being affected by air pollution more than the children of Mysore and Kottayam be-

Delhi were stopped. It is clear from this fact that the air pollution in the city of Delhi is mainly due to the local activities. Therefore, the central and state governments should start efforts to control it from the local level.

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Central and Delhi governments should make public transport in Delhi so convenient that people start preferring public transport over private means of transport and make systematic efforts to increase public transport in proportion to population. Delhi already has a 400 km metro rail network and plans should be made quickly to connect it to every corner of the city. Metro rail facility as well as public bus service should also be improved. By making public transport smarter, air pollution in Delhi will be greatly reduced, by facilitating public transport

tants. When the construction work of roads, under and over bridges will be reduced, that would help to reduce the air pollution caused by construction works. Delhi administration should speedily shut down coal-fired thermal plants for power generation from the surrounding areas of Delhi and generate electricity from renewable sources, ensure installation of purification devices in industrial units so that industrial units should not pollute the environment. Use of scientific techniques for waste disposal should also be ensured. As Delhi has an international airport, thousands of vehicles from neighbouring states drop off and pick up passengers every day, which release huge amounts of polluting gases into Delhi's environment. The central government should arrange domestic flights as well as international flights from the neighbouring states of Delhi where airports are already built. Ordinary citizens can also reduce air pollution by stopping firecrackers at small and big cultural functions, walking instead of using vehicles for short distances, and carpooling. Apart from these measures, the general public should play their part in controlling air pollution by reducing the use of air conditioners in their homes, and administrative officials in government offices.



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Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg (CA)'s programs # November-December 2023

November 5, 2023

Sukhmani Sahib Path and Langar Sewa by Sewadars (Board members 2023-2024)

Sri Sukhmani Sahib Path and Langar Sewa will be hosted by Gurughar Sewadars for Sukh Shanti and Chardi Kala of entire Sangat. May Waheguru shower HIS blessing on entire Sangat.

November 12, 2023 Diwali Celebrations

Diwali will be celebrated in the GURUGHAR at 5:30 PM. Sukhmani sahib path and Langar Sewa will be hosted by Suman family. Please come and enjoy festivities and listen to Gurbani Kirtan and join in Ardas for the Chardi Kala of the entire Sangat.

December 1-2-3, 2023

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's "Parkash Utsav"

Nanak aaya, Nanak aaya, Kal taaran Guru Nanak aaya

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Utsav will be celebrated at Gurughar on December 3, 2023. Akhand path will start on Friday 12/01/23, at 10:00 AM and will conclude with Bhog ceremony on Sunday morning 12/03/2023. Sudhir family of Phagwara will be hosting the Akhand Path and Langar Sewa. Gurughar Jatha of Bhai Balwinder Singh ji and Jatha of Bhai Suveg Singh ji from San Jose will delight Sangat with Shabad Kirtan.

Sudhir family is requesting Sangat to come and get Guru Sahib's blessings. May Baba ji keep Sudhir Family in Chardi Kala.

Nishan Sahib Chola Sewa (Hoisting of NISHAN SAHIB)

Sudhir family will be doing the Nishan Sahib Chola Sewa on December 2, 2023 (Saturday) at 11:00 AM.

**For STALLS or any SEWA, please contact
President Vinod Kumar at (408) 718-2506 or
Chairman Ramesh Suman at (925) 366.3618.**

December 31, 2023

Akhand Path Sewa by Bains Family

Bains family will host Akhand path and Langar Sewa. Akhand Path will start on Friday, December 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM and will conclude with Bhog ceremony on Sunday morning December, 31, 2023. May Guru Sahib keep Bains family in Chardikala.

December 31, 2023

Rain Sabai New Year's Celebration

We will be celebrating New Year's Eve at Gurughar in welcoming the New Year 2024. Let us start the New Year with a prayer for love, happiness and prosperity of our Sangat.

"NANAK NAM CHARDI KALA TERE BHANE SARBAT DA BHALA"

We are planning to have another health camp in December in our Gurughar. There is a group of Nurses and Doctors who have been coming to Gurdwara Sahib for this Sewa. I would be nice to see some medical professionals from our local community join that day. Please let me know if you are available for this SEWA..

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