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MANY CONGRATUATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF 40th YEAR OF THE FOUNDATION OF SRI GURU RAVIDASS TEMPLE PITTSBURG (CA)

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Every community takes pride in institutionalizing its religious and cultural heritage as well as preserving and propagating the teachings and spiritual messages and precepts of its Sages. Following into the footsteps of this glorious tradition, the Sri Guru Ravidass Naam-leva Sangat of the USA founded the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg, California 40 years ago on June 2, 1985. This most sought after spiritual Gurughar in Pittsburg was entirely built by the donations received from the Sangat of Sri Guru Ravidass Naam-leva community settled in the USA after migrating from Fiji in the early 1960s and also joined in this sacred project by some of the Indian immigrant community members since 1970s. Among the Fiji and Indian emigrants' Sangat, Late Mr. Sukhraj Chopra and Mr. Karma Ram Dalel are well-known names who were among the pioneer and main donors for the creation of this historic holy mission of the Ravidassia community in the USA.

Since its very establishment, the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg has been serving as one of the revered spiritual centers of the Ravidassia community in North America. Its sole purpose is to disseminate the universal message of dignity of all, equality, fraternity, freedom to move on without any restrictions whatsoever, love for whole humanity, and to live fearlessly in a democratic spirit of cherished vision of Begumpura, innovatively envisioned and nourished by Sri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj who was of the firm view that in the kingdom of almighty there are no barriers of higher and lower caste people. In his meticulously articulated egalitarian vision of Begumpura, Sri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj reiterated that God had made everyone in His own image and in His mandate of human existence all enjoy equal place without any social discrimination. Everyone has equal worth and it was against the very principle of human equality that the system of caste system was created to promote the vested interests of the select few - the so-called upper caste peoples. Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj emphasized on the dignity of all forms of labor and strongly rejected the divisive and oppressive categorization of so-called polluted jobs including mending and making shoes. He said one needs not to hide his caste or leave his low profession because of the false division between pure and polluted categories of jobs. He also underlined that there is no link between the kind of job one performs and his/her proximity/distance to God.

Dedicated to the sacred memory of Sri Guru Ravidass ji Maharaj, the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg (California) has been disseminating the universal message of dignity of all human beings, respect for all kinds of labour, democratic ideals of peaceful existence and unshakable faith in the grace of God since its very foundation on June 2, 1985. Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba forum congratulate all on the completion of 40th year of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg (California) and pray for the Chardikala of this spiritual Gurughar in California, USA

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REMEMBERING AD DHARM DAY JUNE 11-12, 1926

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Caste system based on the fourfold division of the Hindu society into Brahmin, Kashtriya, Vaishya and Shudra and the fifth avarna category of Ati-Shudras has led to serious denial of Human rights of the Scheduled Castes people variously nomenclatured as pan-chamas, achhuts, dheds, pariahs, Harijans and Dalits. These large number of avarna people who were condemned to live in segregated localities in the periphery of villages throughout India without having any rights on the natural resources and the local structures of power. They were forced to perform 'begar' hard manual labour without any remuneration. If the men folk had to work in the agricultural farms of the landlords, their women folk were pushed into an equally hard work of cleaning the cowsheds of the landlords. Scheduled Castes were not allowed to posses land, weapons, valuable metals and milch castles. They were only allowed to keep the beasts of burden to assist them in performing the hard manual labor without any payments in return.

Tathagat Gautam Buddha raised a revolutionary voice against this cruel system of extreme denial of human rights based on low birth. He welcomed the Ati-Shudras into his Sanghas and treated them equal without any prejudice whatsoever. After a long gap and with the advent of Sikh faith in Punjab, once again a serious attempt was made to remove the deadly caste boundaries from the Hindu society while spreading the message of unity of mankind. It was in Punjab, the sacred land of Gurus and Pirs that on June 11-12, 1926 the first mammoth annual function of the Ad Dharm movement was organised in the native village of Gadhri Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, the founder of the Ad Dharm in Punjab in 1925 after his return from USA where he reached in 1909 and became one

of the pioneers of the Gadhar Movement. It was at this mammoth Ad Dharm conference where he publicly announced the launch of tirade against the pernicious system of untouchability and the restoration of the lost glory of the indigenous people of Bharat.

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia exhorted his people to get organized and say definitive no to caste discrimination and social segregation. He called upon

his people to live with self-respect and dignity and started the movement for equal rights of the Dalits. He approached the then British rulers to empower the Depressed Classes (at that time the term Scheduled Castes was not coined nor the term Harijan had come) while declaring their separate religion of Ad Dharm at par with other mainstream religions of the region. Consequently the British government declared Ad Dharm as a separate religion of the Dalits in Punjab 1931. About 5 lacs Ad Dharmis recorded themselves under this new religion category in the Census of 1931. Under the able and strong leadership of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, the Ad Dharm movement turned party contested the 1937 Punjab Province Assembly Elections and won seven out of eight seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes.

When Ambedkar movement for the annihilation of caste took roots in India, it was the solid groundwork prepared by the Ad Dharm movement in Punjab which helped raise a strong support structure for Babasaheb Dr. B.R Ambedkar who visited Punjab thrice during his life.

The forum of Ambedkartimes.com takes immense pleasure and proud to congratulate all its readers, contributors and supporters on the auspicious occasion of the anniversary of the first mammoth conference of the Ad Dharm movement held at village Mugowal near Mahilpur in District Hoshiarpur on 11-12 June 1926.



"TRUTH IS HIGHER THAN EVERYTHING, BUT HIGHER STILL IS TRUTHFUL LIVING"

CONGRATULATIONS

In its magnificent and sacred journey SRI GURU RAVIDASS TEMPLE PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA, has completed 40 years of its establishment on June 2nd 2025, which is being celebrated on June 29th, 2025 with recitation of three days Akhand Path ceremony.

Supreme Council, Sri Guru Ravidass Sabhas USA which is a unified body of all our Gurughars, congratulates Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Pittsburg California and the entire Sangat on this historic accomplishment in its journey which commenced on June 2nd, 1985.

It was an historic achievement which could not have been possible but for the remarkable job

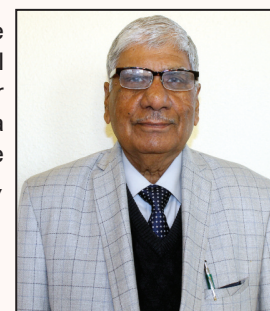
done by our pioneers coupled with the untiring efforts, determination and commitment on the part of Sangat.

We also appreciate the services of our local Newspapers like Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba published under the able guidance of its Chief Editor, Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber.

With best wishes

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Sri Guru Ravidass
Temple Pittsburg
Gurughar's 40th
Anniversary



June 27-28-29, 2025
at Sri Guru Ravidass Temple
Pittsburg



Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha alongwith the Sangat will be celebrating **40th. ANNIVERSARY of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg** on Sunday, June 29, 2025, with great enthusiasm.

* **Akhand Path** will start on Friday JUNE 27 at 10:00 AM and will conclude with the Bhog ceremony on Sunday, June 29, 2025, followed by Kirtan Deewan. Jatha of Bhai Kapoor Singh Ji - Khanne Wale, along with Jatha of Giani Balwinder Singh Ji will delight Sangat with religious Katha & Shabad Kirtan.

* **Nishaan Sahib Chola Sewa** will be hosted by S. Balbir Singh Ji on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM. There will be Kirtan Deewan from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Saturday.

* Community Members who are in Medical Profession will be hosting a **health camp** on Sunday June 29, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Doctors and nurses will be available to help with any health questions or issues. Sangat is always looking for medical professionals to help with this kind of free community service. Please contact Ramesh Suman at 925.366.3618 or Dilbag Singh at 209-834-4641, for more information.

Path and Langar Sewa will be hosted by Guru Ki Sangat.

For stalls or any langar Sewa and volunteers for miscellaneous services..Langar Service, Jorha Sewa, cleaning and maintenance sewa please contact Chairman Vinod Kumar at 408-718-2506 or President Sunita Singh at 415—233-3319.

The Managing Committee and the SANGAT is extremely thankful to all the founding members firstly for feeling the need and then for creating this wonderful place of worship for the community. The Committee & the Sangat extend their gratitude to all the Sewadars since this could not have been possible without their continued, tireless Sewa and support. With Guru Sahib's blessings and guidance, this Gurughar has been continually making progress since June 2, 1985, the Grand Opening Day. This is a testimony of the love and unity of the community.

All the founding fathers will be remembered & honored throughout the celebrations of the 40th Anniversary. **A special SOUVENIR** dedicated to the Founding members will be released on June 29, 2025. Please come one, come all with all your family and friends and be the part of the celebrations. May Guru Sahib bless His Sangat with peace, love and unity.



Chairman
Vinod Kumar



President
Sunita Singh Bangar

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Gen. Secretary
Upinder Pal (Ricky)



Treasurer
Shinder Pal Narabut



On behalf of myself and my family, we extend our warmest congratulations to the entire Guru Piari Sadh Sangat and the Management Committee of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg on the 40th Foundation Day of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg and salute all the founding members of the Gurughar who established the Gurughar in the name of Sri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji in North America on June 2, 1985 in Pittsburg (California).

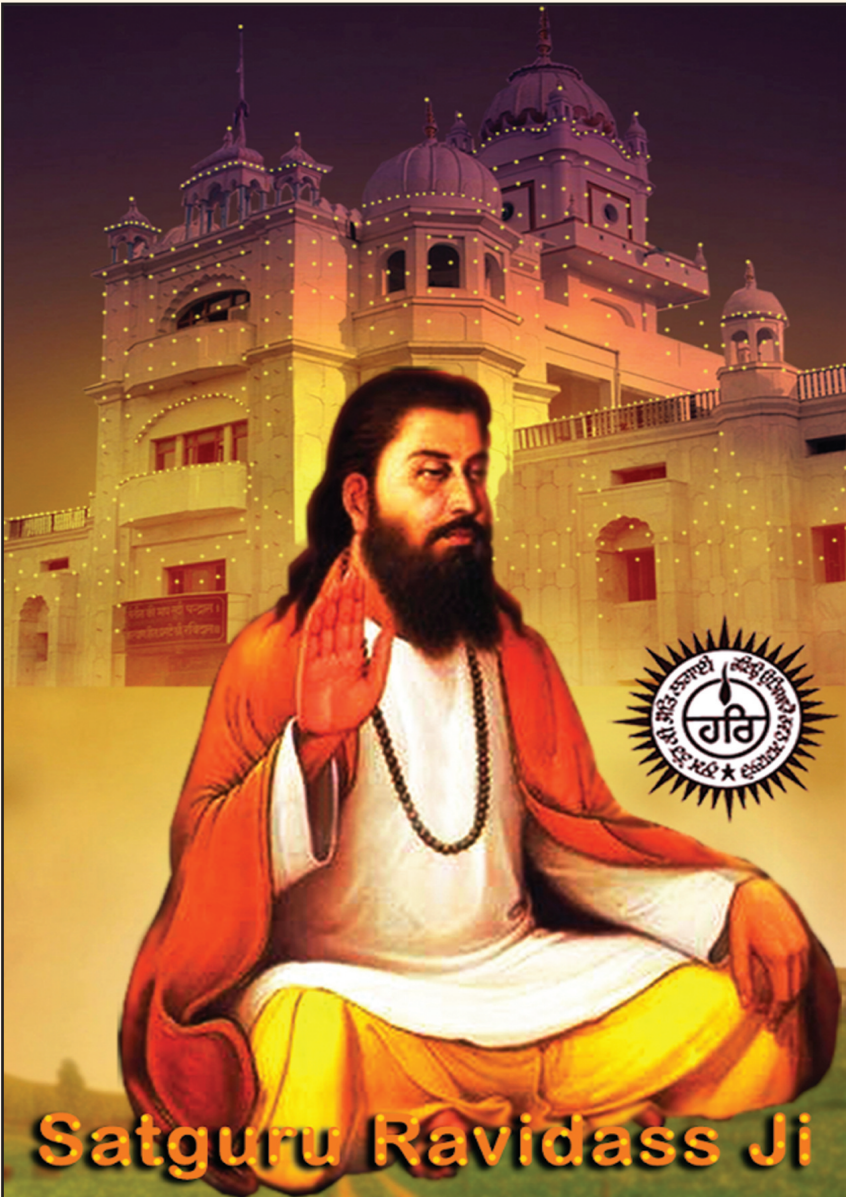


Sh. Amardeep Chahal and Family



Shri Amardeep Chahal with his Wife, Mother & Father

ਅਬਾਦਾਨ ਸਦਾ ਮਸ਼ਹੂਰ, ਉਹਾਂ ਗਨੀ ਬਸਹਿ ਮਾਮਰ।



Satguru Ravidass Ji



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