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Birth Anniversary "Ambedkar Times" And "Manyawar Kanshi Ram Ji"



Dear Mr. P. K. Chumber,

With joyous and inspirational feeling I have the pleasure to convey my hearty congratulations on the joint Birth Anniversaries of "Ambedkar Times" and Manyawar Kanshi Ram Ji falling on the same day, March 15th, 2022. I very well remember that 13 years ago "Ambedkar Times" was born, devoted to the undying legacy of Manyawar Kanshi Ram Ji.

This celebration reminds us of indefatigable and selfless efforts of Manyawar Kanshi Ram Ji in keeping the neglected and the voiceless sections of society, awakened to the mission of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

"Ambedkar Times", under the able and professional leadership of its Chief Editor, Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber, is playing a vital role in this direction.

I again congratulate and appreciate Mr. Chumber for his hard work in keeping his weekly publications available to the readers on the Internet with special 'Print Editions' even during the Pandemic Covid-19.

In order to make "Ambedkar Times" (English) and its sister publication "Desh Doaba" (Punjabi) successful channels of public communication, responding to the needs of the readers, cooperation of all will be vital. More advertisements, both commercial and personal, are needed to go through these weeklies.

I appreciate the community services these publications have been rendering ever since their inception.

With best wishes for a successful future in your journey as a professional journalist.



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Remembering Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji on his 90th Birth Anniversary

**Prem K. Chumber (Editor-in-Chief:
Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba)**

Babu Kanshi Ram (15 March 1934 – 9 October 2006), venerated by his followers and admirers as 'Sahib' and 'Manyavar', continued the legacy of great Dalit struggle that began with the advent of Buddhism in India in the 6th century BCE and slowly graduated through the strenuous efforts first of Jyotirao



Phule (11 April 1827 – 28 November 1890) and afterwards Boddhisattva Bharat Ratan Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (4 April 1891 – 6 December 1956). Babu Kanshi Ram provided a new form of leadership by invigorating political churning at the grassroots that instantly made a long-lasting impact on the imaginations of millions of lowest of the low and under-privileged artisans/service class people of India – constitutionally designated as Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). His sterling contribution lies in organizing the educated youth and varied SC and OBCs and motivating them with missionary spirit for the social transformation of the Indian society as a whole by emancipating and empowering them to rule the country. To achieve this mega goal – "Change the System" – Babu Kanshi Ram founded the All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees' Federation (BAMCEF) in 1971 and Dalit Shoshit Samaj Sangarsh Samiti (DS-4) in 1981 that eventually culminated into a larger political formation what came to be called Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in 1984.

Sahib Kanshi Ram did not confine the strings of his newly launched socio-political process of empowering the lower castes to himself only. He, rather, let it loose to spread among his people who hitherto fore were prevented from entering the corridors of political powers by varied Machiavellian machinations. He based his political strategy to prepare the way for his people to enter the parliament on the basis of the famous slogan of Dr. Ambedkar: "Educate, Agitate, Organise", and chiseled his innovative '85 vs 15' formula of 'Master Key' to unlock the portal of political power. He taught his people that they should prepare themselves to attain political power on the basis of 'bargaining and not begging'. He cycled day and night for months together to reach the lowest of the low to apprise them of their hidden numerical power that can win for them political power in the state and national democratic electoral processes. His dexterously prepared second line of young leadership belied the centuries old indoctrinated belief that Dalits are born only to serve! He proved the world that they have now come up to take over the reign of the rule into their own hands and became capable of writing their own destiny. The BSP under his pupil Mayawati ruled Uttar Pradesh, one of the most politically powerful states in India, for four terms as Chief Minister. Sahib Kanshi Ram taught millions of SCs and OBCs of this vast democracy how to convert their numerical strength into a potent electoral force to defeat those who thrived by dividing them in the name of caste, religion and false electoral promises.

The forum of Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba take immense pride in congratulating our contributors, readers and well-wishers on the 88th birth anniversary of Manyawar Sahib Babu Kanshi Ram Ji. We are also feeling proud to humbly state that Ambedkartimes.com, dedicated to teachings and life-works of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram, has successfully completed its 14 years of regular publication. We seek your support and encouragement and good wishes to continue with our this small effort in your service.



Congratulatory Message

Ramesh Chander
Ambassador - I.F.S. (Retired)



I take pleasure in congratulating my friend Prem Chumber, Editor-in-Chief of the Ambedkar Times on the 13th anniversary of the esteemed weekly. The Ambedkar Times was launched on March 15, 2009 on the birthday of Manyawar Kanshi Ram, a leader of substance and vision who contributed a lot in the much needed awakening of socially and economically weaker sections of the society. The paper was rightly dedicated to mission and vision of Manyawar Kanshi as a befitting tribute to the memory of the leader of standing and icon of empowerment of the under-privileged and down trodden in the contemporary times. It is a matter of great satisfaction that ever since the Ambedkar Times has come a long way in proving itself a moth-piece of the voice of the issues and matters of concern and interest to the weaker sections of the society at large. Prem Chumber Sahib and his team have really done well in filling the gap of media requirements of the voiceless in these days of communication. It is no small an achieve-

ment and meaningful contribution towards empowerment and fraternity as stipulated in the constitution of India and international norms and standards.

I take this opportunity to congratulate and felicitate Prem Chumber Sahib and the discerning readers of the Ambedkar Times and wish them all the best in the days to come. It also constitutes my humble tribute to Manyawar Kanshi Ram.

The Path to Eliminating Illegal Homeless Camps



Sue Frost
Sacramento County Supervisor

We are all aware that the county's homeless population has been growing and we can see the impacts every time we leave our houses. As we continue to tackle homelessness, we run into challenges at almost every turn including state laws, court decisions, pandemics, and judicial rulings. That being the case, we are constantly adapting our approach and, I am happy to say, enhancing the ways we try to solve the homeless problem.

The solutions we have put forward include increased access to treatment for mental health and drugs and alcohol addiction, and we are increasing our outreach to connect people to those services. While treatment for mental illness and addiction is the best thing we can do to help people get off the streets, it will never be enough on its own. We have to do more than treat the root causes and offer options that help connect people to services and get them into safer environments. For that reason, Sacramento County is moving forward with a plan to establish sanctioned encampments throughout the county, and shutting down the illegal encampments.

A sanctioned encampment is almost certainly what you think it is:

an area designated by the county for homeless individuals to live/camp legally and safely. While this may not sound like something you want to get excited about and might even concern you, I believe this is the best thing we can do at this time. First, Sacramento County cannot get back to enforcing ordinances that prevent camping on public land until we can offer an alternative due to a decision at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Second, a sanctioned encampment is far preferable to unregulated camping.

We have learned from the failures of other sanctioned sites and intend to keep the county's new sites staffed at all times, regulated to prevent drug use and other criminal behavior, and we will put them in the areas that will see the greatest benefit. By areas that will receive the greatest benefit, I mean the areas currently being the most heavily impacted by unchecked campsites. While many people may jump to the conclusion that the best place to put a sanctioned site is as far from developed areas as possible, the real best approach is to find locations that are near where large groups of homeless people are already dwelling. This ensures we get the

most people we can living in sanctioned encampments because it is an area they already have a connection to.

Most importantly, sanctioned encampments are more than just a place for homeless individuals to sleep. We will be using them as an opportunity to connect individuals to the services we know they need to get into transitional or permanent housing and back to a self-sustaining lifestyle. Sanctioned encampments will have the benefit of being staffed by mental health and behavioral health professionals that can get at the issues that are keeping so many people trapped in homelessness. Regardless of whether or not substance abuse or mental illness is the cause of a person's homelessness, for many it has become part of what prevents them from escaping homelessness.

Again, while this may not sound ideal to some, and I am sure there are people who are worried that one of these encampments will be near where they live, shop, or dine, I am confident this is the right move. Fewer homeless individuals making campsites around the county is a good thing. Increasing outreach and connection to drug/alcohol treat-

ment and mental health services is a good thing. And getting the power back to shut down illegal camping sites all over the County is also a good thing. These sanctioned encampments are the balance between compassion and toughness my constituents have been telling me they support for as long as I have been a Supervisor. This is just one of many important steps we must take as part of our comprehensive approach to relieving the County's homeless crisis.

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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Punjab Elections, 2022 – Dance of Democracy



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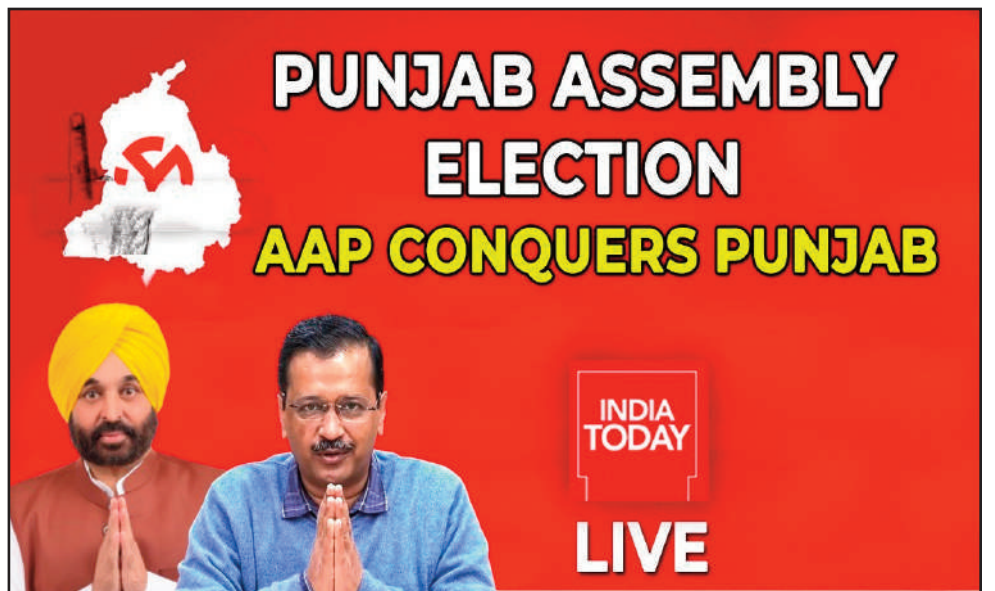
The political slugfest ended on March 10 with the declaration of results in five state elections. BJP has come back in four states, particularly UP, with convincing victory but could not make any mark in Punjab. The Dance of Democracy has thrown some new benchmarks

job with a clean sweep by bagging 92 seats out of the total of 117 like they did in Delhi a few years ago. The traditional parties like the Congress Party and SAD trailed behind AAP like non-entities. BJP, BSP, newly floated outfit of Captain Amrinder Singh, PLC and SSP of the Kisans were almost decimated by the pronounced "Inqilab in Punjab" both by Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Singh, the CM face of AAP. It is no exaggeration; indeed, it is a complete departure from the hitherto political scene. AAP has demonstrated its prowess in changing the game plan at the hustings. Arvind Kejriwal is all set to present his claim to lead the united opposition, if they could unite at all, in 2024 against the might of the ruling BJP under the grip

came with an élan as a party with a difference with the much talked about Delhi Model. The big-wigs of all parties, including the sitting CM, former CMs, almost all the sitting Cabinet Ministers, over assessed self-appointed bosses like Navjot Sidhu were shown the door. AAP could sell their catch-word 'Government of the Aam Party' and 'Real Vs Fake' Aam Adami. Deras and the Dalit Card and also pseudo-Nationalism could not make much dent and stop the victory Rath of AAP. AAP arrived in 2017 with 20 seats as the second largest party and Leader of the Opposition and finally reached in 2022 with a landslide victory with 92 seats – a real wonder of democracy. AAP's clear victory and near decima-

'Badlab', a much needed change in our political and social culture as enshrined and visualized in our constitution. It is a good development in our polity and society with multi-cultural and multi-racial background.

The Dalit question remains and baffles many as they have an over-all share of more than 33% in the population of Punjab with 34 reserved seats. AAP has won 29 out of 34 by their own right. In the Doaba region, Dalits account for more than 40% share in the demography with 23 seats. AAP got the larger share of 10 seats followed by Congress Party with 9 and the rest 4 by others in Doaba. These details raise many questions which would need to be addressed – Are Dalits not sectarians



for the democratic polity of India after 7 decades of independence and enforcement of the constitution. 'We the people of India', it seems, have become mature over the years and have certainly learnt a step or two in the Dance of Democracy. So far so good.

I have been writing on the Punjab elections off and on and I will focus my observations on Punjab alone in spite of the fact that BJP has re-registered their expertise on the art of electioneering in selling their agenda, a much needed trait for a political party in a democratic set-up. Hats off to the leadership of BJP under the stewardship of PM Narendra Modi and the party managers and machinery. On the other hand in Punjab, AAP, a new political entity under the leadership of CM of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal, has turned the tables in Pun-

of PM Narendra Modi. Anyway, we still have time in the run up to 2024. Let us come back to Punjab. When Mayawati of BSP became the CM of UP in 1995 for the first time, then PM Narsimha Rao termed it as a 'Miracle of Democracy'. I think AAP's storming into the corridors of power in Chandigarh is yet another miracle of democracy, a silent and benevolent revolution. It is the handiwork, to my mind, of only two men who led the AAP from the front, Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann – as Veni, Vidi, Vici as in the famous quote of Julius Caesar. The exit polls this time could see and visualize the forthcoming scenario on the eve of counting of votes on March 10. The traditional parties and many of the political pundits could not read the pulse of people. Most of them, including me, were expecting a hung assembly. But AAP

tion of all political outfits in the 2022 elections has brought in a new paradigm, good or bad, time will tell. The political analysts are doing their job to explain the matter for the benefit of the common citizens. The jinx of 'you scratch my back and I will scratch yours' between the two traditional and old parties, the Congress and the SAD, has been broken. I think it is a good development. The obvious heritage or patent rights of Sikh votes by the SAD and Hindu votes by the BJP has been nullified. It is good for the social fabric of the society. The so called Dalit card could not do much. It is obvious from the results and clear defeat of the Dalit CM from two of the constituencies and almost decimation of the so called Dalit party, BSP. AAP emerged and justified its existence as an all embracing party of all who intended to bring

as the voting pattern in at least two successive elections indicated? They did not, it seems, succumb to the Dalit card and expressed their will and choice – Did Deras and similar quarters play any meaningful role in setting the vote dictates? I don't think so. People have not, it seems, cared much? Does the emerged situation justify the vision of our founding fathers particularly Babasaheb Ambedkar justify what they visualized? I was listening to one of my retired IAS friend, Tilak Sarangal, on the situation. He was of the view that it was what Babasaheb wished that sectarian considerations should not have any place in democracy and power lies with the people. Sarangal Sahib quoted Ambedkar that with the introduction of 'one vote one value' the
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kings (rules) would be born not from the wombs of queens or princesses but from the ballot boxes (now EVMs). But my question in this regard is how do we ensure and justify Dalits, socially marginalized segments of the society; get their due share in the corridors of power as visualized by Babasaheb Ambedkar? It suits the main stream of the society if Dalits don't unite and do not vote for the candidates of their choice who would ask for their due share in the power structures. In long 75 years of independence and despite the empowering provisions in the constitution, it seems, the main stream of the society is not still ready to concede due space to Dalits. Some Dalit leaders and activists argue that the caste Hindus and Sikhs did not vote for the Congress Party because of the Dalit CM face of Channi. How AAP, the new ruling dispensation, would address some of these issues and perceptions with 29 seats from reserved category in the total of 34 remains to be seen? Dalits would also be required to sit and brain-storm some of these vital questions, if they really want their due space in the polity and society or would they keep sitting on the fringes as always? I leave this at this.

All said and done, allow me to come back to AAP and my small connect with them since 2016-17 which I maintain till now formally or otherwise. My introductory observations in the Chapter -2 "My short lived tryst with politics" of my book "The Bits and Pieces – Reminiscences and Re-

flections of a novice" may explain why I took leave from the active and electoral politics and I quote, "Keeping with my thinking and mindset, I never considered myself fit for electoral politics. Nevertheless, one day on February 22, 2016, I joined the bandwagon of Aam Aadmi Party with an overwhelming emotion of 'paying back my debt of gratitude' to the society at the last quarter of my life. While I reluctantly defended my decision, my wife Vidya and my children were not too happy. For the good or bad, I don't know, this short lived tryst ended in a whisper. These blog on the subject would give you some insight in the venture or misadventure.

Now I think, perhaps, it was a bad dream which I should try to forget" I have had no policy or ideological differences with AAP and its supreme leader Arvind Kejriwal. I wrote many open letters to AAP and its leaders and volunteers in 2016-17 to share my thoughts for the larger good of people which are available in my above said book and again I quote the concluding para of my last letter dated March 21, 2017 to conclude this piece, "I may conclude this long letter with the hope that the AAP leadership spares some time to read these observations of an Aam Aadmi unlike the fate of my earlier attempts to awaken ourselves to the emerging situation and to face the challenges of the future. Let us not give way to the blame game. If I go by the media reports of today, March 21, the swords are already drawn. We

need to have a sincere and in-depth introspection to set the matter right. I am happy to note that Arvind Kejriwal has undertaken the exercise of damage control by writing a circular letter to the rank and file of the party of which I also got a copy on my email ID. I quote from the letter of Arvind Kejriwal: "The question we should ask ourselves is whether the current political system is fine? Have rampant corruption and crony capitalism disappeared? Is there justice for all? Are the common people getting what they deserve? If the answer is 'No', we have to continue and strengthen our political revolution." Arvind Kejriwal has proved himself by setting the ball in motion in Punjab registering a convincing victory

which is no less than a revolution – we need to wait and see the Dance of Democracy in the coming years. With this I wish the APP under Arvind Kejriwal, CM Bhagwant Mann all the best and further success in the days to come.

It is just a coincident that I started my humble career in IFS on March 16, 1970 by joining the MEA and CM Bhagwant Mann and his government is taking oath of office on March 16, 2022 at the historic village of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Khatkar Kalan. The date March 16 would make a prominent milestone in the journey of Punjab when an Aam Aadmi took the reins of power. Let us hope that AAP delivers as expected by the people of Punjab.

Matrimonial

Name: Dr. Pratibha
Height: 5.4", Age: 33
Education: BDS

Work Experience 5 year of practical experience, now runs own dental clinic in Phagwara

Father: Bank Manager Retired from State Bank, Now own business having Education Institute under Govt. Scheme and Training Partner

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{Grandson of Late Sh. Joginder Ujagar and Bibi Harbans Ujagar
(Founding member of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Rio Linda)
and son of Sh. Surinder Pal Ujagar and Bibi Amandip Ujagar}
passed away on 22 February 2022.

Bhog of Sri Sahij Paath & Antim Ardas
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