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Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba Weeklies sincerely congratulate the Federation of Ambedkarites & Buddhist Organisations, UK (FABO UK) for its commendable contributions for donating impressive portrait of Bharat Ratan Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and facilitating in naming a room (Ambedkar Room) after his lustrous personality at the Gray's Inn, London (UK) where Babasaheb Ambedkar studied law and became a barrister.

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Our sincere thanks to Mr. Saroay

We also put on record our sincere thanks to Mr. Ram Murti Saroay for his monetary contributions in the preparation of this special issue. Mr Ram



Murti Saroay has been serving Dr. Ambedkar Educational Aid Society (AEAS) in the capacity of its Chairman from the very beginning except for one term. He has been one of the prominent members of the Supreme Council of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabhas of the USA and also

served as Chairperson of Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha in Bay area. He is a known personality of the region and has earned a good in his business. He is also regular supporter of the forum of Ambedkar Times. The Ambedkar Times forum once again sincerely congratulates all its esteemed readers, contributors, supporters and well-wishers.

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Gray's Inn unveils the Ambedkar Room and a new portrait of Dr Ambedkar, 30 June 2021

Master Ali Malek QC, Master Treasurer, Gray's Inn, unveiled the *Ambedkar Room* at Gray's Inn on 30 June 2021. The new room dedicated to Dr Ambedkar is the result of discussions over the years between Ms Santosh Dass MBE, President of the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK (FABO UK) and Brigadier Anthony Harking OBE, Under Treasurer, at the Inn. The *Ambedkar Room* will be used by barristers in training and as a meeting room.

Master Ali Malek QC also unveiled a new portrait of Dr Ambedkar by David Newens, the Buckinghamshire-based artist. The portrait was donated by FABO UK for the Ambedkar Room and was unveiled in presence of Sujat Ambedkar – Dr Ambedkar's great-grandson. The new portrait commissioned by FABO UK in 2020, is based on a photo of Dr Ambedkar taken for LIFE magazine in May 1946 by the American Margaret Bourke-White (1904–1971). She was one of the most respected photojournalists of her time. David Newens's portrait shows Dr Ambedkar in a relaxed mood on

a nation in the way he did without the capacity to dream. Dr Ambedkar was an agent for change. From today, he will be woven much deeper into the fabric of his Inn, reminding us that no challenge is insurmountable and that the law can be a vehicle for social evolution that may previously have been considered impossible. Today I am honoured to unveil the Ambedkar Room and the graceful new portrait donated to the Inn by the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK."

Ms Santosh Dass MBE said: For a number of years The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn and I discussed ways in which we could raise the profile of Dr. Ambedkar at Gray's Inn. Dr. Ambedkar was one of most educated people of his generation



Arun Kumar



Unveiling the Portrait

his veranda in his beloved garden at 26 Alipur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi. He stands in the summer sunshine with a hint of a smile with a cascade of magenta pink bougainvillea beside him.

Arun Kumar and C Gautam, FABO UK, presented a copy of India's Constitution to Master Ali Malek QC.

Alumni of Gray's Inn, Ambedkarites, academics including Dr Suraj Yengde, and other distinguished guests took part at the reception hosted jointly by Gray's Inn and FABO UK. David Newens and the parliamentarian Lord David Alton of Liverpool also attended. Covid restrictions meant a larger event could not take place as originally planned.

Master Ali Malek QC said: Today we proudly celebrate the connection Dr B. R. Ambedkar had to Gray's Inn. He could not have known that over half a century after his passing, his portraits would grace his Inn, that the Walks would boast a tree dedicated in his name, and people would gather to dedicate a room to his memory. Even for a man of his talents, that may have seemed too much – but one does not shape

with degrees from India, America and Britain. He was a politician, socio-political reformer, economist, jurist and prolific writer. He inspired the Buddhist movement in India and was the chief architect of India's Constitution. It is therefore demeaning when he is merely reduced to a leader of the 'Untouchables'. He was much, much more than that. Dr. Ambedkar ought to be part of the British school curriculum. The social and economic reforms he passionately steered have helped change the lives of millions of people for the better. Dr Ambedkar believed in good and fair laws. He believed in secular society. We can imagine his outrage at the draconian laws that are being liberally used by the Indian Government now to incarcerate without bail, academics (including Dr Anand Teltumbde), human rights activists who raise their voice against atrocities against minorities or corruption, and the lawyers who defend them.

I am confident the new Ambedkar Room and the new portrait donated today by FABO UK will arouse legal students' curiosity to look into, and learn about Dr. Ambedkar's accomplishments.

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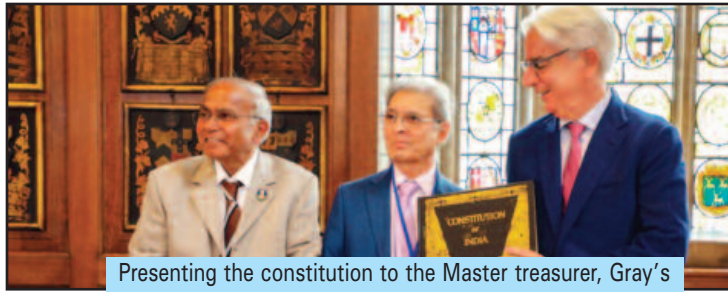
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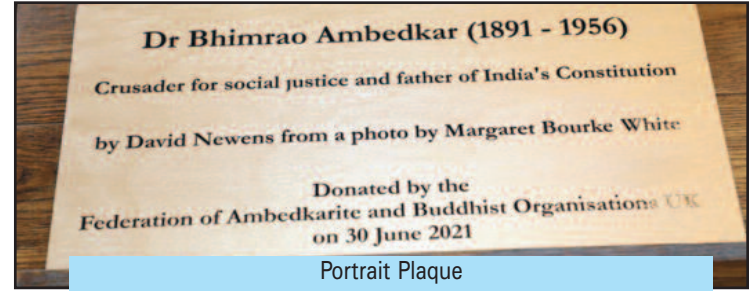
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Suraj Yangde with Arun Kumar



Presenting the constitution to the Master treasurer, Gray's



Portrait Plaque



In the Country Yard of Gray's Inn

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I would like to thank Under Treasurer, Brigadier Anthony Harking OBE for his unwavering support and the many hours of discussion we have had over the years that have made the Ambedkar Room possible. This is a great honour for all Ambedkarites around the world."

Lord David Alton of Liverpool said: "It is remarkable, and highly instructive, just how frequently Dr B. R. Ambedkar is still referred to during debates in both Houses of Parliament – not least when we have deliberated the rank discrimination still experienced by Dalits and Adivasis, or issues such as modern slavery and human trafficking, and the plight of persecuted minorities.

The story of Dr Ambedkar's life represents a route out of enforced misery into to emancipation, justice, and equality. The life of this extraordinary man continues to offer hope and encouragement to millions of downtrodden people, living on the periphery of society because of caste or stigmatisation.

Gray's Inn's decision to dedicate a new portrait and room to his memory is a wonderful way of introducing him to generations yet to come and we should also take other opportunities – such as an annual conference, marking Dr Ambedkar's birth anniversary, perhaps hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Dalits - to explore the many facets of this wonderful man's heroic life."

Sujat Ambedkar said: "I am delighted to be here at Gray's Inn to witness this historic unveiling of the new Ambedkar Room and the new portrait for the room donated by the Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK. It makes us very happy to see the new painting of our great-grandfather looking very relaxed and happy in his beloved garden at his home in New Delhi in 1946. His love of bougainvillea's magenta pink form is family lore. We are grateful to Gray's Inn and FABO UK for this unique honour that marks his 130th birth anniversary. Our great-grandfather was a remarkable man who helped change for the better the lives of millions of people in India. He continues to inspire millions more around the world. The Ambedkar Room and the new portrait will no doubt inspire many more to learn about him."

Dr Suraj Yengde, Harvard University, and University of Oxford said, "Barrister Ambedkar was a fearless, fierce fighter. His career as a lawyer was noteworthy in that he could have easily become the luminous judge occupying the highest office of court in the state. But Barrister Ambedkar instead utilized his legal training to practice with merit and argue for justice. His diverse clientele is a proof of his successful legal career. FABO's organizing efforts have been inspirational to many and especially me. With another London landmark bequeathed to Ambedkar's story, an archive for the pilgrims has been inaugurated. The believers in Ambedkar's idea of caste free society and democratic equality will find a sought-after shrine in this august space at Gray's Inn. Like the LSE, where I just participated in a panel on Dr. Ambedkar and witnessed the inauguration of his archive, London Ambedkar is an important city in the history of the Dalit struggle."

Mr Arun Kumar and C Gautam, Joint Secretaries of FABO UK said:

"FABO UK's members' association with Gray's Inn spans over half a century. In 1991, under the auspices of FABO UK, the Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations Committee organised a reception at Gray's Inn. It was a marvellous event that lives in our memories still. Since then, FABO UK's association with the Inn has grown. In 1999, we were grateful when the Inn allowed the filming of the Gray's Inn scenes in the film Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar (2000). Today we express our deepest appreciation

to The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn for the new Ambedkar Room. We had hoped it, and the new portrait could have been unveiled in 2020. That would have marked the centenary of Dr Ambedkar's return to Gray's Inn."

Dr Ambedkar at Gray's Inn

Dr. Bhimrao R. Ambedkar (14 April 1891–6 December 1956) is known internationally as an extraordinary academic, writer, politician, socio-political reformer, economist, and jurist. He also inspired the Buddhist movement in India. As the chief architect of India's Constitution, he abolished Untouchability, and secured social and fundamental legal rights and equality for its citizens. As India's Minister of Labour under the Viceroy's Executive Council, between 1942 and 1946 he secured significant legal protections for workers including a reduction in factory working hours, compulsory recognition by employers of Trade Unions, a requirement for settlement of industrial disputes and a minimum wage. He also secured maternity benefits and equal pay for equal work for working women. He was independent India's first Minister of Law and Justice. With the Hindu Code Bill, he helped pioneer reforms that abolished polygamy, gave women the right to divorce, and the right to inherit property.

Dr Ambedkar spent two periods study at Gray's Inn whilst also studying at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The first stint was from October 1916 to July 1917 – straight after he had completed his studies at Columbia University. Unfortunately, his studies in London were cut short when the Diwan ('Minister') of the State of Baroda (present-day Gujarat) recalled Dr Ambedkar to India because his scholarship had ended. The second stint began when Dr Ambedkar returned to London in July 1920. This time he relied on his savings, supplemented by loans. He was called at the Inn in June 1922.

Two portraits of Dr Ambedkar already hang at the Inn. The Ambedkar Memorial Committee of GB donated the first one in 1974. The Government of India donated the second in 2016 to mark Dr Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary. The 2016 portrait features on the back cover of Gray's Inn book An Illustrated History of Gray's Inn (2018) alongside the portraits of eleven other distinguished alumnus of the Inn. A short biography Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and the Indian Constitution' under 1947 is contained in the same publication.

There is an Indian bean tree (*Catalpa bignonioides*) in The Walks dedicated to Dr. Ambedkar. The then-High Commissioner of India to the UK, Mr L. M. Singhvi donated to the Inn in 1997.

In 1991 one of the Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations Committee's receptions under the auspices of FABO UK was held at Gray's Inn. Lord Goff of Chieveley called Dr Ambedkar the "Moses of India". Mr Anthony Scrivener, Chairman of the Bar said: "To honour Dr Ambedkar is to honour the importance of dignity of each human life, for it was he who fought for equality for the under privileged, for the poor and for the forgotten."

The Gray's Inn scenes in Jabber Patel's 2000 film Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar were filmed at the Inn and FABO UK supported this.

The Ambedkar Room unveiled on 30 June 2021 is the culmination of Gray's Inn and FABO UK working together for a number of years on ways to raise the profile of Dr. Ambedkar at Gray's Inn, and more generally in Britain.

The new portrait commissioned and donated by the FABO UK by David Newens based on a 1946 photo by the American photojournalist, Margaret Bourke-White now hangs in the Ambedkar Room at Gray's Inn.

Unveiling of Ambedkar Room and Portrait at Gray's Inn

Introduction

Dr Bhimrao R Ambedkar (1891–1956) is known internationally as an extraordinary academic, writer, politician, socio-political reformer, economist, and jurist. He also revived the Buddhist movement in India. As the chief architect of India's Constitution, he abolished Untouchability, secured social and fundamental legal rights and equality for its citizens. As India's Minister of Labour under the Britain's Viceroy's Executive Council, between 1942 and 1946 he secured significant legal protections for workers including a reduction in factory working hours, compulsory recognition by employers of Trade Unions, a requirement for settlement of industrial disputes and a minimum wage. He also secured maternity benefits and equal pay for equal work for working women.

He was independent India's first Minister of Law and Justice. With the Hindu Code Bill, he helped pioneer reforms which abolished polygamy, gave women the right to divorce, and the right to inherit property. For a number of years, I discussed with The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn ways in which we could raise the profile of Dr Ambedkar who trained as a barrister at the Inn in 1916 and from 1921 to 1922 while concurrently studying for a Master's degree at the London School of Economics. There was already a portrait of Dr Ambedkar at the Inn, donated in 1974 by the Ambedkar Memorial Committee of GB, and an Indian bean tree (*Catalpa bignonioides*) in The Walks donated by the then-High Commissioner of India in 1997. The Government of India donated a further portrait in 2016. Over the years we discussed a number of proposals and decided on naming a room after Dr Ambedkar which would give those who used its space an introduction to the great man, and maybe arouse their curiosity to look into and learn from his remarkable life, works and accomplishments. The Ambedkar Room, was unveiled by Mr Ali Malek QC, Master Treasurer, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn on 30 June 2021 to mark the centenary of Dr Ambedkar's return to Gray's Inn in 1921. FABO UK commissioned and donated artist David Newens' new portrait of Dr Ambedkar for the Ambedkar Room. This also marks Dr Ambedkar's 130th birth anniversary. Ms Santosh Dass MBE, President, FABO UK, June 2021.

Mr Ali Malek QC, Master Treasurer, The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Today we proudly celebrate the connection Dr B R Ambedkar had to Gray's Inn.

Dr Ambedkar would recognize much of the Inn of 2021 despite the changes it has seen in the past one hundred years; and surely would have been drawn first to the Library in whose predecessor he studied as a young student. Already committed to social change due to his harsh experiences as an Untouchable, he could not then have known that over

half a century after his passing, his Inn would be graced by his portraits, that the Walks would boast a tree dedicated in his name, and people would gather to dedicate a room to his memory. Even for a man of his talents that may have seemed too much – but one does not shape a nation in the way he did without the capacity to dream.

Like the nation Dr Ambedkar shaped, the Inn has its traditions, some of which are very old, some of which are surprisingly new and some of which have changed over time. The

verse backgrounds come together to share ideas, united by the appreciation of the Rule of Law and its various facets; the integrity of the legal system; equality before the law and access to justice.

Despite his professed belief that "everything, you see, is impermanent", Dr Ambedkar would understand our shared commitment – as individuals and as a community – to maintaining these traditions and ensuring they move with the times.

30 June 2021

Margaret Bourke-White



Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar
(1891–1956)

process of change is often unsettling. The weight of history or society or culture can combine to generate a mighty friction against it. But change can reinvigorate those living through it, and at its best preserves what is worthwhile in society whilst allowing that which no longer serves to fall away. Dr Ambedkar was an agent of change and from today he will be woven that much deeper into the fabric of his Inn, reminding us that no challenge is insurmountable and that the law can be a vehicle for social evolution that may previously have been considered impossible.

Our Members are what makes our Inn the institution it is. It has long been a place where people from di-

Margaret Bourke-White (1904–1971) was one of the most respected photojournalists of her time. Like her compatriots Dorothea Lange and Lee Miller, she shattered gender role stereotypes. Passionate about the natural world, as she wrote in *Portrait of Myself* (1963), she turned down an offer from New York's Museum of Natural History because photography crooked its lucrative finger.

Bourke-White lived through many an epochal historical event. She was the witness in situ with cameras, lighting equipment, tripods and an unswerving eye. She captured the Depression-era, its Dust Bowl victims and chain gangs, and its poverty and

New Deal hopefuls. The Soviet Union granted her permission to document the Five Year Plan's progress during the summers of 1930 to 1932. When the Nazis marched into the Sudetenland in 1938, she was there. Likewise in the Soviet Union when the Nazis tore up the non-aggression pact. She photographed Stalin, saw newly liberated Buchenwald, and witnessed the Partition of the Raj.

Between 1946 and 1947 Bourke-White lived and travelled in India. On assignment for *Life*, she photographed Dr. Ambedkar, Gandhi, Jinnah and Nehru. Bourke-White's portrait of Dr. Ambedkar was taken in May 1946. Unlike his usual formal patrician poses, her photo shoot captured him in relaxed mood. He is at home at 26 Alipur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi on his veranda with a cascade of bougainvillea beside him. Family lore recalls his love of bougainvillea's magenta pink form.

David Newens

David Newens (b 1945) is a noted portraitist in oils. He paints from life or, as with his commission from Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to paint its former Secretary General, William Ferdinand Shija, posthumously from photographs. The original image selected of Dr. Ambedkar was one of a sequence Margaret Bourke-White shot now in the LIFE Picture Collection. Its monochrome bougainvillea enabled Newens to deploy another side of his artistic palette. Two of his 'Greenhouse Interior' floral scenes were hung at succeeding years' Royal Academy Summer Exhibitions.

Ken Hunt, Writer and historian,
June 2021

Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK

Established in 1985, Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Organisations UK (FABO UK) is an umbrella body for a number of organisations following the teachings of Dr Ambedkar and Buddhism. The Federation's key aim is to raise awareness of Dr Ambedkar's life, works and achievements. It also lobbies for Caste-based discrimination to be outlawed in Britain; raises its voice on issues relating to equality and against human rights violations and atrocities against Dalits; and for 14 April (Dr Ambedkar's birth date) to be recognised as 'International Day of Equality'.

FABO UK raises awareness of Dr Ambedkar by making donations of busts and statues of Dr Ambedkar and his writings, as well as organising and hosting conferences, including ones in the both Houses of the Parliament. In 1992,

FABO UK donated busts of Dr Ambedkar to the High Commission of India in London, the London School of Economics, Columbia University New York, and Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. In 2018, the Federation donated a life-size statue of Dr Ambedkar to the Ambedkar Museum, London. Over the years the Federation has donated

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hundreds of sets of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Writings and Speeches to universities and organisations, including Gray's Inn, universities in Oxford, Cambridge, Bonn and Paris, and both Houses of Parliament. During the Ambedkar Centenary Celebrations in 1991 under the auspices of FABO UK, a number of events were organised in such prestigious venues as both Houses of Parliament, the LSE, Gray's Inn, and the Commonwealth Hall.

In 1991 FABO UK installed a blue plaque outside 10 King Henry's Road, near Primrose Hill in London, NW3 where Dr Ambedkar

had lived in the early 1920s. After the property came on the market, in September 2014 FABO UK submitted a proposal to the Government of Maharashtra (GOM) that they fund its purchase in order to turn it into a memorial. After a year of lobbying, GOM bought the house in 2015. It is now officially the Ambedkar Museum. The Ambedkar Room at Gray's Inn is the culmination of discussions with Gray's Inn. We acknowledge their generous and wholehearted support.

Arun Kumar and C Gautam, Joint Secretaries, FABO UK, June 2021

Dr Ambedkar Quotes

"However good a Constitution may be, if those who are implementing it are not good, it will prove to be bad. However bad a Constitution may be, if those implementing it are good, it will prove to be good."

"So long as you do not achieve social

educate, agitate and organise."

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Gray's Inn and The Walk at Gray's Inn



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liberty, whatever freedom is provided by the law is of no avail to you."

"I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved."

"Caste is not just a division of labour, it is a division of labourers."

"My five years of staying in Europe and America had completely wiped out from my mind any consciousness that I was an untouchable, and that an untouchable wherever he went in India was a problem to himself and others."

"My final words of advice to you are

Under Treasurer, Brigadier Anthony Harking OBE for his unwavering support over the years, and Master Treasurer, Ali Malek QC.

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Commemorating Ambedkar

Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar, the greatest son of contemporary India, an economist, constitutional pundit, social reformer and father of the Indian constitution and one of the prominent exponents of the lofty values of 'Equality, Justice, Liberty and Fraternity', of late, consciously or otherwise, has increasingly become a personality who is much commemorated and celebrated not only in India but in the world at large. It is a matter of satisfaction and pride. I think soon it will become a sought after subject for the research students and historians and rightly so.

Let it be and allow me to write something on the subject off the cuff to register some of the recent developments in this regard. My

and cultural organizations like RSS are falling on each other to erect memorials and commemorate icons like Babasaheb Ambedkar. Some of them have even demonstrated their love and liking for Kanshi Ram. Dalit vote bank seems to work for which Ambedkar was instrumental as he introduced "One vote-one value" to empower the marginalized sections of the society.

It is a fact that Ambedkar, in his life time, never got recognition easily due to historical factors of 'social inequality' in the society. But legacy of Ambedkar is so potent that it is difficult to ignore him. Mahatma Gandhi had already realized and accepted this when he said in the mid 1930s 'You may criticize Ambedkar

base among Dalit sub-castes." Union Minister Ramdas Athawale has termed PM Narendra Modi a "real Ambedkarite" and predicted his return to power in 2024.

With this back ground it is but natural that BJP is leaving no stone unturned in exploiting and appropriating the name and legacy of Babasaheb Ambedkar to its advantage not only by the present dispensation of PM Narendra Modi but earlier too by PM Atal Behari Vajpayee's government in beginning of the 21st century. PM Modi exactly knew how to encash the Ambedkar cheque at the 'Vote Bank of dalits when he said, "Son of a poor mother like me hailed from a very backward section of society and could become the prime

monument has become a pilgrimage for people who respect Babasaheb. From here, the Prime Minister gave the clarion call for 'Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday'. Referring to Babasaheb's thinking and his contribution to the poor, Prime Minister Modi says that there should be a sense of reverence for understanding the principle of Babasaheb.

Memorial at Diksha Sthal at



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immediate provocation is – Bharat Ratan Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial and Cultural Centre to be built in Lucknow of which Mahamahim Rashtrapati Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone on June 28, 2021. It is not surprising and it seems the situation has come full circle. BSP Supremo Mayawati when she was the Chief Minister of UP built and dedicated to the nation "Rashtriya Dalit Prerna Sthal" on the banks of the Yamuna in Gautam Budh Nagar (NOIDA) facing the national memorials dedicated to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Charan Singh, Jagjivan Ram among others. It was criticized as a political move and wastage of public money by many, who cannot see above their noses. Now, slowly but steadily, time has come when almost all political outfits and so called social

but cannot ignore him". Things started changing in the 1980s in the wake of political and social awakening unleashed by the BAMCEF and BSP of Kanshi Ram and resultant economic empowerment brought about by affirmative provisions like reservations in employment etc. Hitherto, dalits were taken for granted by the Congress party. The new players like BSP, Janta Dal and BJP started denting that monopoly. It was natural that it could only be done by owning and appropriating Ambedkar. BJP realized it and exploited the situation deftly. The outcome is visible with BJP ruling with a thumping majority at the Centre and in most of the states. As of now, the position, as stated by the Tribune in its editorial on June 18 is, "It is (BJP), in some ways, India's biggest Dalit party, with highest number of Dalit parliamentarians in both 2014 and 2019 and a strong vote

minister due to Babasaheb Ambedkar." The BJP government took major initiatives to commemorate and celebrate Babasaheb Ambedkar ever since it came to power in 2014. Early in 2015, GOI decided to observe the celebrate Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary in April, 2016. The gesture was much appreciated. In April, 2017, GOI announced the roadmap to built and establish 'Panchatirth' in the memory of the icon, Babasaheb Ambedkar, a thoughtful homage and betting tribute to the leader as per the following details: Memorial in Mhow in Madhya Pradesh- On April 14, 2016, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Dr. Ambedkar at his birthplace Mhow in Madhya Pradesh and dedicated the Ambedkar Memorial to the nation. The foundation stone for this memorial was laid by the then Chief Minister Sunder Lal Patwa. Today, this

Nagpur, Maharashtra- Diksha Sthal, the site at Nagpur where Babasaheb took Diksha of Buddhism on October 14, 1956, has been accorded the status of A-class tourist destination. This long awaited demand was met with PM Modi's initiative of marking 125th Jayanti of Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Memorial at Chaitaya Bhoomi at Dadar in Mumbai- The site where Babasaheb Ambedkar was cremated after his nirvana on December, 1956. The site was called Indu Mills in Dadar at Mumbai which was owned by the National Textiles. In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi performed Bhoomi Pujan for the site. The monument, Statue of Equality will be built there to honour the great son of India. Speaking at the occasion, PM Modi urged to plant trees, each belonging to 40,000 villages of
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Maharashtra and one tree from all the states of the country.

Ambedkar International Center at Janpath at New Delhi - Ambedkar International Center has been built at Janpath Marg in New Delhi. The place would not only be a touristic attraction but also serve the followers of Babasaheb Ambedkar to come and connect with the ideals and philosophy of Babasaheb Ambedkar. While inaugurating the Centre, PM Narendra Modi said, "I sincerely hope that this Centre will prove to be a great inspiration for spreading Babasaheb's teachings" and further said, "This centre will also be a platform for the discussion on how to focus on economic and social issues by incorporating the mantra of 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' also known as 'inclusive growth'. This centre will be a think tank for it. Friends, I believe that this Centre will prove to be a boon for the new generation who can come here and understand Babasaheb's vision."

Ambedkar Memorial at Alipur Road in Delhi - The memorial was inaugurated on 14 April 2018. The site signifies the fact that Babasaheb Ambedkar lived in bungalow no.26 at Alipur Road in Delhi before his nirvana on December 6, 1956. Prime Minister Narendra Modi while laying the foundation of the memorial and remembering the social, political and economic contributions of Babasaheb said that it would be injustice to limit Babasaheb to a particular class. PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee had decided to convert the site into a memorial in honour of Babasaheb.

Apart from Panchatirth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Ambedkar Memorial in London on November 14, 2015 where Dr. Ambedkar used to stay while studying in London. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said that the people of this world would be drawn to this place to understand India's economic thinking. PM Modi

added, "Babasaheb has taught us to work in national and societal interest and when done so, our direction will always be right. That is why he (Ambedkar) continues to be an inspiration even today.

Many of us may or may not know that Ambedkar is increasingly becoming an international icon without any State patronage because of the fact that Ambedkar's legacy particularly his path-breaking struggle for 'liberty, justice and equality' is as potent and relevant today as it was before. It is not just for nothing Ambedkar's statues, busts and other insignia are coming up in the important capitals and important cities globally namely; UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, Hungary, Vietnam, Ghana, South Africa, inter alia. Many of the renowned Schools, Colleges and Universities have already established libraries and chairs in honour of Dr. Ambedkar not only in India but also abroad. More recently, taking cue from the proposal on April 14, birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, as International Day of Equality, in April 2020 the City of Burnaby and in April 2021, The Province of British Columbia of Canada proclaimed April 14 as 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Day of Equality'. It is a matter of great satisfaction.

All said and done, let me add a pending and somewhat hitherto sidelined important proposal resting with the Government of India (MEA) since June, 2015. Mahamahim Rashtrapati, Ram Nath Kovind, PM Narendra Modi and PMO, EAM Jaishankar and MEA and other important Ministers like Thawar Chand Gehlot, Ramdas Athawale, Som Parkash and even RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat, I believe, are aware of this proposal. We have been reminding, off and on, the MEA/PMO and other decision makers and stake holders on the proposal. But it is a matter of great dissatisfaction and regret that GOI has not responded to the proposal. PM Narendra Modi has done a lot and rightly so to honour the worthy son

of India as narrated above and 'We the people of India' are grateful for this. I take this opportunity to remind and urge PM Narendra Modi and the GOI to take the lead, as usual, and make a requisite demarche to the UN at the earliest to get April 14 declared as International Day of Equality at the forthcoming UNGA in September, 2021.

The time is of essence. This timely decision will facilitate and strengthen the prophecy made by MOS Ramdas Athawale as quoted in the preceding paragraphs- 'Union Minister Ramdas Athawale has termed PM Narendra Modi a "real Ambedkarite" and predicted his return to power in 2024.'

We would ignore Ambedkar at our own peril. Ambedkar and his legacy are bound to get stronger and stronger in the years to come. Let me close with a quote from Allama Iqbal: Uthaye Kuch Waraq Lale Ne, Kuch Nargis Ne, Kuch Gul Ne Chaman Mein Har Taraf Bikhri Huwi Hai Dastan Meri

Some leaves were picked up by the tulip, some by the narcissus, some by the rose

My story is scattered around everywhere in the garden

Urha Li Qumriyon Ne, Tootiyon Ne, Andleebon Ne

Chaman Walon Ne Mil Kar Loot Li Tarz-e-Faghan Meri

The turtle=doves, parrots, and nightingales pilfered away

The garden's denizens jointly robbed away my plaintive way

Post Script: -Unveiling of a Portrait of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and Dedication of the Ambedkar Room at Grays Inn :-

It is matter of great satisfaction that in London a portrait of Babasaheb has been displayed and a room at the Grays Inn has been named as Ambedkar Room just a couple of days ago. Speaking at the

occasion Lord Alton of Liverpool said: "It is remarkable, and highly instructive, just how frequently Dr.B.R. Ambedkar is still referred to during debates in both Houses of Parliament - not least when we have deliberated the rank discrimination still experienced by Dalits and Adivasis, or issues such as modern slavery and human trafficking, and the plight of persecuted minorities.

The story of Dr. Ambedkar's life represents a route out of enforced misery into to emancipation, justice, and equality.

The life of this extraordinary man continues to offer hope and encouragement to millions of downtrodden people, living on the periphery of society because of caste or stigmatization.

Gray's Inn's decision to dedicate a new portrait and room to his memory is a wonderful way of introducing him to generations yet to come and we should also take other opportunities - such as an annual conference, marking Dr.Ambedkar's birth anniversary, perhaps hosted by the All Party Parliamentary Group on Dalits - to explore the many facets of this wonderful man's heroic life."

It may not be out of place to mention that Amedkarites like Ms. Santosh Das, Arun Kumar and their associates under the aegis of Federation of Ambedkarite and Buddhist Associations (FABO) of UK played a proactive role in the project like Chetna Association of Canada in proclaiming April 14 as 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Day of Equality' in the city of Burnaby and Province of British Columbia in Canada.

I take this opportunity to greet and thank them for this wonderful work in according much deserved recognition to the world icon, Babasaheb Ambedkar. It may also be mentioned that earlier also FABO played an important role in converting the bulging into an Ambedkar Memorial in London where Babasaheb stayed as a student.

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Record-smashing temperatures in Canada and USA: a wake-up call

In the last week of June, an extreme heat wave has killed at least 600 people in Canada. Of those killed, 486 were from British Columbia alone. Most of the dead were elderly people living alone. Generally, the weather in British Columbia is not too hot but very pleasant during the summer months. The average temperature here is close to 20 to 25 degree Celsius, that is why people are not tolerant of heat. The weather is cold for most of the year, so people do not have air conditioning or ventilation in their homes. As a result, most people have died from suffocation in extreme heat. Some people have also died due to heat wave in the other Canadian states of Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Quebec. The exact number of deaths is not yet known. The sudden rise in temperature in Canada has alerted all the countries of the world that climate change will not come in the distant future but in the present they are facing adversity of climate change in the form of natural disasters. On June 29, Lytton, a small town in the Canadian province of British Columbia, had a record-smashing temperature of 49.6 degree Celsius. The town is located on 50 degree latitude north of the equator, while the temperature in Delhi, the capital of India, was 43 degree Celsius on the same day, which is located 28 degree latitude on the north of equator. In addition, Lytton's temperature has been higher than that of the southwestern states of the United States. The average June temperature in the town of Lytton hovered around 24-25 degree Celsius, but on June 29, 2021, it doubled, which is responsible for deaths.

Northwestern cities in Canada as well as the United States are experiencing heat waves these days. Portland and Seattle experienced record-smashing temperatures of 46 degree Celsius and 42 degree Celsius respectively. The northwestern cities of Canada and the United States, such as Vancouver, Surrey, Seattle, and Portland, typically have temperatures of 11 to 22 degree Celsius in summer, so their residents do not even need fans. All these cities are known for their pleasant weather. Eleven states in the northwestern United States have been hit by drought due to low rainfall and rising temperatures. Water is declining rapidly in reservoirs and the risk of wildfires due to drought is also increasing. With the rise of global warming, all kinds of natural disasters are on the rise. The Arctic circle region also experienced a record temperature of 48 degree Celsius in the last week of June. Thus, above-average temperatures in the northern region indicate an increasing influx of heat waves.

What is a 'heat wave'? In the plains, when the temperature crosses 40 degree Celsius or 5 to 6 degree Celsius above the average temperature, the winds blowing there are called 'heat waves' and if it rises above 6 or 7 degrees Celsius above the average temperature, they are

called 'severe heat waves'. When the temperature in coastal areas rises from 37 degree Celsius and in mountainous areas 30 degree Celsius by 5 degree Celsius, those areas are considered to be under the influence of heat waves. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, the arrival of heat waves in major US cities has been growing rapidly since the 1960s. In the 1960s, there were two heat waves every year, but in the 2010s the number increased to six. In recent years, the average heatwave in major urban areas has been about four days long. This is about a day longer than the average heatwave in the 1960s. The average heat wave season across the 50 major US cities is 47 days longer now than it was in the 1960s. According to a study by Stephen Leah, millions of people in the United States could experience



extreme heat in the next 20 years. The 'heat wave' of June 2021 has broken all the previous records. In many places the temperature during the heatwave is 10 to 20 degree Celsius higher than the average temperature.

Richard Bann, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center, has explained that the heatwave was caused by two pressure systems, one coming from the Aleutian Islands in Alaska and other from James Bay and Hudson Bay in Canada. Over the last few decades, temperatures in the western part of the Pacific Ocean have been rising faster than those in the eastern hemisphere, causing warmer winds to blow instead of cold air coming from the ocean toward the earth. According to the organization, such a situation does not occur often, it occurs only once in two or three decades.

An IPCC 2014 report made it clear that unless greenhouse gas emissions are rapidly reduced, no country in the world would be spared from the adverse effects of global warming in the near future. Climate change will gradually take over all the places in the world from small islands to large continents, and from poor to rich countries. The average temperature of the earth is now 1 degree Celsius higher than the Pre-Industrial Revolution Period. The years succeeding 2014 have been the warmest years. The year 2020 has

been the second warmest year so far despite the Corona pandemic and the La-Nina process as greenhouse gases already released into the atmosphere continue to heat it up.

According to the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), the temperatures in the upper 2000 meters of the ocean hit a record high in 2020. The five hottest years for the upper ocean have all occurred since 2015. About 90 per cent of the heat generated by human activities is absorbed by the oceans, which in turn increases ocean temperatures. Rising ocean water temperatures are affecting a variety of natural climatic processes, such as El-Nino, La-Nina, and ocean currents. Rising ocean water temperatures are increasing the number of cyclones and hurricanes and the depth of their impact. Rising temper-

atures are also affecting seafood systems, leading to a shortage of nutrients for marine animals. As a result, coastal areas are becoming more vulnerable to changing climate as well as ocean-related natural disasters, with sea levels rising rapidly as temperatures rise. As many as 237 million people in six countries (China, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, and India) on the Asian continent will be affected by floods each year by 2030, as many people in these countries live in coastal areas.

The issue of global warming has long been a topic of discussion at various international conferences, but developed countries have been slow to take it seriously because they thought that they will save their countries and people from the evils of the global warming with their money power, but now it is clear to them that measures will have to be taken to prevent it.

The Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States have expressed concern over the heat wave in Canada and the United States and called for precautionary measures. The rise in temperature is due to the emission of greenhouse gases, mainly from use of coal and oil. That is why all the countries of the world need to generate energy from natural sources like wind, water, and sun without wasting time so that the emission of greenhouse gases can be reduced rapidly.

Public transport systems should be made as efficient as in European countries. New brands of cars should be replaced by public transport (trains, trams, and buses). Forest cover should be increased rapidly. Every country

should refrain from cutting down dense forests and planting commercial crops in the name of economic development because commercial crops sometimes do not match the natural resources such as availability of wind and water of the region. Secondly, they cannot absorb as much greenhouse gases as trees do. Even when planting forests or trees, only local varieties of trees of the area should be planted as they are suitable for conserving the natural resources of the area and not any tree should be planted under any kind of commercial calculations. In the state of California in the United States, Eucalyptus trees are planted all over the places although these trees are suitable for swampy areas, not drought-prone areas. One of the reasons responsible for drought conditions in the California state of the United States is the planting of Eucalyptus trees in place of trees suitable to the local climatic conditions.

We must also change our living, eating, and drinking habits to control the rise in temperature. The animals we raise to eat meat are warming the environment by releasing carbon dioxide as well as other greenhouse gases like methane. There is also a growing trend among people to keep pets (dogs, cats) which is an unnatural phenomenon. In addition to releasing carbon dioxide and methane gases, these pets are also unbalancing the natural food chains and environmental management. To avoid the adverse effects of heat waves, we need to build homes, and buildings of offices and other workplaces in such a way that they require minimal energy to keep them cool and warm.

Newly built large numbers of buildings with exterior walls made of glass need air conditioning and hot air to keep them cool and warm, which play an important role in raising the temperature. Leaders and young people of all the countries need to be guided by this 'heat wave' in Canada and the United States and the sudden deaths caused by this 'heat wave' in which the elderly were among the dead. Leaders of all the countries should make such plans for the reduction of greenhouse gases at the Parties Conference — 26 in Glasgow and implement them so seriously that they can really control the rising temperature. Young people should also rise above the blind race of crass individualism and acute materialism and not leave the old parents to the mercy of nature.



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My Struggle in Life

Bhagat Singh



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Milling crowds of persons led by Lajpat Rai and Madan Mohan

Malviya had collected outside the Lahore Railway Station, waiting for the arrival of the Simon Commission. Our group was led by the veteran leader Baba Kharak Singh. As the members of the commission emerged from the railway station, repeated shouts of "Simon, go back" rent the air. The members of the commission were smiling as they sped in their cars.

Lajpat Rai was in the forefront of the huge crowds while Madan Mohan Malviya was somewhat behind. There was commotion in the frontlines, and it soon spread all over. Malviya was seen rushing toward the place where Lajpat Rai was. A word went round that Lajpat Rai had been given lathi (big stick) blows by the deputy inspector general of police Scott. After some scuffle and argument, the crowds started dispersing as desired by the leaders, shouting, "Simon, go back."

In the evening, a protest meeting, which was attended by me also, was held outside the Mori Gate. Lajpat Rai spoke with vehemence. Turning to the pressmen and the plainclothed C.I.D. (Criminal Investigative Department) people, he asked them to take down and said, "Every lathi blow hurled at me is a nail in the coffin of the British empire." Dr. Gopi Chand Bhargava, who had also received some blows at the hands of the police, was equally forthright in condemning the incident. After about three weeks, Lajpat Rai died. It was said his death was due to the injuries caused by the lathi blows.

One afternoon, senior superintendent of police, Saunders, was shot dead as he came out of the office situated just opposite the DAV College. It was generally believed that he was mistaken for Scott who had assaulted Lajpat Rai. His two bodyguards, constables Chanan Singh and another, who chased the killers, were also shot dead near the gate of the college as they did not heed the warning to get away for their lives. The assailants escaped through the college hostel's back

door. We, the boarders of the hostel, were kept awake almost throughout the night when every article of each of us was searched by the police. No incriminating article or material was, however, recovered.

Then came the throwing of a bomb in the Central Assembly Hall while the assembly was in session. Next morning, the newspapers gave the names of the persons who were responsible for throwing the bomb as Bhagat Singh and Batu Keswar Dutt. Their photos also appeared in the pro-government local daily newspaper—Civil and Military Gazette. As these two young men threw the bomb, they shouted the revolutionary slogans, "Long live, revolution," "Down with British Imperialism." There was unprecedented running helter-skelter by the persons in the hall. But the bomb was not aimed at causing any physical harm to anybody; it was meant to be only a warning to the alien rulers to quit the country as the two young men asserted. They did not try to run away, which they could have easily done; rather, they voluntarily offered themselves for arrest. With this occurrence, Bhagat Singh shot into prominence and became a symbol of national aspirations.

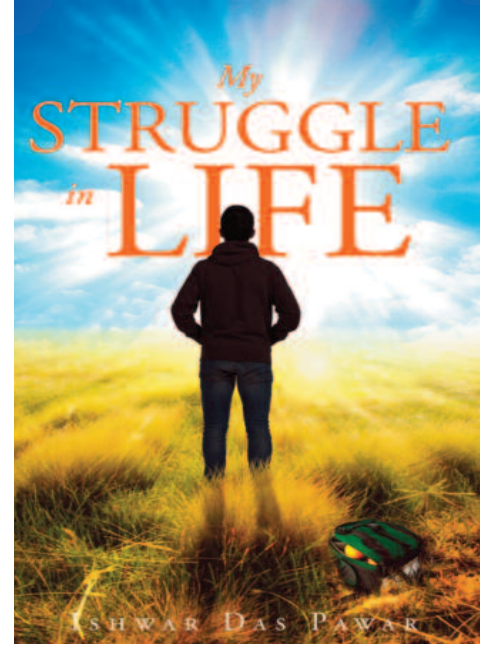
The investigation of the case led to the unearthing of the so-far unsolved mystery of the killing of Saunders and consequently, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev were arrested in that case and were eventually put on trial for the murder. Bhagat Singh had emerged as a national hero, and his name became a household word throughout the country. The trial created a great sensation, and all the newspapers gave large coverage, column after column, to the reporting of the court proceedings of the case, and the eagerly awaiting public read the proceedings with gusto, so to say. Everybody was anxious to have a glimpse of Bhagat Singh, and so was I. The trial was held in the Borstal jail adjoining the central jail before the special magistrate,

Sri Krishan, brought for the purpose from the North-West Frontier Province. Only a few visitors, about ten in number, were allowed daily to watch the trial, and this too was on a selective

basis. One winter morning, I was also allowed to witness the trial. It was in fact the fulfilment of the long-cherished desire to see Bhagat Singh and his associates. Bhagat Singh was clean shaven except that he wore a well-trimmed moustache. He donned a cap and khadi (home spun cotton) clothes. He has indeed a charming personality. Before the trial proceedings would begin, Bhagat Singh and his co-accused used to sing in chorus a song composed by Ram Prasad Bismal, who was also a great revolutionary and had died on the gallows.

The refrain of the song was Sar faroshi ki tamanna ab hamare dil men hai, dekhna hai zor kitna bazu-e qatil men hai. (Now all that we wish is to sacrifice our lives for the sake of the motherland; let us see how much strength and capacity the cruel hands of the killers have.) It was a soul-stirring song.

After a protracted and dramatic trial before a special tribunal, which had seen several eventful phases, the three revolutionaries Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev—were sentenced to death. Frantic efforts were made by the people all over the country as well as by national leaders including Mahatma Gandhi to save their lives. At one stage, great hopes were raised that death sentences would be commuted into sentences to transportation for life. In spite of all the efforts the three young men were hanged in the Lahore Central Jail in the evening and their bodies were taken away stealthily. The news of the hanging spread throughout the city like a wildfire. In no time, large crowds of people collected outside the Shah-e-Almi Gate and were shouting, "March to the central jail." The mother of Bhagat Singh, father Sardar Kishan Singh, and sister Bibi Amar Kaur were moving about in a car among the crowds, pacifying the agitated and angry mob. In those days, I was also putting up in Parimahal inside the Shah-e-Almi Gate where the offices of the All India Congress and the Yuvak Sewak Dal were situated. How many people went without evening meals, and how many without sleep for the night! People were weeping bitterly—their hero was no more. The bodies were stealthily taken to Hussainiwala on the other side of the



bank of river Satluj and hurriedly half cremated there.

Now samadhis (tombstones) of the great patriots stand on the site. The grateful nation remembers them by holding a fair there every year on the day they kissed the hangman's noose—the 23 March 1931. They made the supreme sacrifice to break the shackles of the motherland. This is the only way we pay our homage to them:

Shahidon Ki Chitaon par la-geenge har baras mele, Watan par mitne walon ka yihi baqi nishan hoga. (Big fairs shall be held every year on the grounds sanctified by the cremations of the martyrs, and this alone shall be the memorial signifying the commemoration of the memory of the brave sons who had laid down their lives in the service of the motherland.)

A young man used to come for days together and stand against a wall near the place where Saunders was shot dead just opposite the office gate of the DAV College with a cloth bag hung over his shoulders.

He would sing:
Bharat Mata Pukardi Bhagat Singh Pi-yaria, Piwange tera khun we phansi to charhan walia.

(O, beloved Bhagat Singh, Mother India is lamenting aloud in anguish and grimly vows to take bloody revenge on those who sent you to the gallows.)

On hearing him sing in a voice full of melody and pathos, students of the college and the passersby would collect round about and hear him sing in so touching a manner that tears would well up in their eyes.

Those were the sensational days of great sufferings and sacrifices, and all this at the altar of Bharat-Mata (Mother India).

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Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg celebrates Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg's 36th anniversary



Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg (California) Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg's 36th anniversary was celebrated on last Sunday, June 27, 2021 with great enthusiasm. Three days Akhand Path Sewa concluded with Bhog ceremony on Sunday June 27, 2021. Path and langar Sewa was hosted by Sangat and Sewadars. Sangat had prayed for a Gurdwara in Pittsburg area and Baba Ji blessed Sangat with such a beautiful Guru Ka Mahal. Bhai Dhanwant Singh Malhi and family did the Nishan Sahib Sewa on June 26, 2021, Saturday morning. "Panth De MahaanKirtaniye",

Sant Anoop Singh Ji Una Sahib Wale mesmerized Sangat with his RuhaniShabad Kirtan on this occasion. Gurughar's Ragi Jatha of Giani Ompal Singh Ji & Giani Gurnam Singh Ji started the program with Guru Ki Ardass and then onwards Sant Anoop Singh Ji captivated Sangat for two hours with his unparalleled recitations of GURU KI BAANI. Sangat is now looking forward to Sant Anoop Singh Ji's next visit.

Sangat and managing Committee appreciate Sant Anoop Singh Ji and his Jatha for coming to Gurughar to spread and preach Guru

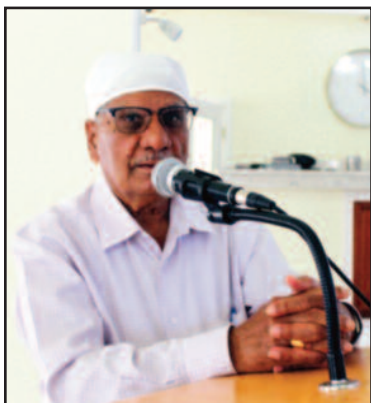
Sahib's message meaningfully.

General Secretary Dharam Pal Chonkria, founding member O.P. Balle, former Chairman / President Ramesh Suman, Advisor Shashi Paul, Dr. Harmesh and Prem K. Chumber welcomed and congratulated Sangat on Gurughar's anniversary. We are thankful to Prem Kumar Chumber Editor-In-Chief of "Desh Doaba" & "Ambedkar Times", and from Ajit Jalandhar Ashok S. Bhaura and Ricky Pal from Pal Films for coverage of this historical event.

This was the first large event in the Gurughar after more than a

year because of COVID-19 pandemic. Over a thousand devotees came to attend the function and get Guru Sahib's blessings. After a long time the Darbar Hall full again. The managing committee especially Jagtar Bhatia Chairman and Shinder Paul Narabat President were thankful to Sangat for their help and contribution. May Guru Maharaj bless his Sangat with peace, love and good health.

Ramesh Suman
Former Chairman / President:
Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg (CA)



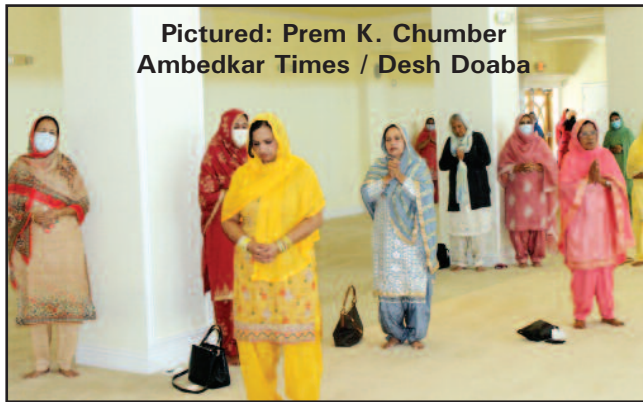
Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg celebrates Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg's 36th anniversary



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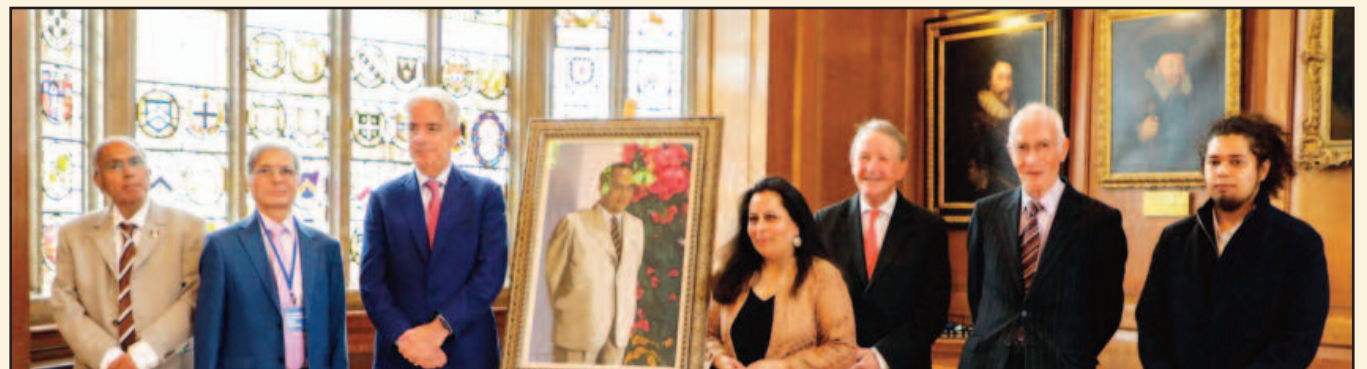
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36TH ANNIVERSARY SRI GURU RAVIDASS, TEMPLE, PITTSBURG (CA)

Supreme Council, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, California congratulates Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Pittsburg and the entire Sangat for celebrating 36th Anniversary of its establishment with great dedication and enthusiasm on June,27,2021 (Sunday) with recitation of 3 days Akhand Path Sewa. Pittsburg Guru Ghar is the first Guru Ghar established in North America which is a matter of pride and a badge of honor for the followers of Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj and it was possible with the sublime vision and sustained efforts of our pioneers who, inspite of their meager resources, left no stone unturned to see their dream come true on June 2, 1985.

Unfortunately most of our founding members are no more with us but their spirit and memories will remain deeply embedded in the hearts and

souls of the entire Sangat to carry their legacy to future generations.

HUMBLE MESSAGE FOR ALL: - It is our social and moral obligation to keep our children, who are our future guardians and saviors, attached to of our social and cultural heritage by insulating them from the influence of possible social pitfalls.

We also appreciate the services of Mr. Prem Chumber, Chief Editor "Desh Doaba" and "Ambedkar Time" who ran the entire program live on Facebook for the Sangat to watch.

Thanks to the entire Sangat

O.P. Balley

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