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COMMISSIONER LAHORI RAM'S FIFTH BARSII

"Time is not measured by the years that you live but by the deeds that you do and the joy that you give."



Report & pictures by Prem K. Chumber (www.ambedkartimes.com)

On January 12, 2014 the Ram Family hosted a religious function celebrating the life of Late Commissioner Lahori Ram Ji. The Ram family hosted

the Akhand Path at the Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in Pittsburg, CA. The function commemorated the fifth anniversary of the passing of Mr. La-

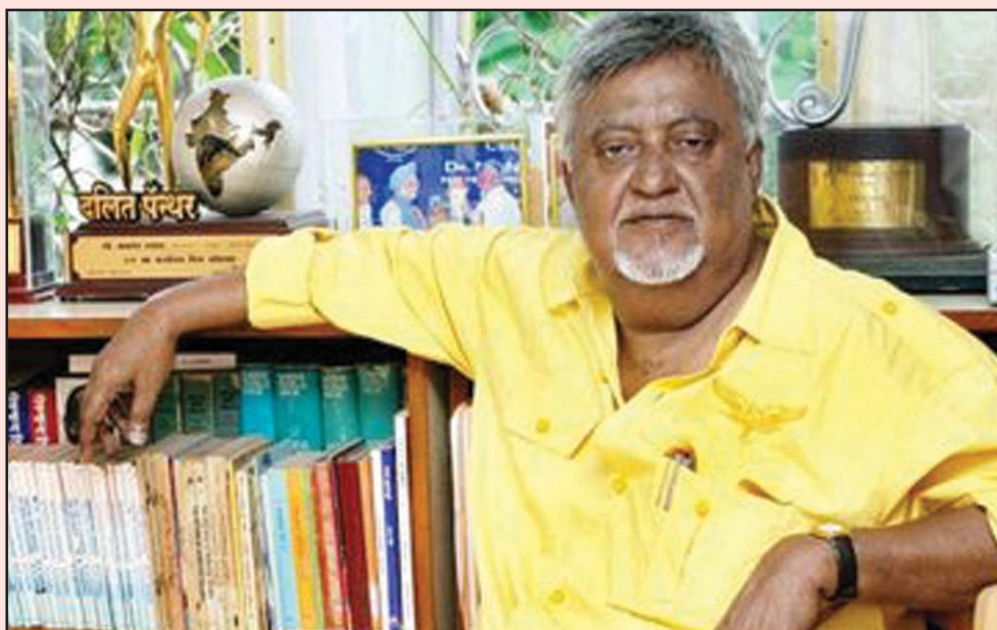
hori Ram Ji. Around 1000 friends, family and well-wishers attended the memorial. People traveled from all over United States to attend the func-

tion. Many people came from outside United State to pay homage to their dear friend and empathize with the family. (Contd.. on next page)

Namdeo Laxman Dhasal, Dalit poet and author no more

MUMBAI— NamdeoLaxmanDhasal, Dalit poet and author, ideologue and founder of the Dalit Panthers Party,

ple to pay their last respects to the departed leader. The funeral will be held at Dadar crematorium Thursday after-



died in a hospital early Wednesday after a prolonged illness, an aide said. He was 64 and is survived by his wife Malika Sheikh and a son. He breathed his last around 4 a.m. Wednesday at Bombay Hospital after a long battle with cancer.

Dhasal's body will be kept in Mumbai's Ambedkar College for peo-

noon, according to the aide.

His famous works include: 'Golpitha' the first volume of poems published in 1973, followed by 'Moorkh Mhataryane', 'Tujhulyat-taKanchi', 'Khel', 'Priyadarshini' (based on former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, two novels 'AndhaleShatak' and 'AmbedkariChalwal.'Source: IANS

Mayawati's "Savdhan Vishal Maharally"

Lucknow: Mayawati used her birthday speech to inform a massive crowd of supporters on the outskirts of Lucknow today that the Bahujan Samaj Party will contest the Lok Sabha elections alone this year.

The BSP chief was addressing what her party called the "Savdhan Vishal Maharally" dressed in a pink salwarkameez, brown jacket and her trademark diamond earrings. She turned 58 today.

U t t a r Pradesh elects 80 parliamentarians, more than any other state. 21 of them are currently from the BSP, which provides external support to the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre.

The BSP chief said it was imperative that the BSP send the maximum number of legislators to the Lok Sabha this year. She ruled out partnerships with the Congress or the BJP and accused those par-

ties of plotting with the Samajwadi Party, which rules UP, to keep her, a Dalit woman, from rising. And exhorted her supporters to devise counter strategies to ensure those



plans did not succeed. "We have to unite all Dalits throughout the country. Then we have to get on board Muslims and upper castes. The BSP's policy has to be 'Bhaichara' (brotherhood)," she said. The crowd roared in approval....

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Many dignitaries who were part of this function deeply praised the work Mr. Ram accomplished in his lifetime. Among them the prominent were: US Congressman Jerry McNerney from the 9th Congressional District, US Congressman Eric Swalwell from the 15th Congressional District, California State Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, California State Senator Jerry Hill from District 13, California State Assemblyman from the 7th District Roger Dickinson, San Jose City Councilman Ash Kalra, Fremont City Councilman Raj Salwan, and Canada Member of Parliament Jinny Sims from Newton-North Delta, British Columbia.

Congressman Jerry McNerney spoke about Mr. Lahori Ram's contribution to the American political system. He said we need more Indian Americans to be active in US politics. State Senator Jerry Hill, who represents the district where the Ram family live, thanked the family for allowing all community members an opportunity to get together and remember the contributions of their Father. He said, "Lahori Ram was a

self made man and a role model for all." Senator Hill presented Jagdev and Ajaipaul a Certificate of Recognition to honor the Fifth Memorial. Assemblyman Roger Dickinson said that he couldn't believe five years had already passed since he lost his friend. He mentioned that the Ram Family along with the Indus Valley Chamber of Commerce host a Picnic every year in his district in Elk Grove, CA which he never misses.

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones said that even though he never met Mr. Ram he feels like he knows him very well through his interaction with the Ram Family. He said the Family is a gift for the community. Councilman Raj Salwan and Councilman Ash Kalra both said that they owe their political success to the hard work of early pioneers like Lahori Ram.

Canada MP Jinny Sims said it was an honor for her to attend the Fifth Memorial. She said that she had heard so much about him and now she feels like she is very close to him.

Mrs. Sims spoke about the

importance of leaving the things that divide the Indian community back in India and make every effort to assimilate in the country where we now live. She said we all need to be a part of the mainstream society and political system.

From amongst the large gathering of the prominent Indians settled in the US many a spoke about the life and accomplishments of Mr. Lahori Ram Ji. A young high school student, Manisha Rattu, told the congregation about a school report she wrote on Lahori Ram for her AP Word class in high school. Harpreet Sandhu, an active political community member, spoke about Lahori Ram's contribution. Dashwinder Pal spoke about Lahori Ram's sacrifice in establishing the Pittsburg Temple.

He said that without the Ram Family's contribution the Temple would not be in existence. Dr. Harmesh Kumar also attested to Dashwinder Pal's statements and added that he is relative of the Ram family.

Murali Krishnamurthy from the Sankara Eye Foundation spoke

about the Ram family's contribution to the foundation. Abu Bakr Mojadidi from the Afghan community spoke about the need of minority communities to unite. Jerome Pandell, Treasurer of the Contra Costa Young Democrats, said he was thrilled about coming to the Temple for the first time.

Jagdev, Ajaipaul and Jagdish Kaur Ram thanked everyone for helping out in the three-day service and especially thanked the community and elected officials for their encouragement and support. They appreciated the great things said about their Father and hope to continue the work their Father started.

Shabad Kirtan was performed by Bhai Harjinder Singh Ji, head priest of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg Rasia and Surjeet Singh's Jatha from San Jose. Most of the local Bay Area Sikh Temples sent their representatives to the memorial. Committee members from Fremont, Yuba City, Sacramento, Rio Linda, Fresno, Bakersfield, San Jose, Hayward, Modesto, Livingston and El Sobrante were all present.

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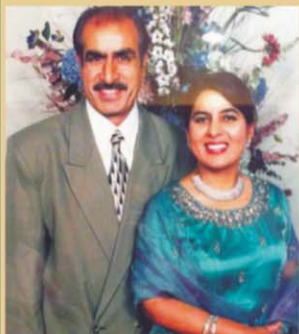
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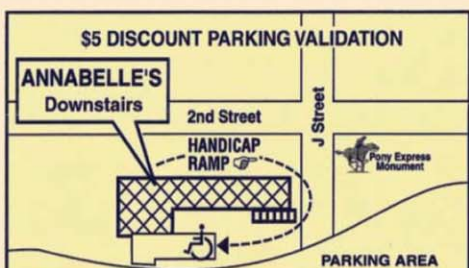


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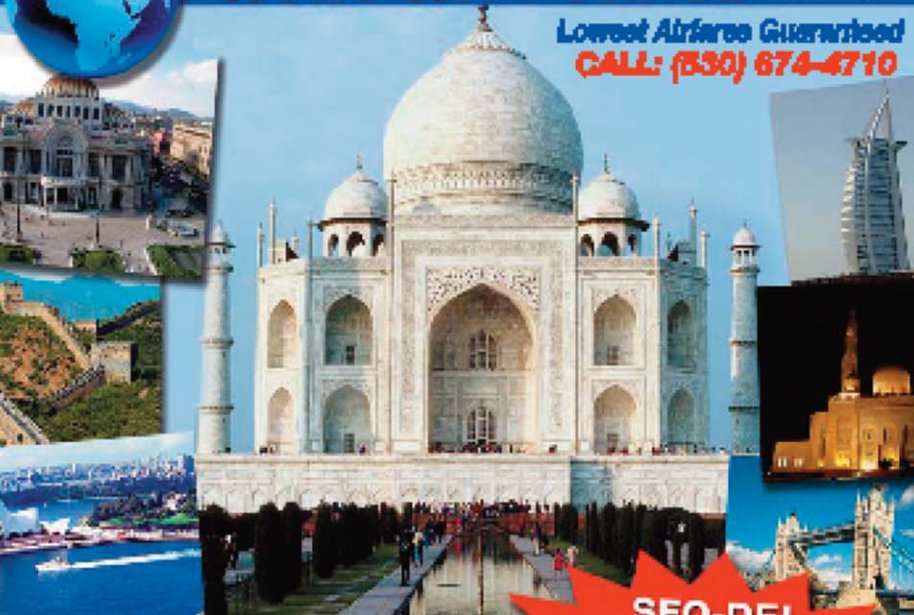
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