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Dalits should not trust Hindus :  
Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Thus Spake Ambedkar

### Dalits don't trust Hindus: Never be deceived by promises

New I am sure that the leaders have neglected the cause of the Depressed Class. The State Congress was started on the principles of nationalism and now it has become an institution of communalism. Communal spirit is now working among the leaders. In every public speech, statement or article, the leaders mention only these four major communities, while they have no thought on us. I fear, if this is the case of the leaders of the political agitation of Travancore, the situation of Depressed Class will be more deplorable when the Responsible Government is achieved, for the entire possession of the Government will be then within the clutches of the above mentioned communities and the Depressed Classes' rights and privileges will be devoured by the former. In the meetings of the working committee of the State Congress 2/3 of the time had devoted in discussion concerning the strike of the Alleppey Coir Factories, but nothing was mentioned in the meeting about the Harijan workers who are undergoing manifold difficulties. The workers in Factories are savarnnas and the agitation for obtaining Responsible government is a kind of anti Harijan movement. The motive of every leader of the State Congress is to improve the situation (circumstance) of the savarna. The leaders of the major communities have some mercenary attitude who are going to sacrifice the Depressed Class for their progress.

These are the conditions of the Depressed Class of the State. What are the ways by which we have to establish our rights in the State? I humbly request you to be good enough to render me your advice at this occasion. I am awaiting for the reply.

Excuse me for the trouble  
your's faithfully,

Srinarayanaswami."

If the plan of Temple Entry is ultimately to deprive the Untouchables of their statutory rights then the movement is not only not spiritual but it is positively mischievous and it would be the duty of all honest people to warn the Untouchables, "Beware of Gandhi."

**A warning to the Untouchables (Chapter 26):** Revolt and rebellion against the Established order is a natural part of the history of the poor in all countries of the world. A student of their history cannot but be struck by the thought entertained by them, of the way victory would come. In the theological age,

the poor lived by the hope that spiritual forces would ultimately make the meek inherit the earth. In the secular age, otherwise called modern times, the poor live by the hope that the forces of historical materialism will automatically rob the strong of their strength and make the weak take their place.

**In the light of this psychology, when one begins to think of the Untouchables in their role of rebels against the Hindu Social Order one feels like congratulating them on their realization that neither spiritual forces nor historical forces are going to bring the millennium. They know full well that if the Hindu social Order is to fall to the ground, it can happen only under two conditions. Firstly, the social order must be subjected to constant fire. Secondly, they can't subject it to constant fire unless they are independent of the Hindus in thought and in action. That is why the Untouchables are insistent upon separate electorates and separate settlements.**

The Hindus on the other hand are telling the Untouchables to depend upon the Hindus for their emancipation. The Untouchables are told that the general spread of education will make the Hindus act in a rational manner. The Untouchables are told that the constant preaching of reformers against Untouchability is bound to bring about a moral transformation of the Hindus and the quickening of his conscience. The Untouchables should therefore rely on the goodwill and sense of duty of the Hindus. No Untouchable believes in this facile proposition. If there are any who do, they are hypocrites who are prepared to agree to whatever the Hindus have to say in order that by their grace they may be put in places reserved for the Untouchables. They are a predatory band of Untouchables who are out to feather their nests by any means open to them.

The Untouchables are not deceived by such false propaganda and false hopes. It is therefore unnecessary to comment on it. At the same time, the propaganda is so alluring that it may mislead the unwary Untouchables into being ensnared by it. A warning to the Untouchables is therefore necessary. Two agencies are generally relied upon by the social idealists for producing social justice. One is reason, the other is religion.

The rationalist who uphold the mission of reason believe that injustice could be eliminated by the increasing power of intelligence. *(To be continued)*

*Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings & Speeches, Vol. 5, (pages 394-397) 1989. Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay. The book may be had from Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Netaji Subhash Road, Bombay - 400 004.*

## Fiasco of Nagpur DV readers meet : Reservationwalas cheat their Father & forget own community

The very first all-India meeting of our readers in the 18-year-old history of *Dalit Voice* at Nagpur on April 12 1998, that too to meet the celebrated Black historian, Runoko Rashidi, our American representative, turned out to be a big disappointment. And as the health of DV reflects the health of India and its *Persecuted Nationalities*, the Nagpur disaster sums up the state of India's Dalit-Bahujans.

**How can we build any movement for social change believing the "educated", employed Dalits of India? We knew this and we had said it many times. But the Nagpur fiasco reaffirmed our conclusions.**

The great intellectual giant, who came with such high hopes to India, went back to America disappointed on seeing the slaves of India enjoying their slavery. What a shame to the children of Babasaheb Ambedkar and their organ *Dalit Voice*. Our words may be harsh but these are facts. Hardly 200 attendance is a shame. It is better we wind up DV and say goodbye. And after publishing DV for 18 long years if this is the response we get, it only means that we have been talking to the wall.

**Shame upon Naga race:** Though the details of the April 12 meeting, hailed as a historic event, were announced three times in DV the turnout was poor. Though DV readers from all parts of India came - barring Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Kashmir and Bengal - spending their own money - Nagpur readers in particular and Vidarbha in general simply ignored our call. And it is in this region we have one of the highest circulation. There were hardly about 50 DV readers from Nagpur. Shame. Shame upon the Naga people of Nagpur once the kingdom of the great Naga race. Our readers write saying that DV is the only journal of the country that voices the anguished feelings of the oppressed Bahujans. If they have been sincere in saying this, they should have come in full strength, especially the Vidarbha Dalits and particularly those in Nagpur. But they did not.

**Black blood relations:** And the person they are

expected to meet and hear at Nagpur was not an ordinary one. And DV had hinted what Runoko Rashidi was expected to speak and its historic significance and relevance to the Indian Untouchables. The Black Untouchables of India and the Blacks of America had a common origin and the way the Blacks in US fought back the White American oppressors and got rid of their slavery had many lessons for us. We thought our readers would throng Nagpur to hear Rashidi. But it was a disaster. Our family members have let us down.

And Rashidi has carried the message that India's Untouchables are a pack of sheep, pigs, lambs, goats and cows - too willing to be slaughtered by the fair-skinned Aryan racists. Only tame animals are slaughtered in *yagnas* and *yagas*. Ferocious animals like the tiger, lion, bison can't be even caught, let alone slaughtering them. American Blacks are lions, tigers. Rashidi himself is a ferocious lion who can finish three white racists at a time. DV wanted to produce lions but alas we ended up producing only pigs and cows.

DV readers came from far Southern states like Kerala (Dalit Panthers Kerala chief Ambujakshah). All other states were represented barring the five states. DV family members from these five states must explain reasons for their unpardonable behaviour.

The indifference of the Maharashtra Dalits and those of Nagpur in particular to our first ever meeting of DV readers prove the state of the health of Maharashtra Dalits who are a house divided.

**Ezhilmalai disappointed:** Dalit Ezhilmalai, the newly-appointed Union Health Minister, flew from Madras via Bombay to inaugurate the meeting. He came exactly at 10.30 am, the appointed time for the inaugural function, and on seeing the empty hall went back to meet Venerable Surai Sasai, the Japanese Buddhist monk. He came around 12.45 p.m. when the hall had some respectable audience.

The Editor flew all the way from Bangalore via Bombay. Raju Thomas, who delivered the key

note speech, came from Madras. Runoko Rashidi came from America via Patna, Ranchi etc. along with his host, Budh Sharan Hans from Patna. Nagesh Chaudhury, the host, took so much of trouble. Thousands of rupees were spent. So much of time and energy went into organising the function. We received many phones and letters congratulating us for organising such a meeting and hailing our efforts.

**"Educated" Dalits:** But with all this fanfare and publicity in DV, the final outcome was frustrating.

**If the health of DV fully of reflects the health of India's Dalit movement, we are then forced to come to the conclusion that India's "educated", employed Dalits, who are DV readers, are not a healthy lot. They have no sincerity, no dedication, no commitment, no concern. They are a selfish, corrupted and co-opted lot. Hinduised. Not only slaves but slaves enjoying their slavery.**

Ezhilmalai bluntly and rightly said this in his inaugural speech. "Educated Dalits have failed the community. *Dalit Voice* is your only voice in the country but you have failed", the Minister said reminding his tiny audience that this exactly was the final opinion of Babasaheb also expressed at the fag end of his life.

**Babasaheb's final verdict:** The April 12 meeting fully proved the truth of Babasaheb's final verdict. Scores of our readers wrote to us, phoned us wanting to hear Black leaders and read revolutionary Black literature. When at that opportune moment, Rashidi wrote that he was coming to India we thought that there would be a beeline to meet him and hear him.

**Exhibition of Black books:** We also organised an exhibition of all Black books in our library at Nagpur, to take which Rajju Thomas came all the way from Madras to Bangalore and like a flower took it to Nagpur. Our readers wanted photo copies of these books. But except one Tribal (Gond) reader from Nagpur none wanted the photo copy. What a disappointment.

We thought these revolutionary Black books and the presence of a distinguished Black scholar would attract hundreds of our readers.

**But we are sorry to note that our readers chose to sleep taking advantage of the 11-day holidays in a row. With such a set of readers what is the use of running this journal? Who can say that DV readers are committed, dedicated missionaries? A sleeping person can be**

**woken up but it is not possible to wake up a person pretending to sleep.**

Our readers are pretending to sleep. How to believe their superlative words of praise to DV?

**Dalits don't get angry:** Rashidi himself was disappointed. He had prepared a marathon speech lasting one hour. And yet he spoke with full of vigour. Rashidi is an angry man like many other Blacks in US. But look at our people. Not only they have no anger. Even if they are bitten or stabbed they won't cry.

**Only a person having energy in the body gets angry. Old people, sick people and weaklings do not get angry. Dalits of India have become sick, old and weak. There may be exceptions to this rule but exceptions only go to prove the rule.**

With about 50 years of spoon-feeding, these *reservationwallas* have turned into permanent beggars. They are lifeless. Dead. A log of wood does not get angry.

**Even when Rashidi wept in pain over the plight of India's slaves, those in the Kamgar Bhavan Hall did not show any visible signs of shock. Thousands of years of slavery, plus 50 years of spoon-feeding have made them enjoy their slavery.**

The speech delivered by Rashidi will be reported separately. The speech was taped and its full text will be reproduced in DV later.

Rashidi is planning to bring a team of ten US Black scholars for a tour of India. But his latest experience of meeting such a pack of dumb-driven cattle, which is silently and willingly going to the slaughter-house and offering its head to the butcher with a smile on the face, has given a shock of his life to Rashidi.

**Indian disease diagnosed:** India, he said, had the world's single largest Black Untouchables, suffering the worst form of slavery and servitude. The American Blacks are aware of their slavery and they are fighting back. But India's slaves are not even aware of their slavery.

How can the victim of a deadly disease cure himself unless he becomes aware of the disease? The Indian brand of slavery has been not only diagnosed by its most eminent doctor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, but the same Doctor after diagnosing the disease has himself manufactured the medicine also in the 15 Volumes of his published books. But, alas, the victims of this disease have not bothered to use the medicine

because they are not even aware of their own disease.

Has anybody heard of such a wonderful set of slaves anywhere in the world?

**Male domination:** Rashidi expressed shock that in the whole audience there were only two women. People coming from long distance might be excused for not bringing their women. But what happened to the Nagpurwalas and the Chandrapur and other neighbouring places? Why only men came? No explanation.

**Does it not provide one more proof that even Dalits are anti-women and the Dalit movement is also male-dominated like the Hindus?**

If this is so, does it not also prove that the Dalits have become anti-women, docile and lifeless because of the speedy *hinduisation* of Dalits?

Rashidi also warned the gathering that none could liberate the Dalits. The liberation of Dalits have to be done by Dalits themselves. They have to fight and die for their liberation. But what about our *reservationwalas*? They want everything to be done by others. They have forgotten 97% of the village-dwelling Dalits and have become extremely selfish and self-centred.

**Dalits cheat their Father:** All these are serious issues which need our serious thought.

We have written this provocative leader by not hiding our disappointment because we wanted to provoke our readers who consider DV not as a mere journal but a movement and we are all part of a vast family world-wide. Hence we have taken this liberty to speak out. Our words have to be accepted in that right spirit. Unlike the Aryan Hindus, who never speak out the truth, we can't afford to hide the truth.

The Nagpur fiasco is a commentary on the *Dalit Voice* itself. No excuse can be given by anybody for his or her failure. This calls for a serious heart-searching. Something is seriously wrong with us because we have cheated our Father, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Yes. We are guilty. And that is how the Nagpur meeting met with a disaster.

**Muslim failure:** Yet another serious lapse. The announcement made in DV inviting all our readers to the April 12 meeting was meant for all our readers including our Muslim, Christian, Sikh readers who are our blood relations. But barring Dalits and a couple of Tribals there was none from these three sections - barring Patrick

of the Dalit Sahitya Akademy, a Dalit Christian, who came all the way from Bangalore.

What does it mean? It means Muslims, Christians and Sikh readers must have thought the meeting called by the Editor was exclusively for Dalits and the presence of a Black historian confirmed that only Dalit problems would be discussed. The Muslims thought as the "Muslim problem" would not be discussed, there was no need for their presence.

This means the wall of suspicion built by the Aryans keeping the Dalits, Muslims etc. divided, compartmentalising the different sections, could not be demolished by DV. Even after reading DV for so many years our readers still cultivated this compartmentalised mind.

**The "Muslim problem" is essentially a human problem. So too Dalit problem and Sikh problem. Pain and persecution are human problem. That is why DV takes up all problems of pain and persecution. That is how it has become the organ of the entire Bahujan Samaj (85%). But our Muslim readers are not interested in understanding the Dalit problem and vice-versa.**

If after 18 years of our hard work we are not able to demolish this wall of suspicion, what is the use of publishing this journal? Better stop it? Just imagine the amount of pain such an awful thought has given us.

## Runoko Rashidi visits Bihar & Kerala

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Runoko Rashidi, the celebrated Black historian and the American representative of *Dalit Voice*, arrived in Delhi on March 31 and was received at the airport by our Editor, V.T. Rajshekar.

After having a meeting with the newly appointed Union Health Minister, Dalit Ezhimalai, the Editor took him to Patna where he was received by Budha Sharan Hansa of the Dr. Ambedkar Mission, Patna.

Rashidi visited Jehanabad district, Both Gaya, and other places to study upper caste atrocities on Dalits. Dr. Eliaz Ali, president, Backward Muslim Morcha, took him to some Patna slums where Dalit converts to Islam are working even now as sweepers and scavengers.

After having a meeting with Dalit, BC and Muslim intellectuals at Patna, Rashidi was taken to Ajanta and Ellora caves; near Aurangabad, on his way to Nagpur where he met *Dalit Voice* readers from all over India convened by our Editor. Rashidi later went to Kerala on a 3-day tour.

# In search of Nirvana: India turns into world's laziest country

## OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** India came to a standstill for 11 consecutive days from April 8, 1998. ("The Holiday Mania", Hindu, April 15, 1998)

It may be shocking to outsiders. But not so to Indians - rather the ruling class to be precise. Because the rulers, comprising our upper castes, love holidays. And they want more holidays.

Already 300 out of the 365 days in a year are holidays for these rulers. In DV, we had a story to this effect.

And there is a clamour, a unanimous demand, for more holidays. And when the rulers want something in which they have the heart, who can stop them from grabbing it?

That means soon India will have more holidays added to the already 300 days of no work but all play.

**No work, more food:** That doesn't mean it is holiday for all Indians. Not at all. All Indians cannot have this luxury - this precious privilege.

The over 85% of the Bahujan slaves have no holiday. If they take a holiday, on that day they will have no food.

No work, no food. This rule applies only to the slaves. To the rest, no work actually means more food.

Agricultural labourers, daily wage earners, petty-shop keepers, railway and bus stand porters, beedi workers, artisans and such other labourers can earn their food only if they work. And on a holiday, there is no activity and no activity means no earning.

**Meritless idiots:** But the upper caste rulers describe these hard-working over 85% of the Bahujans as "meritless idiots".

Merit, they say, is the monopoly of

only upper castes (*Merit - My Foot*, Dait Sahitya Akademy, 1996).

These Bahujans have no holidays. Rather, they dread holidays.

This holiday mania is the exclusive monopoly of the rulers who lately manipulate a string of holidays by clubbing their "Hindu festivals" to those holidays belonging to Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains etc. Astrologers who fix the Hindu calendar assist Hindu holiday-seekers and that is how in the past couple of years holidays came in a chain.

By adding Saturdays and Sundays to such holidays, they manage to have a minimum of week's holiday. Such a string of holidays lasting a week each come at least thrice a year. May be more.

How can the world's second largest populated country afford to have 11 days continuous holidays? Yes, it can.

Because it is the pleasure of the rulers to grant holidays and can any one question the rulers?

**Laws of Manu:** The slaves are there to work for the slave-masters. If the holidays bring any loss to the society, the slaves make up this loss by over-working. Because the slaves are meant to work, and masters are meant to enjoy.

**This is the law of the Manusmriti and no govt. - whether the Congress, United Front, communist or the latest, the Hindu nazi party - can delete even a comma from the Manusmriti which is the Constitution governing the upper castes who refuse to be governed by the Constitution of India.**

That is how the country enjoyed the 11-day holiday in a chain. The world might have got shocked, but not a single ruling class member.

And it is said India is the home of "great intellectuals". Vedic scholars, maths prodigies, **vastu** virtues, thinkers, philosophers, poets, writers, historians, painters, dancers, and computer kids.

**Cricket, the game of idlers:** Not one "intellectual" protested this "holiday mania". They were all busy viewing their favourite cricket in their TV sets. This idlers game of cricket ideally suits this country of lazy lots.

So, as the country rushes towards the 21st century with share-market brokers, financial manipulators, real estate sharks, thugs and pin-dars controlling the country, we will have more holidays added and as India steps into the "global economy", it will reach **Nirvana**. A state of eternal bliss.

The Indian ruling class lives in such splendid luxury that even American millionaires cannot afford. They have full sanction for such a pleasure from their religion and gods. And the beauty of it is they have devised any number of pleasure-resorts without spending anything from their pocket, but at govt. or somebody else's expense. Have you heard of it any where in the world?

And yet they boast that they are the world's brainiest and the most meritorious.

In boasting, none can surpass them. And they have their ever ready brahminical media to paint them as the brainiest and the most hard-working. Not merely the entire world, the slaves of India too believe this.

This is the wonder that is India:

# DV bombarding US White rulers will not help Dalit cause

Dr. VELU ANNAMALAI, 14902 JAMES RIVER LANE, HOUSTON, TX 77084-21 18, USA

I know you have been writing in glory of Saddam Hussain for several years now and at the same time blasting and bombarding and almost demonizing the United States. I have not written to you on this subject in all these days, but now I feel that I need to express the views of mine and several other DV readers here in this country on this subject.

Let me set the stage from our side. DV supports the cause of Indian Muslims and I know that most Dalits do not complain about this, though some Dalits complain that many Indian Muslims are as bad as the caste-ridden Hindus. However, I always advocated not only the Dalit-Muslim unity, but also Dalit conversion to Islam.

**Second thoughts on conversion:** Now, I am having second thoughts about Dalit conversion to Islam as I now hear more and more about Dalit Muslims, Backward Caste Muslims, caste-ridden Muslims etc. I have been thinking that this sort of things happen only if one is converted to Indian Christianity (modified Hinduism). Still I have no qualms about DV supporting the cause of Indian Muslims.

Supporting Indian Muslims is the right thing for DV to do as most of the Indian Muslims are also a persecuted minority. But I do not see the reason why DV should get involved in the international politics by bad-mouthing the US. How does this help the Dalit cause? Dalits can and should seek the help of many good-hearted Americans (both White Americans and African-Americans) in order to fight the caste-infested Hindu nazis.

**I do not believe that any Islamic country will give a damn about the Dalit issue and none has done anything so far. Look at Saudi Arabia - it is letting brahminical Hindus finance anti-Muslim and anti-Dalit activities in India by the caste-infested Hindu nazis using Saudi dollars earned in Saudi Arabia.**

What harm has the United States done to the Dalits and Dalit cause? I think that it is only fair that DV throw dirt only at people and countries acting against the interests of Dalits and other Indian persecuted minorities. DV is not a political publication, but a social revolutionary one.

I believe it is about time that DV should concentrate on Dalit issues and stay away from international

politics, unless something will directly help the Dalit cause.

**DV screaming at sun:** Dalits are still little people and so Dalits cannot afford to throw dirt on the big fellows unless they are really hurting the Dalits. It appears that DV in fact is screaming at the sun, and what good does it do even if the sun is wrong. How does this help DV and Dalit cause? I am not saying that DV is always wrong in its analysis, but what I am saying is that we should confine ourselves to our utmost immediate issues which in my opinion do not and should not include throwing mud on the US and wasting our precious resources.

**Clinton's sex life:** Again, I am also terribly upset about your writing on President Clinton and his sex life. I bet you do not know anything about President Clinton and the local American rightwing fanatical politics. Even if President Clinton's sex life is not pure, why should DV comment on it? How does this help the Dalit cause? However, it will definitely hurt the Dalit community and its interests. DV has better things (local Indian issues) to worry about than talking about President Clinton's sex life. DV is wasting its valuable pages and resources on unwanted and harmful topics and much more than that, it will really hurt the very Dalit cause it is supposed to be fighting for.

I am particularly angered by your broad and very general statement that "...respect for womanhood has no place under the westernization..". I do not know how you drew this sort of conclusion? Every civilization and culture has drawbacks and one who has been exposed to both the Western and Indian culture, I am surprised as to how you could draw such definitive conclusions.

**Yes, this is an open culture, and I could even venture to call it a much more honest culture. But that does not mean everything is bad. This country is a far batter place for a Dalit or for any minority for that matter to live than in India which practices the wretched caste-infested tyrannical Hindu racism which includes exploitation of women. I will challenge anyone that more women are exploited and discriminated in India in one year than those women exploited put together for the past 50 years in this country.**

You may think I am writing this simply because I have

been living in the US and been overwhelmed by the US values and thoughts. No, absolutely not.

**Plenty of Americans, who are very sympathetic to the Dalit cause, have expressed anger against DV's derogatory writings on the US. Do we need this anti-Dalit sentiments in the US, particularly created by DV?**

**Caste identity:** Brother Raju Thomas was wondering as to why I have not of late taken part in your "jati consolidation" debate. Though I initially wrote couple of articles on this issue, I quickly found out that I am incompetent to take part in this discussion as I left India almost 30 years back.

However, let me tell you and the DV readers what I do here. I always take any issues relating to the entire Dalit community very seriously. I have been and am still writing to anybody and everybody if there are Dalit issues at stake. I speak to various social and other African-American groups about all Dalit issues without any distinction to any particularly divisions among the Dalit community. I still believe that the various divisions were artificially created by the evil brahminical forces long long time ago. I always think and act on behalf of the entire Dalit community.

**Work of Rashidi:** I also work closely with Brother Yogesh Varhade who tirelessly and single-handedly is fighting on the floor of the UN Human Rights Chambers on behalf of the **entire Dalit community**. I know how much time, money and effort that he

spends on issue affecting the *entire Dalit community*, not just the Mahar community he comes from.

I also work closely with Brother Laxmi Berva who writes to everyone and screams and shouts in front of the Indian Embassy and the UN every time a Dalit is hurt in India.

I also work closely with Brother Runoko Rashidi, African-American historian and DV's American representative, who thinks about the Dalit cause all the time. He does not forget to mention the Dalits and their issues no matter where he speaks or when he writes. He does not distinguish between one section of Dalits to another section of Dalits.

**Divisive debate:** I know all these Brothers do not make any distinction what so ever when it comes to any Dalit issues. It matters only that the issues are related to any Dalit community anywhere in India. And none of us think and act for a particular division of the Dalit community. And we wish to stay this way and that is the reason why I do not want to take part in this "divisive" Debate anymore. May be in the eyes of the DV Editor and few DV readers I may be wrong, but so be it.

I will, sometimes in the near future, put my thoughts together on the various Debate articles published in DV on this "jati consolidation" issue. Most of those who wrote these articles in DV may not agree with my opinion anyway as they may think that I am completely out of touch with what is happening in India.

*(Editor's reply on p.9)*

## Medha Patkar completes her mission : DV proves right on Narmada

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) and its leader, Mrs. Medha Patkar, who got plenty of publicity in the "national" toilet papers, have completed 10 years of their noisy struggle. And at the end of which Medha and her NBA not only got fame, name and plenty of funds but she also succeeded in her mission thereby proving DV right (DV April 1, 1994 p.3: "**DV proves right on Narmada Project**").

**Kavedia Colony (Gujarat):** A trail, clear-eyed woman questioned some Tribals about the gains in relinquishing their precious land to an illusion. Her name that day was Medha Patkar. Today it is Narmada Bachao Andolan, a virtual revolution against big dams. Ten years later, when they celebrated-in agitation - right through the afternoon and midnight of Dec.31, 1997, they knew the battle was half won. (*Indian Express* Jan.3, 1998).

The Sardar Sarovar Dam has come up well and has

submerged many Tribal villages and displaced thousands of Tribals. Medha Patkar and her *vaidik* drama troupe had made a country-wide song and dance out of the Narmada Project and saw to it their objective was achieved. DV had predicted this and we have proved right. Medha had threatened *jai samadhi* (suicide by drowning) many times but she is safe but many Tribals jumped into the swelling waters and died. So what?

NBA of Medha is the most famous drama company of the *vaidiks* to see that the Tribal agitation against the Narmada dam is diluted, diffused and its attention diverted. Medha succeed in her mission. Is it not a great achievement?

DV Edit: "**Beware of environmentalists**", DV Edit Apr'il 16, 1991: "**Latest Aryan tricks: Development, Ecology and Feminism**" and DV Guest Editorial, July 1, 1993: "**Enemies of Dalits taking to new business of ecology**".

# DV angry only with racists: We have nothing against all White Westerners

We have great respect for Brother Velu and hence whatever he says is listened to with reverence. However, our criticism of the US White rulers or White Western world is confined only to those racists among them who persecute the Blacks who are the brothers and sisters of India's Black Untouchables. Not one Black Afro-American or reader in the African continent has taken objection to our criticism of the White Western racists. Not even Black Brother Runoko Rashidi who is now touring India.

The second aspect of our criticism of the White Western rulers refers to their blind hatred of Muslims and everything that is Islam. We are fully aware that the Muslim rulers of Arab countries - corrupted and co-opted - have not expressed any concern for Dalits. We too have declared a war against such rulers but DV as the "Voice of the persecuted nationalities denied human rights" has a duty to express solidarity with the all those struggling Muslim peoples in Palestine, Turkey, Algeria, Bosnia, Sudan, Egypt, Chechanya, Bahrain, Afghanistan, Lebanon etc.

**"Civilisational war":** In our Editorial of March 16, 1998: "White Western racists & Zionists launch their civilisational war against Islam & China", we have explained our stand very clearly. We don't support any Muslim ruler. But our support to the struggling Muslim masses is part of our duty. We have to do it!

Dr. Velu says there are any number of Whites in America and Western world who are sympathetic to our Dalit cause. We are aware of this and in the above-referred Editorial itself this point was admitted. To quote:

**"And we also know that there are many fair-minded Whites and Jews who will not share this Western madness to colonise the world". (p.6).**

The same sentiment was expressed in many of our writings and speeches. Such good-intentioned Whites are an exception or their voice is silenced by the sound and fury of the racists.

We have many distinguished White thinkers and scholars, journalists as our subscribers. Arthur Bonner of the **New York Times**, who has a chapter on us in his book, **Averting the Apocalypse** (1990, Duke University Press, USA), is a distinguished White scholar and a keen reader of DV. So too Thomas Mountain and many more.

**Not one White reader of DV has so far come out with any criticism of the DV stand on Muslims or White racists.**

All the more if our views have hurt any White Western reader of DV, we hereby tender our apology and will try to bear Dr. Velu's warning in mind. **DV war on elite Muslims:** For the information of Dr. Velu, none in this country has launched such a ferocious war against India's elite Muslim leadership.

These fair-skinned foreign elements and upper caste converts among Muslims constitute not even 5% of India's Muslim population. Only DV had the courage to launch this war. And because of this war we have alienated and antagonised the rich cream of the Muslim community. This cream, which owns the entire Muslim wealth, has turned hostile and has almost joined hands with the Hindu upper castes in trying to throttle DV.

When this is the plain truth how does Dr. Velu come to the conclusion that we are blindly supporting Muslims?

Over 95% of the Muslims are converts from SC/ST/BGs and hence our blood relations. They continue to be oppressed. And killed daily. Is it not the duty of DV to stand by these persecuted nationalities?

**Caste identity:** Coming to the "Caste identity", once again Dr. Velu has not understood us correctly despite this year-long Debate.

Our support to Madigas of AP and Pallars (Devidrao) of TN and other sections among Untouchables is solely on the basis of the fact that the benefits of constitutional reservations have not reached them as they are cornered by more powerful sections of Untouchables.

**Facts reveal that Madigas of AP and Karnataka, Chakkaliars and Pallars of TN and many other sections have been cheated and they are claiming their human rights in proportion to their population.**

How does DV's support to such a demand amount to "dividing" the Dalits?

**Babasaheb "divided" Hindus:** When Babasaheb demanded the share of Dalits, M.K. Gandhi accused Babasaheb of dividing the Hindus.

Dr. R. Pichumani is a Chakkaliyar from TN and is a close friend of Dr. Velu. Both are distinguished engineers in US. Pichumani met us here recently and extended full support to our demand for reservations in proportion to the population of each subcaste. Dr. Velu himself belongs to the Pallar subcaste (Devendra) which under the leadership of Dr. K. Krishnaswamy created history. The entire Pallar community is grateful to our support.

The cry of DV dividing Dalits comes from those Dalit subcastes which have cornered the reservation benefits. As DV duty is to the more deprived, we are following the footsteps of Babasaheb.

Caste identity, caste consciousness and caste consolidation is our well-thought-out panned, arising out of the social engineering that triggered the current churning of the stinking social pond that is India. It is the most non-violent and extremely efficacious formula to end the brahminical hegemony - **EDITOR.**

# Urdu Muslims promoting Hindu nazi interests in TN ?

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The recent Coimbatore anti-Muslim riots have not stirred the Muslims as it ought to, as usual. No Muslim journal, organisation or intellectual has bothered to think as to how the forces of the Hindu nazis behave now in the land of Periyar. (DV Jan.16, 1998 p.8: "Coimbatore again proves DV thesis on India's Muslim problem").

Their only satisfaction is that the PUCL has "totally absorbed" the Muslims of any anti-Hindu bias and "Hindus" themselves are to blame, as though Muslims needed a certificate from the upper caste-dominated PUCL. Is it only in Coimbatore that the Muslims were innocent victims and not in other thousands of cases? All these fellows are guided by the symptoms of the disease pointed out by Hindu media and never think for themselves even though DV for the past about two decades has been correctly diagnosing the Muslim problem as social and cultural.

**Greatness of Periyar:** Tamil Nadu has been the only region where there have never been Hindu-Muslim riots. Because there have never been "Hindus" in this land. Tamil Nadu had only two antagonistic religious groups - Aryans and native Tamils. When the whole of India was sought to be gripped with Hindu-Muslim hatred, in which the Brahmins and Banias had programmed to take all non-Muslims on the Hindu side, the greatest Dravidian leader, Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy, had taken all the non-Aryan Tamils (including Muslims and Christians) on his side for his Dravidian non-Brahmin movement.

**This is the land from where Brahmins had once started migrating to neighbouring states when the first non-Congress/non-Brahmin DMK Govt. was formed in 1955 under Chief Minister Annadurai, the closest lieutenant and disciple of Periyar.**

**Gaide-Millat's role:** And in all the efforts and struggles of Periyar, Quaide-Millat Ismail Saheb of the Indian Union Muslim League was Periyar's closest ally. To break this anti-Aryan unity, Aryans had hatched one of their favourite schemes of digging out an idol of Ganesh from a place in the vicinity of a mosque in Madras, and propagating that it was an ancient idol near which the mosque was forcibly constructed. They had done their best to create an anti-Muslim mad-

ness demanding that a temple should be constructed in place of the mosque.

Annadurai went to the spot himself and proved that the idol was newly-planted and completely turned the table against the nazis. The programme of the Hindu nazis boomeranged and the idol was removed from the spot.

The same trick was played in Bangalore when a beef-eating half-Brahmin, Gundu Rao, was the chief minister of Karnataka. An idol of Ganesh was planted in the centre of the city adjacent to a Muslim shrine opposite the centrally located City Market. Gundu Rao himself went to the spot and got the newly-planted idol of Ganesh removed.

Such tricks have been repeated a hundred times before and after in many cities. With all their cunningness, Hindu nazis are incapable of finding out newer methods of mischief nor they need it since the Muslim leaders and their organisations are so blind that they cannot even recall the plot of the drama that is played again and again.

**Muslim agents of nazis:** Today, the nazis do not require even this much effort and dramatics. They have created a permanent idol of Babri Masjid to despatch their anti-muslimism to any place in India through Muslim agents themselves. And the foolish *Aryavarta* Muslim leadership is acting as its agents.

**It is this selfish Aryavarta Muslim leadership which converted the Babri Masjid issue into an all-India issue by forming two All-India Babri Masjid Committees. Through these committees they tried to take the Muslims everywhere in their grip. They had obliging leadership-crazy and foolish Muslims in every city who opened their shops everywhere.**

To counter the All-India Babri Committees, Ram Janma Mukti Morcha was formed by the nazis. No body was allowed to ask as to why a purely local issue of UP was given an all-India dimension. And if it was a religious matter why it was confined to Indian Muslims, and why a universal or World Babri Masjid Committee was not formed.

**Nazi penetration into South:** Be that as it may, the moment agitation for Babri Masjid was started by the leadership-crazy Muslims in Karnataka, the same

were followed by counter-agitation by the Hindu nazis in support of Ram Janam Bhoormi, opening the doors for the Hindu nazis to penetrate deep south into Karnataka. What a trap laid by the Hindu nazis and what a great foolishness and betrayal by the *Aryavarta* Muslim leaders. Nazis got all that they wanted and the Muslims nothing but kicks.

**Ravan as hero:** But still TN was not at all affected. Because Rama is considered a villain by the Dravidians whose idols used to be slipped by the great Periyar. Even to this day, Periyar's DK burns the effigy of Rama every year during the Dasara festival. The Dravidians of Tamil Nadu consider Ravana as their hero. And 90% of the Tamil Muslims being the flesh, blood and bones of their non-Muslim Tamils they had also nothing to do with this Babar-Rama controversy, Babar is as much an alien to them as Rama is. Not a ripple of concern was there and there was no affect whatsoever.

**The entire controversy was taken as a controversy between the Aryans and Aryan Muslims who are many a times called cousins of each other by Tamil intellectuals.**

Muslims have never been discriminated against in TN either by the people or by the govt. They are all treated as Backward and provided with reservations and other facilities on par with other Backward Castes. In fact it is impossible to differentiate between a Muslim and a non-Muslim except in the mosques. Such is this wonderful land.

**The only Muslims who can be identified here are the fair-looking Urdu Muslims, who are not even 10% of the community and that too confined to two or three northern districts.**

Tamil Muslims have their own parties, two factions of the Indian Union Muslim League, each of which is in alliance with DMK and ADMK and both command equal respect. A Muslim is inevitably taken to belong to this IUML or the other and their greatest leader Gaide Millat Ismail Sahab is so much respected by the Tamils that the former Dindigul district is now re-named as Gaide Millat district. His photos are kept along with those of the great Periyar.

**The "Muslim problem" in TN is the creation of this alien, fair-skinned Urdu-speaking Muslims who are and continue to seek rapport more with the Muslims of *Aryavarta* than with their Tamil brothers. Tamil Muslims have no complaint against Tamil non-Brahmins because both are blood relations.**

**Tannery funds:** All sorts of *Aryavarta* Islamic organisations have made Madras as a harvest field to raise funds from the rich Tamil tannery owners. These alien

Muslims in "Tamil nation" imported the *Aryavarta* Islamic controversies and divided the "Tamil nation".

One such organisation performed *namaz* on every Dec. 6 and boasted of mobilizing lakhs. The Hindu press gave wide publicity to such calls and programmes. Enthralled by this publicity, such organisations list out Muslim grievances which do not relate to the "Tamil nation" at all, but closely relating to the Government of India.

**Battle of Babri Masjid:** This raises many questions. What is the secret behind making Madras a centre of such activities when such organisations of Muslims are expected to focus on regional but their demands are of an all-India nature? Why should the battle of Babri Masjid be fought in isolation in Madras when the strategy for it should be at the all-India level? Why should the Muslims of TN be overzealous when the Muslims in the rest of India and particularly of UP (where Babri Masjid is located) are silent and hence left the matter for settlement through the courts?

Can a regional organisation take up an all-India issue in isolation? Why the TN Muslim organisations did not take the support of or inspired the all-India bodies to join them and fight along with them?

Why should the peace of TN be spoiled when Tamils are not at all responsible for Babri carnage?

The "Hindu press" exploits such a situation and warns non-Muslim Tamils: "Look here, for none of your faults, the Muslims are bent upon troubling you. They wash the dirty linen of Ayodhya in the laundry at Madras. You should not allow them to do that".

Through such a divide and rule tactics Hindu nazis made in-roads into TN and paved the way for penetration in the land of Periyar in the same way they penetrated Karnataka. They themselves planted crude bombs in trains and elsewhere along with bogus leaflets in the name of some Muslim organisation or the other. They themselves put crude bombs-dynamites and weapons in some Muslim locality or house at the dead of night and pounced on them in the morning and arrested innocent youths. The purpose is to keep the issue in the news and push themselves forward, just as they did earlier by planting the idol of Ganesh in the vicinity of a mosque during Annadurai's days. Through these tricks they want the Tamil Muslims and the Tamil non-Muslims to cut each others' throats. Thanks to Periyar and Periarism, the Tamil non-Muslims have not reacted. If this is not checked, nazi tricks will create more trouble.

How to check this Hindu menace?

Muslims of TN should realise that the best way of

countering the nazis is not through Islamic organisations and Islamic literature but through Periarism. They must publish as much of the writings of Periyar as possible, which will not only expose Hindu nazi tricks but also highly propagative of Islam.

**Solvation to shudra slavery:** Periyar had given an open call to the shudras to embrace Islam to save themselves from the slavery of Brahmins. One such book was published by DSA under the title, *Salvation to Shudra Slavery*.

Periyar and Periarism are the only antidote and not Islamic organisations. The Aryans are more frightened of Periyar than of Babar, Jinnah or even of Prophet Mohamad.

**What Periyar says:** Periyar had said

If you see a Brahmin and a cobra coming together, tackle the Brahmin first and think of the cobra later. Since the cobra's poison is only in its fangs, but Brahmin poison is head to foot, the victim of cobra bite can be cured but not of the Brahmin bite. The cobra

poison affects only the victim but the Brahmin poison affects the society.

This great declaration might have been forgotten by others but never by the *vaidiks*.

**To counter Periyar, the Hindu nazis have found out the Muslims as a shield, and Muslims should cease to be a shield and become a sword of Periyar and spread Periarism not only in TN but in the whole of India.**

Will the TN Islamic organisations heed our advice? But they can't as long as they do not get rid of Ayyavarta Muslim agents.

**Dalit-Muslim unity:** Muslims can promote their interests by joining hands with Dalit organisations and promoting Dalit-Muslim unity.

Ayyavarta upper caste Muslim leaders are preparing to join the BJP and they will do everything including abetting Muslim massacres to maintain their hegemony. But we will write on this subject later.

**Dalit scholar says Vaidiks are Jews**  
Research work reveals Hindu god Ram hailed from today's Israel. Sita was wife of Ravan?

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people inhabiting Lanka were called Nagga race.

Hindu god Ram was a Jew. He came from today's Israel to fight Ravan, as a revenge against Ravan who confined the aggressive Jews to Israel.

Ram was not a Kshatriya as published in *Vaidik* literature. There was no king called Ram under the Ayyodhya dynasty.

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The *Vaidiks* of India are the

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**Paul Alfred Barton**, PO Box 1855, Hanford, Calif, 93230, USA: Most nations on earth, where Blacks live among a dominant non-Black population, have within its culture the racist treatment of Blacks. Racism, class discrimination, **caste racism** and other forms of violation of the human and natural rights of Blacks occur. To stop these problems faced by Blacks worldwide, we must first unite at home and abroad and develop effective and efficient strategies to counter-attack genocidal, racist and destructive policies which are contributing to the destruction of the Black race worldwide. We must declare an ideological war against ideas and customs as well as beliefs that have contributed to the continued oppression of Blacks worldwide. We must reject customs, traditions and religions in which Blacks are lowered to near-animal status, or where the natural and human rights of Blacks are being systematically violated based on religious or political beliefs. We must attack policies or beliefs which violate our dignity and rights whether such violations occur in the White Western world, Middle East, India and other Asian countries, Australia or any place in between. It is of crucial importance that Blacks worldwide build an international Black economy using both modern and ancient economic systems that work and that are already part of our various cultures. We must revive trade, commerce, thrift and industry. The building of manufacturing and industries from the local arts and crafts level and the improvement of cultural assets such as movie production, dance, music and other areas should be improved. Small groups of experts can organize work and manufacturing units to produce electronic goods and other types of products, without the use of expensive industrial plants, machinery and land. Many products can be partially assembled at homes, basements, garages or even outdoors. Black cultural assets such as music must be tightly controlled by Black people, whether it is African *juju* music, Caribbean *soca*, raggae, African-American jazz, funk, soul and rap, the music of India's Blacks, Brazilian, or any other music invented and used by Blacks worldwide. The great shame among some of us Blacks is that too often, we reject our own cultural creations and inventions and allow people who despise us to patronize, steal and copy what is ours, while they become rich and powerful, and continue oppressing us. We must aim to preserve and protect our music, dance, musical instruments, martial arts, and other art forms and protest vehemently when others who despise us try to copy or steal what is ours and claim it as their own. The power of the **media** to bring about positive results

or negative reaction for Blacks is a fact of life. We must be prepared to counter-attack, as a result of the propaganda and misinformation leveled against Blacks worldwide, by the racist anti-Black media. In order to unite us with our brothers and sisters worldwide, we must have and control the means of spreading information. A Pan-African or International Black Network is extremely necessary. The issues discussed in this essay are among the topics and solutions systematically laid out in my book, *Susu & Susunomics*, United Brothers and United Sisters Communications, 912-West Pembroke Ave., Hampton, Virginia 23699 ph.#1 (757)723-2696, internet <http://www.melanet.com/ubus>.

**J.C. Mandal**, Q2/285 Sector-21, Goutam Buddha Nagar, Noida - 201 301: The Indians are proud of their ancient culture and civilization. They accept the infallibility of the Vedas. But the Vedas and epics are merely stories. The scattered, devastated sites of the Indus Valley Civilization and the defensive weapons of the Indus people indicate that they were a peace-loving dwellers of Harappa and Mahanjarodaro apart from the other 250 sites of the Indus, stretching from Ropar to Nagpur and Suktagendor to Alamgirpur. Some forces from outside must have attacked these peace-loving innocents with their offensive weapons. One of the richest civilisations of the world was thus ended. The native people were Black in complexion. The Rig Veda described them as Dasas, Dasyus, Asuras, Pisachas. All sorts of ugly epithets were used. Obviously the original inhabitants had no intention of adaptability with the aggressors, who were fair-skinned. The Hindu mythology has accepted about 33 crores of gods and goddesses. We find hardly any of them without any deadly weapon. They kept busy killing their enemies. The Brityasur fought the intruders. All the Devatias prayed Indra to kill him. The Rig Veda described Brityasur as a serpent, very long, ferocious who could expand itself to a considerable length. Modern study has proved that Britiya was nothing but a huge dam on the river Indus for the irrigation of Indus land. The dam was destroyed with a systematic plan, meaning Britiya was killed. The epics and the Vedas depicted a number of genocides by Parasuram or in the battle like Kurukshetra. Parasuram had killed countless Kshatriyas (non-Brahmins) for 21 times with his cruel axe, just to destroy the enemies. In the *Gita*, Krishna forced Arjuna to kill even the relatives in the Kurukshetra battlefield. Krishna once used the words "why you are behaving like (*Anarya*) non-Aryans". The Vedic Aryans did not know the art of writing. But the Indus people had their own art of writing and about 250 pictographic scripts we have, also claimed to be read by N.K. Verma. The scripts are interesting, meaningful and bears the trace of rea-

sonable evolution. So, a sort of apartheid struggle cannot be denied. The system of caste was recognised in India in later days but the system of varna (colour) appeared in Indian society during the period 2000 to 1500 BC. The *Taittiriya Brahmana* holds (hymns 2.6, 7) "... *Daiya vai varna Brahmana Assurya sudra...*" it means the Brahmana caste sprang from gods (Devas), the sudra from the asura. The tenth Mandala of the Rig Veda contains the *Purusha Sukta* which is the genesis of our Indian caste system. It championed the theory of the birth of four varnas from the four limbs of the so-called superhuman body. The people were made to believe the theory and thus came the later development of our Indian society. The theory indeed denies the necessary conditions of taking birth. No other theology of the world did accept this theory as scientific. The theory secured social sanction during the Guptas the so-called "Golden Period of Indian history". Many a text on *jati dharma* and *varna dharma* were compiled and the climax of all such texts is *Manava Dharma Sastra* or the *Manusmriti*. So, the Aryan invasion moved our civilization backward. Rig Veda (No.2,3,4,9,10,12,20, 44,27, 85,97,62, 165, 97) says the defeated folks were turned into bonded slaves, human cattle, the words like *Nripasu*, *Dwipadasu Pasusu*, *Chatuspadsu...* of the Rig Veda support the inhuman treatment in the days bygone. That was: the condition of ancient haves and havenots of our civilization. In much later days, in another corner of the globe, Engles described this process in his famous book, *The Origin of the Family Private Property and the State*. The impact of the Aryan invasion of India was extremely disastrous, not only for India but also for the entire human civilization. It was a total reversal of the dynamics of social change or a process of progress itself. The Aryans were a barbarous people of primitive character, quite unable to appreciate the advantages of civilized life. That is why they could very easily destroy all traces of Indian civilization. Beautiful cities were devastated. Advanced urban culture was abandoned by them. People were forced to go back to the rural life and culture. The Aryans had expropriated Indians from buildings, palaces and from their metropolises and put them in the village huts and slums. Religion of equality and fraternity, the institution of *yoga* along with its philosophy of middle course and the great faith of *satyadharma* (Buddhism) were all suppressed and coerced into insignificance and near extinction. Its place was taken over by some peculiar, cumbersome rites and meaningless activities at heavy expense and destruction of the basic economy. Religion became a prerogative of a few. The economic-structure was completely remodelled on an impotent slumber of stagnant

misery and unproductive activities. The social system was paralysed to be devoid of mobility. The equilibrium of the society emerged out of a framework that resulted from a general repulsion and constitutional exclusiveness between all its members. The culture of colonial hatred, not in the name of apartheid, but in the name of mainstream or composite culture prevails. The whole socio-economic structure crumbled down to a pathetically inert structural system of four varnas or caste system. The system declared the supremacy of the Aryan Brahmins in so unalterable terms that, consequently, the remaining groups got their inferior and indignified position permanently fixed. The supremacy of the Aryan Brahmin devatas in India proclaimed the theory of no change to their position and privileges. So, it became mandatory for the Brahmins to be immune to all changing phenomenon around the society inevitable.

*Brother Mondal has repeated facts of history which we all know. The Untouchables are even to this day victims of this Aryan persecution. But what we want to know is how to change this situation and overcome the persecution -*  
**EDITOR.**

**Manjoor Gopalan**, Kanakkary PO, Kerala - 686 632: This has ref. to the Letter of Ms. Ruby Nishat (DV April 1, 98 p.21). The *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) has been formed with a view to strengthen the "Hindu unity" which will in turn weaken the unity of SC/ST/BCs as they are not Hindus. As a first step they have to strengthen their own "Jati identity" and then have unitedly to fight their enemies - upper castes. The BJP is certainly a full-blooded and blue-blooded Hindu body of upper castes. All organisations of SC/ST/BCs should keep off from Hindu organisations as they are not Hindus. Babasahab said: "A movement of the Untouchables must mean an open war upon the caste Hindus" (M&S Vol. V p.344). Upper caste leaders and activists are all our oppressors. Here is an example showing their attitude towards us. On Dec.1, 1997, 61 Dalits were brutally killed at Laxmanpur-Bathe in Bihar by the Ranbir Sena of the upper castes. Political parties of the oppressed should not make any alliance with upper caste parties. However, on certain occasions parties like the PMK will be forced to have alliance with BJP to capture political power which is inevitable to do justice to the downtrodden. In UP, Mayavati could extend some benefits to the Bahujians through an alliance with BJP. As a principle, the PMK should not make any alliance with BJP because PMK is mainly a party of Backward Caste Vanniaris. Dalit Ezhimalai has been elected to Parliament for the first time as a result of the alliance with AIADMK after three defeats. It is a great achievement because PMK could win four seats

due to this alliance. Ezhimalai is now a Union Health Minister who can do justice to the downtrodden. Our Editor said: "In vote politics, there is no principle, no ideology; Parliamentary democracy means compromise of contradictory interests. Did not BJP give up its anti-Muslim programmes to gain power in Delhi?" (DV April 1, 98 p.19). The stand taken by PMK is pardonable because the present alliance is not permanent. Only this alliance paved the way for success of four PMK candidates.

**S.P. Singh, Takiapar, Danapur, PO Digha, Patna - 800 012:** This has ref. to your report "Calcutta Kali.." (DV April, 98 p.5). It is true, the three upper caste Aryans - Brahmins, Kayasths and Baidyas - have formed a political group in Bengal, Rajaram Mohan Roy, the founder of Brahmo Samaj, was a "reformist". He rejected idol worship but did not differ from the basic principles of Christianity, Islam, Buddhism or Nanak Panth. They criticised *sati*, encouraged widow marriage and advocated modern education, inter-caste marriage. The three castes belonging to the Brahmo Samaj - Brahmin, Vaidya, Kayastha, intermarry. But this grand scheme did not percolate below. The BCs and SCs were excluded. Even today all the political, social, educational, economic power in Bengal is concentrated in the hands of these three castes. I do not like inclusion of Vivekanand and Aurobindo Ghosh in this category (B.C. Chatterjee, S.P. Mukherjee, Rajaram Mohan). While Aurobindo went in for a purely spiritual life, Vivekanand revolted against the Brahmins and other upper castes. A synopsis is to be found in my article published in DV (Oct.16, 1997 p.7). The Brahmins of Bengal ridiculed Vivekananda as *sudra*. He challenged the authority of the Brahmins as custodian of Hindu scriptures. And he was right. All the Upanishads criticised Vedic religion. The rishis were Kshatriyas, Vaishnyas or *sudras*. Budha liberated the masses. Since Brahmins were allowed entry into Buddhism, they again formed another priestly class. Vivekanand was anti-upper caste and pro-*sudra*. Subhas Bose was a real political leader, who challenged the mahatmahood of Gandhi and claimed reservations for Muslims in Bengal - his Krishak Praja Party won elections. I agree with your argument that marxism in India is brahminism. Dayanand and Sri Ram Sharma propagated a most poisonous *mantra* - *Gayatri Mantra*. It has not only hypnotised but virtually killed the Backward Castes of India. They talk against idol worship but idol worship is multiplying like anything. "Reformist" Brahmins enjoy it because a section of their own class (the priests) derive all the benefits from this practice. I have challenged the efficacy of the *Gayatri Mantra* and the claim of *Rig Veda* being called god's voice (two booklets, written in Hindi). I am really astonished to see that all *Gayatri Parivar* BCs are BJP supporters. Shiv Sena took Shivaji as a model without prop-

agating the fact that Shivaji and his family were anti-Brahmins. The real *mantra* that BJP has played is that it has made BJP the Brahmin-Bania-Kurmi party. Its anti-Yadava publicity has worked. Kurmis now think that it is Kurmi Raj, not knowing that at the time of Nehru and Patel, they had second position. Now under the BJP, they have third position. No BC is interested in knowing that the Maratha Sena comprised three castes - Kurmi, Garelu and Goala and they ruled our India for about 150 years. No SC or neo-Buddhist leader is interested in criticising the Brahmins and the dirty role they have played in Indian politics. Instead they are vocal in abusing Rama and Krishna, with whom the Brahmins are in no way related. Phule said - Kunbi and Mahars are blood relations. G.W. Briggs said "Chamars belong to the race of Yadu". M.A. Sherring said "85% of Indian people belong to the same stock". These three statements are absolute truths. To understand it one has to study about 100 volumes on Indian caste written by European scholars and some *puranas*. Caste is 100% a political institution. Ruling tribes were reduced to the status of a slave. Babasahab was learned, Ambedkarites must be 100 times more learned. You are leaderless, your present day leaders are bonded labours of BJP or Congress. Nitish Kumar has no funds of his own. His party is funded by big business houses. He has made his castemen slaves of the Brahmins for all time to come.

**Principal Gurdial Singh, Luchiana:** The *Tribunal*, Chandigarh, says that the United Front Govt. brought the Sikhs to the mainstream. This is not at all correct. The UF did some good deeds but did not solve any Punjab problem created by the Congress. The Sikhs created the mainstream of patriotism and nationalism by struggling for winning, defending, and maintaining the freedom of united India, and not for any separate rivulet and playing the most prominent part in the development of India. They are the most secular and peace-loving people. The "mainstream" was badly broken by the Congress Party. Terrorism and separatism in Punjab was the creation of the Congress which committed all kinds of crimes against minorities, especially the Sikhs. It purchased some greedy Punjabis, alleging themselves to be Sikhs, for defaming the real Indians to join the "mainstream" of corruption, crimes, hatred, anti-nationalism and anti-humanism. The efforts of United Front Govt. to create faith among communities were not tolerated by the Congress, the so-called mainstream.

**G.R. Ambedkar** s/o G.Saddharma, 25-1-1458, Rajgruha, Gautam Nagar, Nellore - 524 004: My father, G. Saddharma, who was well known to you and the readers of DV, died suddenly on April 4, 98 at Tirupati and his body was cremated here on April 5 as per Bu-

christ rites conducted by the Ambedkar Dharma Porata Samiti which is organising a memorial meeting on April 26 here at the Town hall in the evening. We request you and DV readers to attend this meeting.

*Saddharma, a noble person, a dedicated Buchist and Ambedkarite, was known to all DV readers world-wide. Almost every issue of DV used to carry his letter. We were eye-witnesses to his noble work during the massive Buchist conversion movement that he undertook some years back in his East Coast town of Nellore. His death is a great loss to our DV family. But you as his son must complete his unfinished mission. We join our family members in paying tributes to saddharma and his noble mission. We need more such people. DV readers may directly write to his son - EDITOR.*

**M.S. Dora, AIM, Adarsha Nagar, Sambalpur:** I heard the DD news that the entire Mahar Regiment was destroyed because of a snow storm in Sikkim. Only one jawan escaped. It must be a brahminical conspiracy to destroy Dalits by sending them to such risky places. Today, we can get advance information about weather from the satellite. Then how did the Mahar Regiment soldiers were not warned about this danger? Please demand an enquiry from the Defence Ministry.

**Anil Singh C.B., M.A. College of Engineering, Kothamangalam, Kerala:** I attended a seminar on March 14 at Kottayam conducted by the PRDS (Prathyaksha Raksha Daiva Sabha). The seminar was on Dalit history and theology. I went with great enthusiasm. But the man who inaugurated it was a Hindu nazi, P. Govinda Pillai, an enemy of Dalits. He criticised Dr. Ambedkar, Dalit politics and Dalit ideology. But what shocked me was the Dalit gathering cheered this nazi speaker. What is wrong with the PRDS which recently invited you as the chief guest? Why PRDS is not adopting Ambedkarism? DV has many readers who are members of PRDS. Will they explain this behaviour of its leadership?

**S. Haq, Patna:** Jawahar Lal Nehru is described as the "Builder of India". Is this correct? On Dec. 22, 1948 night Babri Masjid's door was broken open and a Hindu idol was placed. Nehru sowed the seeds of hatred and destruction of Babri Masjid. How can a destroyer be called builder? Nehru said one day Vajpayee would be the PM. When L.K. Advani started his Rath Yatra (1990), Vajpayee coolly went to London. The then Ambassador of India at London, Kuldeep Nayar, asked him why his party took up the Ayodhya Yatra. Vajpayee said those who were Ram bhaktas went to Ayodhya and those who were patriots came to London. On Dec. 7, 1992, a day after the demolition of Babri Masjid, the same person (Kuldeep Nayar) went to Vajpayee and asked him to quit the party that destroyed the mosque (when the case

was pending before the court since 50 years). Vajpayee replied: "Let the Mandir be built up". Is it not a burning example of double-speak?

**Naushad Ansari, Post Box No. 1797, Bangalore - 560 017:** In his Letter M. Fahmeem has pointed out certain inaccuracies (DV Apr. 1, 1998) in my article, "Declare jihad against rich Muslims violating Koran" (DV May 16, 1997). I agree with him on one point. He has correctly said that since "slavery no longer exists in India", the provision to free slaves from bondage is not relevant in the present situation. Before the advent of Islam, the system of slavery was existing. The slaves were treated worse than animals. Islam is the first religion which directed steps to free slaves and granting them freedom, equality and fraternity. The Dalits of India cannot be called slaves because their socio-economic condition is at present not that worse. The representation of Dalits in govt. services is almost equal to their population, whereas, indeed, Muslims are almost four-times under-represented in govt. services. Over 70% of Muslims live below the poverty line whereas the percentage of Dalits below the poverty line is 50-60%. As regards jihad, Fahmeem's view that "at present, the Indian Muslims are weak, scattered and divided into sections.. Allah ordered Muslims to fight only after they had established Islamic rule in Madinah" is influenced by Moulana Wahiduddin Khan's misleading writings on jihad.

**Mahamood K., "Kuniyil", PO Atholy, Calicut dt., Kerala:** Political parties of Dalits, Backward Castes, Muslims and other minorities often take opportunistic attitudes. *Dalit Voice* has done its share in exposing such imposters to the Bahujan masses. But the recent subjugation of PMK to the *Bangalore Papatti* has really shocked me. Any kind of compromise or constructive dialogue is possible only between progressive factors of the society which, in our country, are necessarily the enlightened sections of Dalit-Bahujan masses. This trend among Dalit-Bahujan parties towards vague ideals and short-term goals will prolong Dalit-Bahujan unity indefinitely. The modus operandi of the brahminical leadership is an integral part of its fascist ideology. Lies are propagated through a wide span of time and space with the express intention of leading the Dalit-Bahujan masses astray. Individuals as well as organisations are corrupted materially as well as morally, and they dance to *sanatana* tunes. This is how status quo is maintained in this country of Vedas. All deceptions and thefts are justified if any allegorical incidence in the *puranas*, of which there are plenty, could be cited. It has been made amply clear in the writings of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar that how the brahminical leadership in this country use intrigue, ambiguity, corruption, hypocrisy and outright oppression to stay in the helm of affairs.

# Ethnic identity among Muslims: Beary's example

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** There is a sect among Karnataka Muslims called Bearys hailing from the West Coast district of South Kanara.

On the 10th anniversary of the Beary's Welfare Association, Bangalore (BWA), it brought out a massive souvenir outlining the different aspects of the Beary's distinct cultural identity. BWA's founder-president is M.M. Khuraiishi (1988-1990), an esteemed friend of *Dalit Voice*, an authority on India's Muslim problem and Islamic thoughts.

If the Bearys are Muslims why a separate association for them? All Bearys have Muslim names, attend the same common mosque with other Muslims, read the same Koran, follow the same Muslim Personal Law. Then why this separateness?

**Islam may not sanction caste, creed, language, racial or gender-based, economic inequality and discrimination but certainly directs its followers to preserve their ethnic identity. Rather, the Koran fully defends ethnic identity.**

Bearys are Muslims but they rarely inter-marry with other Muslim sects. And that is how the Beary identity is preserved.

**Original inhabitants:** They have their own language, their own dress and cultural identity.

This is where the DV Thesis on identity comes into picture.

This is the greatness of Bearys who are very much loved and respected by all the indigenous people of their coastal district of which they are a part.

The Editor of DV attended the Beary conference held in Bangalore on Dec. 13 and 14, 1997 and expressed his deep appreciation of the Bearys efforts to preserve, protect and promote their identity.

**Ethnic identity of every caste, tribe and sect whether among SC/ST/BGs or Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, Christians and Muslims should be preserved. This is the DV Thesis and the Bearys have upheld the DV Thesis.**

Those interested in the souvenir may write to the Association office at N.J. Chambers, Opp. Hotel Harsha, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560 051. Beary's are poor Muslims forming 15% of DK dt.

population. Their standard of living is below the average income of backward communities.

The BWA has done a commendable job and received wide appreciation for all its activities.

**A serious lapse:** And yet there was a lapse. It forgot the greatest Beary leader of the district, Haji Abdullah Sahab, the founder of the banking system in India. He lived at Udupi - during the pre-independence days - now a district headquarters town in DK dt. As the legend goes, he owned almost half the town. Haji Sahab is remembered even to this day in Udupi as the local municipal hospital, the radio tower at Ajjarkad and some other monuments are named after him.

**The greatness of "Abdul Sahab", as he is popularly known even today, was he lived for the poor and needy and died a debtor. The debtors swallowed all his properties.**

**Akbar Maharaj of Udupi:** The *Udayavani*, a Kannada daily of Udupi, few years ago published an article by Dr. K.S. Haridas Bhat titled "Akbar Maharaj of Udupi".

Such a greatman was a Beary and DV announced in 1995 to hold a seminar on him. As there was none to cooperate with us, the plan was abandoned. The BWA can certainly conduct a day-long seminar on the Haji Sahab and DV will be ready to cooperate. ■

Important book on ethnic identity

## FROM TRIBE INTO CASTE

The ruling class bid to hinduise the Indian society by transforming different Tribals, who have sharper sense of identity, into castes and thereby enslave them. Hindu nazis are investing crores and crores of rupees to *hinduise* the Tribals. Despite all these efforts, the different existing Tribes and even those transformed into castes, continue to maintain their identity. Because it is only through identity, a Tribe or caste can gain power in a parliamentary democracy.

Papers presented at the 1993 seminar held at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

The book is also important to DV readers from the point of "caste identity" Debate that is going on in DV.

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# Future belongs to caste-based parties

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Slowly but steadily the "Beauty of the Broken Mirror" (DV Edit April 1, 1998) is becoming evident.

The latest parliament elections have revealed the steady growth of certain forces which in the language of the rulers is called "regional parties". As the DV language is always different and down-to-earth, we call it caste-based parties upholding the wishes and aspirations of different persecuted nationalities.

**New Delhi:** Regional political parties continue to register a healthy growth, steadily increasing their vote share. This is evident from the fact that the state-level and registered parties have increased their vote share from 24.63% in the 1996 general elections to 29.64% this time around. The performance of the state and registered parties shows that together they have increased their number of seats from 131 in the 1996 polls to 149 seats in the 1998 elections. (Hindu April 9, 1998).

**BSP defeat:** The Hindu nazi party could form the govt. in Delhi only with the support of many "regional parties". The Telugu Desam Party of Chandrababu Naidu, TN's PMK Party of Dr. Ramdoss, Samata Party of George Fernandes and Akalis and many other parties are caste-based parties. So too Marmata Banerji's.

The Bahujan Samaj Party might have contested 249 seats and won only just five losing deposits in

174 seats. Yet it secured 4.68% votes better than the Janata Dal's 3.25%.

Many castes and communities are realising the need to forge their "regional parties" and that is why the share of "national parties" like the Congress, BJP, CPM, CPI etc. is going down.

In Karnataka, the Lingayats consolidated their community through the BJP by joining hands with the Brahmmins.

India is not a "nation" but a country of several "nations". It is a "Broken Mirror". And the "Broken Mirror" has got its own beauty.

If there is another election, this already "Broken Mirror" will further break. Each caste is discovering its strength and a piece in this "Broken Mirror".

**Changing picture of India:** The days of chief ministers waiting outside the prime minister's chamber in que in Delhi are gone. Today, the PM waits in Delhi for the CM.

The entire picture of India has changed. Who changed it? The emerging castes and communities - the "Broken Mirror".

The BJP may be an anti-caste Hindu nazi party but today it is heading a "coalition of castes". What a metamorphosis.

This is what we in DV call as the power of the caste. Strengthen every caste, the brahminical monolith falls and melts.

The new emerging "nation" is the caste.

## Nazi attack on Christians

**New Delhi:** All-India Catholic Union (AICU) president Norbert De Souza and its national secretary, John Dayal, have complained about "attacks by elements of BJP's frontal organisations on evangelists of the Pentecostal church in Baroda and on Catholic institutions in Latur".

Christian voluntary organisations have been in the forefront of the rehabilitation and reconstruction activity in Latur after it was devastated in the severe earthquake a few years ago, they said.

(Hindu-JNI, March 27, 1998). ■

## BJP experiment in "caste identity" in AP

By taking steps that allow some space for women and the Dalit-Bahujan forces within the broad framework of the **Varnadharmic** systems, the BJP is appearing to be a space-giver to them.

Take for example Andhra Pradesh. The BJP made a Kuruma (Yadav), B. Dattatreya, president of the party's state unit. Several OBCs were given ticket. As a result, the party mobilised quite a lot of the OBC votes, which otherwise would have gone to the TDP.

Such accommodative moves of the BJP are also containment moves in the long-run.

(Kancha Ilaiah in the Hindu, March 17, 1998). ■

# Brahmins became rulers only by strengthening their jati identity

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

Brother D.K. Khaparde, Waman Meshram and friends,  
I am very happy to be present at this 14th national convention of the BAMCEF.

I want to tell you that in *Dalit Voice*, we have been not only supporters of BAMCEF but also great admirers of your leaders like D.K. Khaparde, Waman Meshram etc.

Recently, we made a small report out of Waman Meshram's exposure of the People's Education Society and how it was being swallowed by brahminical forces.

We like your bold, direct attack on *brahmanavad*. It needs lot of courage. And courage comes out of conviction, your deep commitment to *Ambedkarvad* which is also the uncompromising stand taken by *Dalit Voice* in the past 18 years.

## CONVERT BAMCEF INTO TRADE UNION

I was here yesterday also, went round the whole convention campus, listened to the speeches, observed your discipline. On behalf of *Dalit Voice* and its family worldwide, I have come all the way from Bangalore to pay our tributes to your marvelous organisational capacity. We need hundreds of Khaparades and thousands of Waman Meshrams. (*cheers*).

Because this oppressive 20th century, which we have described as "Gandhi Yug", is coming to an end. The 21st century is only two years away. We have described the coming 21st century as the "Dr. Ambedkar Era". (*cheers*).

BAMCEF must convert itself into a powerful trade union and a fighting force to expedite the exit of "Gandhi Yug" and welcome, install and strengthen the "Dr. Ambedkar Era".

Before I go into my subject I want to touch another important, if not the most important, point so dear to my heart.

## BLACKOUT BY TOILET PAPERS

Your leaders told me yesterday that the existing brahminical papers, which in DV are described as toilet papers, have completely blacked out the news of your big convention. I also learn that a decision was

**The speech delivered at the BAMCEF 14th national convention, B.J. Medical College Grounds, Pune, on Dec.27, 1997 on the subject: "Caste-based brahminical exploitation and how to fight it". D.K. Khoaparde, president of the BAMCEF, presided.**

taken in Bombay not to give any coverage to such a four-day convention, such a historic event.

I want to ask Brother Khaparde and his comrades: What right have you to demand publicity in this "Brahmin press". The press doesn't belong to you. Not only it doesn't belong to you, but it is your enemy.

Our Enemy knows what it should do to fight us. But do we know what we should do to fight this enemy? No. (*cheers*).

## BRAHMIN MIND CONTROL

I have worked in the *Indian Express* for 25 years in different parts of In-

dia and I know this "Brahmin press" in and out. It is a great tragedy that we have allowed this 3% Brahmins to control our minds.

Can't we set up our own "Media Centre"? We have the experience, we have the expertise and also all-India contact. DV is 18 years old, published in different languages. We will keep all our experience, contacts and knowledge at your disposal.

**"Dr. Ambedkar Era" cannot be inaugurated without a media of our own.**

A cultural revolution alone can lead to political revolution. And such a revolution is not possible unless we have our own media.

I have come all the way from Bangalore to impress upon you this most important point. And your current national convention must discuss this subject and if your time permits I am ready to elaborate on this subject tomorrow morning.

Delegates gathered here must force your leadership to launch a powerful "Media Centre" in Delhi and we are ready to place ourselves at your disposal. Please accept our offer.

## FORMULA TO FINISH BRAHMINISM

The third most important point pertains to the subject of this evening talk: "caste-based brahminical exploitation and how to fight it."

I want to tell you that I have about 40 years of experience fighting these brahminical forces.

**Brahmins may be merely about**

**3% of India's population but those directly under their religious influence come to 15% of our population. Their influence is growing.**

Bahujans - that is SC/ST/BCs and Muslim, Christian, Sikhs - put together come to 85%. These figures are now fairly well known.

Though we the non-Aryan forces are so huge in population and we are the producers of all wealth and our oppressors are merely consumers and manipulators, why we are not able to defeat them?

#### **YEAR-LONG DEBATE IN DV**

Forget about defeating them, why we can't even make a dent upon them?

So, I have come here to share a very important formula that can easily finish this tiny 15% Aryan brahminical forces. What is this formula? What is this strategy?

There is no secret about it. There must be many readers of *Dalit Voice* present here and in DV we have been holding a Debate on this subject for the past over one year.

The subject is "caste identity" or "jati identity".

The Debate has been going on right lines. It has been a great intellectual treat.

**Please note that the jati among the Bahujans is not the jati of the Aryan brahminical Hindus.**

Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar's speech, *Annihilation of Caste*, was meant for Hindus and not non-Hindus.

#### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CASTE & TRIBE**

It was the Aryans who brought Hinduism to India. They only have the caste system, *Chaturvarna*. We are Bahujans, outside the caste and hence called outcastes. Our *jatis* are not castes but our ethnic identities.

Endogamy has different functions under the Hindu caste system and our *jati* or Tribal identities. Our Bahujan *jatis* were once tribes now transformed into castes. Yet our *jatis* retained our Tribal identity.

But this notion of identity gets transformed into one of **purity** of castes. There is no hierarchy or gradation among different tribes. On the other hand **purity** is a hierarchical relation. In other words, if one caste is pure the others are less pure or impure. Under the Tribal identity, inter-Tribal marriages are forbidden. But under the caste system, caste purity permits taking women from more pure castes but not giving women to less pure castes.

**The great Tribal principle is separate but equal. But under the Hindu caste system, caste confers status, power, and power to oppress others, security. Higher caste is the essence of Hinduism.**

That means before the Aryans converted our *jatis* into castes, we were different Tribal units.

India was exactly like today's African continent with thousands of Tribal units.

#### **BAHUJANS ASKED TO FORGET CASTES**

As I have no time. I cannot elaborate this point.

The Brahminical Social Order (BSO) has destroyed our Tribal identities and put them under their Hindu caste system and called themselves as the single largest religion of 85% Indians. This is false.

The Aryans (BSO) are asking to forget our caste identity to impose their Hindu identity on our non-Hindu people. Bahujans are not Hindus. Only the 15% Aryans are Hindus. All the 85% Bahujans are Tribal

identities and we must go back to our Tribal roots and strengthen it.

Both the *Hindutavadis* and marxists are asking us to forget our *jati* identity because they want to strengthen their "Hindu unity" and their "Hindu nation". Because only when "Hindu unity" is forged and "Hindu nation" is formed, the 3% Brahmins can cement their overlordship on us reducing the Bahujans to perpetual slavery.

#### **MARXIST SLOGAN**

The marxists of India gave us a slogan: "Strengthen the nation by giving up your caste". But we have reversed this slogan: "Strengthen every *jati* by giving up this nation."

India is not a "nation" but a country of thousands of "nations".

#### **CASTE AS NATION**

What then is the nation? Babasahab has elaborately described and defined what is a "nation" and I have no time to go into it. Our research into this subject, our experience, travel all over India and study have all convinced us that in India it is the caste that can be compared to a "nation".

We have to destroy the notion of caste but strengthen the nation of caste.

#### **HOW BRAHMINNS BECAME RULERS**

I know it is difficult for you to understand and digest what I say because cause neither our media nor our leaders discuss it. And all of you have been brain-washed to demand annihilation of caste.

But the Brahmins have no difficulty to understand this point because they have become rulers of India only by strengthening their caste. Suresh Kalmadi, who resigned yesterday from the Congress and

joined the BJP (*Brahmana Jati Party*) today, is a Brahmin from my town of Udupi in coastal Karnataka.

He is joining BJP to strengthen his *Jati*. BJP itself is a party led by *vaids* aiming at establishing *vaidik* rule over India.

Every Brahmin leader knows this. Jayalalita, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Ramakrishna Hegde, Manohar Joshi, V.N. Gadgil, E.M.S. Namboodiripad - whatever maybe their party. They all owe their allegiance to their *Jati*.

**Brahmins became rulers of India only by strengthening their *Jati*.**

#### HOW MARATHAS LOST RULERSHIP

Marathas became rulers by strengthening their *Jati*. The Marathas lost their rulership in Maharashtra when they got enslaved to Brahmins.

I will conclude by giving you a comparison.

I have compared the different *Jatis* of India to different links in a cycle chain.

#### INDIAN CYCLE NOT MOVING

In this cycle chain, which link is important? Every link is equally important. The strength of this chain depends upon its weakest link.

I have compared India to this cycle. The Indian cycle is not moving forward because in its chain only three or four links are well-oiled and well-maintained. All other links are neglected, rusted.

That is why this cycle of India is not moving. It is at a standstill.

The "*Jati* identity" of all other *Jatis* have been destroyed and thereby *hindused*.

The entire wealth of India has gone into the hands of a mere 15% upper caste *Jatis*.

Because, they all strengthened their

*Jatis*. And at the same time, these upper caste *Jatis* told us to forget our *Jatis*, our identities.

#### CASTE CONSCIOUSNESS

The point is these 15% *Jatis* became rulers only because they had strong *Jati* consciousness. Such a caste consciousness helped them to promote their respective *Jatis* and they became rulers.

But the other 85% of the *Jatis*, particularly the Dalit *Jatis*, forgot their roots, their caste consciousness and became slaves.

#### RIDDLE OF RAMA & KRISHNA

When Babasahab Ambedkar's book, *Riddle of Rama & Krishna*, was published the upper castes made loud protests. Why? Because they said their "sentiment was hurt".

What does it mean? It means they had strong "caste consciousness" and this "consciousness" provoked them to protest. But do we have the same caste consciousness? No.

Ravan was the ruler of whole India. He was a benevolent Dravidian ruler. But this Ravan is being burnt every year by the Hindus at a festival called "Ram Lila". Our people, children of Ravan, take the lead in burning their own great ancestor.

Why? Because our "caste consciousness" has been destroyed or rather, we allowed the upper castes to destroy our "caste consciousness". We have become unconscious people. Our identity has been destroyed.

So, the slogan we have given in DV is "strengthen every *Jati*, brahminism will be dead".

Strengthen every *Jati*, Hinduism will be dead.

**Please note that the Indian revolution leading to the establishment of "Dr. Ambedkar Era" can be and will be led by only Dalits and Ambedkarites.**

BAMCEF is a leading Ambedkarite organisation and hence you have a great duty to correctly guide the country towards the coming "Dr. Ambedkar Era."

And in your struggle, fight towards the Ambedkar Era, the most important weapon is "caste consciousness, caste identity and caste consolidation".

#### DALITS NOT ONE CASTE

Please note Dalits do not belong to one *Jati*.

**All of us may be victims of *brahmanvad*. All of us may be victims of untouchability but Dalits have different subcastes which are nothing but our Tribal identities. As Ambedkarites, it is our duty to first recognise the existence of each subcaste.**

#### SUBCASTE IS REAL CASTE

Subcaste is a misnomer. Actually subcaste is the real *Jati*.

You take the ruling upper castes of each state: Who are they?

In Maharashtra, the ruling upper castes are Brahmins, Marathas and to some extent Kayasths.

In Gujarat, it is the Brahmins, Patels, Banias.

In UP, it is the Brahmins, Thakurs, Banias, Kayasths.

In Bengal, it is the Brahmins, Baidyas and Kayasths.

In Andhra Pradesh, it is Brahmins, Reddis and Khammas.

#### ROLE OF RELIGIOUS MUTTS

Brahmins are the single most powerful all-India caste groups.

How did the Brahmins achieve this position?

How did they all have one single name? Because of one single factor: that is their religious mutts.

The other *Jatis* have no such mutts. It is these Shankar mutts and other

Gowda Saraswat Mutts which gave them their *jati* solidarity.

**The Brahmins too have hundreds of subcastes but they are all guided by their mutt chiefs.**

And all these mutts preach and practice "caste consciousness" and work for "caste consolidation".

This is the secret of their strength.

**We too can become powerful and rulers only if we follow this example set by the Brahmins.**

But instead of doing that we are following what the Brahmins and their "Brahmin media" tell us.

They tell us to forget our caste and strengthen the "nation".

Which "nation"? "Brahmin nation".

We have given a counter-slogan:

"strengthen every caste by forgetting the nation."

If you strengthen every caste, it is like strengthening every link in the cycle chain.

The cycle of "Indian nation" is not moving today because only 3 or 4 links or *jatis* are strong and the rest are rusted.

If we strengthen every *jati* the cycle of this "nation" will move faster and run speedily towards the "Ambedkar Era".

So, I have conveyed all the three messages for which I specially came and I request you to coolly ponder over the things and write to me if you have any doubts.

As Dalits and Ambedkarites, we are the leaders of revolution.

Of all the people in this country, we are its original inhabitants and love this country most.

**We Dalits are the greatest nationalists. Aryans are foreigners.**

We are the only genuine nationalists and hence these anti-nationals have no right to give us lesson on nationalism.

So strengthen every caste and you will be strengthening the "nation". If you refuse to heed this suggestion, you will continue to be slaves and Brahmins will be the rulers.

I thank the organisers for having invited me and given this opportunity to present this important thesis before this august gathering.

Jai Bhim.

## Court opposes SC/ST quota in promotion

**Madras:** There is no provision in the Constitution to provide reservation for SC/STs in the matter of promotions in Central Govt. organisations, the Madras High Court has held.

Article 16(4)(a) of the Constitution does not give any new right, but only gave parliamentary approval for the rights, as permitted by the Mandal case judgment, Justice S. S. Subramani has observed.

The judge was dismissing a batch of writ petitions from the SC/ST Employees' Association of UCO Bank, Union Bank and the Central Bank of India, to implement reservation for SC/ST officers as envisaged under Art. 16(4)(a) in the matter of promotion of officers from the post of junior management up to the post of top executives. (*Indian Express* Feb.3, 1998). ■

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## Gandhi liked Jinnah not Nehru as PM

**Islamabad:** A top American expert on South Asia, Stanley Wolpert, has said that before the partition of India M.K. Gandhi offered the prime ministership of the undivided India to Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. A professor of history at the University of California, Los Angeles, Wolpert said in Rawalpindi on March 26 that Gandhi believed Jinnah to be more suitable for the office of PM than Jawaharlal Nehru.

Giving a brief lecture on "A comparative Study of pre-partition Indian leadership", he said Gandhi was not in favour of partition and the division of India. So, he offered Jinnah the office of Prime Minister but Nehru and the Viceroy of undivided India, Lord Mountbatten, were against the proposal. Nehru opposed the proposal because he knew that if Jinnah became the PM of the sub-continent, he would have no place in the Cabinet of Jinnah's Govt.

Jinnah who was born as Muslim in 1876 was quite rational and intellectual. Gandhi was born seven years earlier than Quaid-i-Azam. Gandhi and Nehru both were born in Hindu families but as Nehru got his education in Britain, he was a "learned revolutionary" but he had a veiled personality and he was different for the people and different for himself.

(*Hindustan Times*, March 28, 1998) ■

# Khammas further aggravate Mala-Madiga divide

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**Bangalore:** Press reports from Hyderabad about the April 14 "Ambedkar Jayanti" celebrations say that once again the two dominant Dalit sections - Malas and Madigas - of Andhra Pradesh openly clashed and created an ugly scene and thereby revealing the fact that the upper castes have succeeded in dividing the Untouchables.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, a shudra Khamma, did his job of consolidating his Khamma caste by dividing the Dalits.

**Reddi-Khamma rivalry:** Dalits are landless labourers and propertyless. They have nothing to lose. But it is the Khamma landlords and businessmen who have everything to lose. Hence they are more conscious of their "jati unity" against their rival shudra Reddi *jati* fellows.

The rivalry in AP is mainly between these two shudra castes - Reddis and Khammas. The former trounced the Khammas

in the recent Parliament elections. Both the Malas and Madigas know this. And even after knowing it, they two got divided instead of uniting to fight their twin oppressors.

**Malas joined the Reddis and Madigas became the tail of Khammas. Both the deprived communities instead of jointly attacking their oppressors were busy quarreling between themselves.**

And, after all, the quarrel is for what? The quarrel is over bones, and skin. While the flesh is enjoyed by the Khammas and Reddis, the already starving dogs are quarreling over the thrown-away crumbs. Who can save such people?

**Failure of Ambedkarites:** Madigas say that the more dominant among the Dalits, namely Malas, have consumed more of the discarded rotten, stinking garbage.

**The Ambedkarites among the Malas being elder brothers, should have heeded this demand even if the complaint of Madigas is not genuine and agreed for a population-wise**

**share between the Malas and Madigas.**

This is where the DV stepped in advocating the "jati identity" which supported such a demand.

But both the sides continued to be pawns in the chessboard of the Reddi-Khamma parties.

**Karnataka following AP:** The April 14 violent scenes at Hyderabad proved that instead of healing the wound both sides are trying to fan the flames of hatred.

Perhaps such a polarisation may lead to "caste consciousness, caste identity and caste consolidation" among the Madigas.

Meanwhile, a similar scene is developing in Karnataka also.

The only solution to this problem is caste consciousness, caste identity and caste consolidation. Both the Khammas and Reddis in AP know this, got benefited by it and became rulers. But the deprived, dehumanised Dalits are yet to learn the secret of this all-powerful *mantra*.

## High court curbs Dalit human rights

**Jaipur:** In a far-reaching judgment, the Rajasthan High Court held that the benefit of reservation in promotions can be availed of only once. Accordingly, it has quashed promotions given in 1996 to the officers of reserved category to the IAS and IPS. In no circumstances should the reservation in promotions exceed 28 per cent in these services, it said. A Division Bench of the court comprising the acting Chief Justice, Justice M.P. Singh, and Justice Arun Madan ruled on

a batch of writ petitions moved by some officers of the Rajasthan Administrative Service (RAS) and the Rajasthan Police Service (RPS), challenging the promotions of their junior colleagues to the all-India services by extending to them the benefit of reservation. Cancelling the promotions exceeding 28 per cent in both IAS and IPS, the court asked the State Govt. to determine the seniority afresh within 60 days.

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