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## Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Don't blame Constitution for crookedness of man

What is said to be the absurdity of the amending provisions is founded upon a misconception of the position of the Constituent Assembly and of the future Parliament elected under the Constitution. The Constituent Assembly in making a Constitution has no partisan motive. Beyond securing a good and workable constitution it has no axe to grind. In considering the Articles of the Constitution it has no eye on getting through a particular measure. The future Parliament, if it met as a Constituent Assembly, its members, will be acting as partisans seeking to carry amendments to the Constitution to facilitate to the passing of party measures which they have failed to get through Parliament by reason of some Article of the Constitution which has acted as an obstacle in their way. Parliament will have an axe to grind while the Constituent Assembly has none. That is the difference between the Constituent Assembly and the future Parliament. That explains why the Constituent Assembly though elected on limited franchise can be trusted to pass the Constitution by simple majority and why the Parliament though elected on adult suffrage cannot be trusted with the same power to amend it.

I believe I have dealt with all the adverse criticisms that have been levelled against the Draft Constitution as settled by the Drafting Committee. I don't think that I have left out any important comment or criticism that has been made during the last eight months during which the Constitution has been before the public. It is for the Constituent assembly to decide whether they will accept the Constitution or whether they shall alter it before passing it.

But this I would like to say. The Constitution has been discussed in some of the Provincial Assemblies of India. It was discussed in Bombay, C.P., West Bengal, Bihar, Madras and East Punjab. It is true that in some Provincial Assemblies serious objections were taken to the financial provisions of the Constitution and in Madras to Article 226. But excepting this, in no Provincial Assembly was any serious objection taken to the Articles of the Constitution. No Constitution is perfect and the Drafting Committee itself is suggesting certain amendments to improve the Draft Constitution. But the debates in the Provincial Assemblies give me courage to say that the Constitution as settled by the Drafting Committee is good enough to make in this country a start with. I feel that it is workable, it is flexible

and it is strong enough to hold the country together both in peace time and in war time.

**Indeed, if I may say so, if things go wrong under the new Constitution, the reason will not be that we had a bad Constitution. What we will have to say is, that Man was vile. Sir, I move.**

*(After the speech of Dr. Ambedkar, members of the Constituent Assembly rose and spoke on the Draft Constitution. Here are some excerpts eulogising the work of Dr. Ambedkar and the Drafting Committee).*

**Mr. Frank Anthony** (C.P. and Berar, General): Mr. President, Sir, Although Dr. Ambedkar is not present in the House I feel that, as a lawyer at least, I ought to congratulate him for the symmetrical and lucid analysis which he gave us of the principles underlying our Draft Constitution. Whatever different views we may hold about this Draft Constitution, I feel that this will be conceded that it is a monumental document at least from the physical point of view, if from no other point of view. And I think it would be churlish for us not to offer a word of special thanks, to the members of the Drafting Committee, because I am certain that they must have put in an infinite amount of labour and skill to be able to prepare such a vast document....

Lastly, I wish to endorse the sentiment expressed by Dr. Ambedkar when he commended the provisions on behalf of the minorities. I know that it is an unsavoury subject (after what India has gone through) to talk of minorities or in terms of minority problems. And I do not propose to do that I do not propose to commend these minority provisions, because they have already been accepted by the Advisory Committee; they have been accepted by the Congress Party; they have also been accepted by the Constituent Assembly. But I feel I ought to thank and to congratulate the Congress Party for its realistic and statesmanlike approach to this not easy problem; and I feel we ought particularly to thank Sardar Patel for his very realistic and statesmanlike approach. There is no point in blinking or in shirking the fact that minorities do exist in this country, but if we approach this problem in the way the Congress has begun to approach it, I believe that in ten years there will be no minority problem in this country.

*(To be continued)*

*Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar Writings & Speeches*, Vol. 13, (pages 69 - 71) 1994, Rs. 190. Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay. The book may be had from Director, Government Printing, Stationery and Publications, Netaji Subhash Road, Bombay - 400 004.



# Indians don't hate Pakistan : It is a *vaidik* creation to keep Dalits enslaved

The Agra summit (July 15-16, 2001) between Prime Minister Vajpayee of India and President Musharraf of Pakistan, the developments before and after requires serious attention. Before the actual meeting, Musharraf was given the grandest reception ever in "independent" India. The Pakistani flag was hoisted in Rashtrapati Bhavan along with the Indian, its national anthem was sung, the President of India very respectfully took the name of Gaide Azam M.A. Jinnah quoting his unfinished agenda of Pakistan's good relations with India. Musharraf was taken to his old childhood residence in Darya Ganj, many non-ruling party leaders attended Musharraf's tea party, and so on. In simple words Musharraf was accorded a treatment that is given to a son-in-law by his mother-in-law on his first visit after marriage in traditional Indian families — an honour not given even to the visiting President of US.

**Vaidiks perform yagnas:** *Vaidiks* throughout India expected some results which would help deepen their roots. Even *yagnas* were performed in temples for the success of the summit meaning that they would be the biggest beneficiaries. The invitation to Musharraf was motivated not for "confidence building measures" (CBM) between India and Pakistan as projected but for some confidence building measures for the *vaidiks* themselves.

But the *yagnas* were not helpful. The summit failed because the CBM had different perspectives, one for Musharraf and another for Vaidik Vajpayee. When the first item of the agenda (CBM) itself was different in the minds of the two parties, everything else also had to be. And it was. Pakistan's first CBM was Kashmir and India's was last (or not at all). Kashmir is the first dispute to be tackled, said Pak. It is no dispute, said India. Kashmir struggle is freedom struggle (Pak). It is cross border terrorism (India), Kashmir has no border (it has only line of control (Pak). It has a border (India). This was the difference of perception of CBM on both sides

and the result, not even a joint press conference. Musharraf left abruptly like one running away from a mad house.

**Dumb vajpayee:** Even after this abrupt separation, the attitudes on CBM were different. Musharraf called a huge press conference with special invitation to Indian journalists, where he spoke extempore from his heart for two hours. Vaidik Vajpayee maintained the greatest silence of his life. The flamboyant orator of yesteryear became virtually dumb. And the greatest wonder on the part of the media was some maintained the strictest possible silence like the proverbial cat biting the pillar and some started talking ill of Pakistan, as usual, before the Bangladesh war (1971). Simla and Lahore were completely forgotten.

This is the position on the Vajpayee-Musharraf, India-Pakistan. Government-Government scenario. What about the non-govt., non-ruling party and people at large scene? This however, is very important.

**Bhutto on India:** The Agra summit, the enthusiasm before it and the silence thereafter opens a door for looking at the new way in which the innocent masses of Indians, and leaders of all parties excepting the *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) and its Hindu nazis are marching. India appears to be divided with a mere 3% *vaidiks* of all shades on one side and the rest of the people on the other. A cleavage appears to have developed even in respect of Pakistan which was the greatest unifying factor for "Hindus", as was told by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the sworn enemy of *vaidiks*:-

Indians are the most divided people. They are divided in matters of religion, region, language and caste, and are always at loggerheads with each other. The only thing that unites them is the word Pakistan. As soon as it is heard they become one".

That was in the seventies. But much water has flown down the bridge. The vast majority of Indians have started feeling differently, and the first year of the 21st century has started showing a different temperament and approach. A great turmoil was expected in Parliament on the Agra

hasco. All preparations were made to meet the situation. But nothing happened. Only a little storm in the tea cup. The Opposition leaders should have made virulent attacks on Vajpayee. But they did not. Why? Why this mysterious silence?

The answer is they all found Vaidik Vajpayee at fault. But they did not want to attack the office of the PM on an international matter. They could have as well shown greater regard for this office at least by attacking Musharraf. This too they did not. Either for the reason that they considered that this was a trap laid down by the *vaidiks* to speak the *vaidik* anti-Pakistan language which allows the *vaidiks* to pose themselves as sober people. This way or that, they did not want to talk jll of Pakistan.

**Changing political scene:** Why? Is it because of any soft corner for Pakistan? We say yes. This is a very important Yes. And it has to be told after a deep assessment and a great sense of responsibility. We have to go to the changing perceptions in the minds of the non-*vaidiks* who are now represented not by *vaidiks* like Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Narasimha Rao, Vajpayee but by their own respective regional, caste, community leaders like Kanshi Ram, Mulayam Singh, Laloo Prasad, Karunanidhi, Chandrababu Naidu, Deve Gowda etc. This is the big change.

**All these leaders are a product of great political change on the part of their respective followers. They are now convinced that Pakistan is a product of the age-old *vaidik* obduracy and a dominating wicked mind bent upon perpetuating the inequalities of the *vaidik dharm*a on Indians first and upon the rest of humanity next, through the latest much-researched, debated and cunningly crafted magic words — Hindu and Hinduism.**

**Hindu yoke on Muslim neck:** The regional leaders feel that they are late to realise this *vaidik* mischief which the Muslims understood well before 1947 when the power was in non-*vaidik* British hands. Being better informed, better organised and demographically better placed, they were able to throw out this Hindu yoke well before it was sought to be put on their neck. They were blessed by the leadership and inspiration of the recently converted non-*vaidiks* to Islam like Jimnah (his great grandfather was a Gujarati Baria).

Making full use of the non-*vaidik* British rule,

another great non-*vaidik* (if not anti-*vaidik*) leader, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, also tried to throw the *vaidik* yoke put on the Dalit neck for centuries. But he was partially successful for demographic reasons — the people of his nation/community having no areas with their predominant population anywhere.

**Periyar's non-Brahmin movement:** The other great non-*vaidik* Tamil leader, Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy, concentrated more on cultural revolution among the Dravidians comprising the non-Brahmins of India. South of the Vindhyas like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra, Karnataka and Maharashtra. His crusade itself was called a non-Brahmin movement though infact it was anti-Brahmin, meaning anti-Aryan. Because of the peculiar political situation that a major chunk of South India was ruled by the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Maharajas of Mysore and Travancore-Cochin with whom their subjects had no grievance whatsoever, he had to confine his activities to Tamil Nadu (then Madras presidency) which was directly ruled by the British, where alone the Hindu (read Brahmin) Congress Party was promoting the Brahmin cause in the name of Hindu and "nation".

**Tamilis not against Kashmir:** Periyar's movement even assumed the shape of a separate nation for the Dravidas to be called Dravidasthan similar to Pakistan. Demographic situation was also favourable, but more concentration on culture rather than politics, and political peculiarities explained above came in the way. Yet the separateness and distinctness in all matters has kept the Tamils so alienated that they are Tamils first, Tamils second and Tamils last. They have no concern whatsoever with the North Indians in any matter including Kashmir. No Tamil leader at any time has said a word against Pakistan.

The situation among the Keralites is much the same. So also among the Andhras. But some exceptions are to be seen in the upper caste sections of Karnataka and Maharashtra where the original Hindu parties — Congress and some Hindu nazis — still hold ground.

**Thus, it may be seen that regional parties like DMK, ADMK, Telugu Desam and sub-regional parties like CPM, CPI, Muslim League, SINDP etc. in Kerala neither have a foreign policy nor any concern for the far away Kashmir. Loss or gain of Kashmir is not their priority.**

This is best respected in the words of a long-

standing South Indian Shudra politician, H.D. Deve Gowda, who on becoming Prime Minister of India said:

I had not seen where Kashmir is on the map. Yet I went to Kashmir personally.

He went their under official compulsion as PM. This also shows that in his 50 years career as a politician, there was never a discussion on Kashmir. The Mongoloid tribals who live in North-East of India also have the same feelings. The largest political party, CPM, in West Bengal is more a Bengali regional party than a marxist party. For obvious reasons it is called CPM and has no fragrance of marxism of any kind. It has not shown even a token interest in Kashmir. Its leaders vociferously participated in Musharraf's tea party in spite of criticism by Hindu nazis.

**North-East demand for autonomy:** The other parties in the North-East (NE) are also struggling for more autonomy and they are all having a running battle with the oppressive Delhi rule. Just as special provisions are kept for Kashmir in the Indian Constitution under Article 370, most of the NE states too have special provision under Articles 371A (Nagaland), 371B (Assam), 371C (Manipur), 371F (Sikkim). One special thing to be noted is that Article 370 was in the original Constitution itself, whereas the Article 371 and its kids were incorporated later. That means Article 370 for Kashmir became a model and an inspiration for the NE states indicating that in the state visa vis centre relations, the NE states are with J&K.

It is intriguing why the flamboyant claimant of autonomy for Kashmir, Farooq Abdullah, has not joined hands with the NE states which are also clamouring for more autonomy. This puts a big question mark on his bonafides.

**Thus there appears to be some meaning in the fear nurtured by the Hindu nazis that India will break up if Kashmir is separated from India. Perhaps, they keep the NE states in mind.** Underlying this *vaidik* fear is the hidden truth that the various states continue to remain in the Indian Union much against their wish, and this unity is only a legal fiction and not of their hearts and they are waiting for a chance to break.

**Aryan interest in Kashmir:** Thus, we are left only with the regions on the West of Delhi, Punjab, Gujarat, Rajasthan, which still hold the Hindu parties dear because they are Aryan and these Aryans have a common cause with

Kashmir. Their immediate nearness, rather border with Pakistan, keeps the pot boiling. They fear that they cannot survive without some kind of *hindness*. In other words anti-muslimism and anti-pakistanism. It is again very pertinent that these states have the least and the most ineffective Muslim and Dalit population.

The only other left over states are UP and Bihar which have developed strong caste and regional **identity** and these regional parties have no foreign policy.

This is our analysis on political and geographical basis that have developed after 1947 slowly in proportion to the growth of enlightenment among non-Brahmins.

**Why Aryans hate Muslims:** At the all-India level, irrespective of political considerations, there is a universal caste-wise difference of opinion on Pakistan, Muslims and Islam.

**The upper castes (Aryans) — about 15% of Indians — comprising Brahmins, Vaishyas and to some extent Kshatriyas are united in their hate against Pakistan, Muslims and Islam. And they have every reason to hate, because:-**

- (i) It was Islam (Muslims) which shattered their centuries-old hegemony over the rest of the 85% Indians.
- (ii) It was Islam which emancipated 35% of the free-hold Hindu slaves (Backward Castes and Untouchables) and took them under its protective shield of Muslims.
- (iii) It is these neo-converts to Islam who have been the greatest enemies of brahminism, right from the days of Malik Kafur (Dalit convert) to Jinnah.
- Iqbals fight against brahminism:** (iv) It is Islam which makes even a Brahmin convert to create a Dr. Iqbal who stands up as the greatest protector, promoter and projector of Islam not only against brahminism but other issues too, across the globe.
- (v) It is Islam which provides the best antidote to brahminism in every aspect of day-to-day personal, social and political life.
- (vi) It is the Muslim, who in the very next moment after conversion, stands erect with pride against the Brahmin as an equal — nay as a superior and ridicules the Brahmin in all his acts and beliefs. He produces Quran as against the Vedas, *Hadith* against the *Puranas* and so on and also very proudly.
- (vii) It is Islam and Muslims, which could not be and cannot be swallowed by brahminism, as against Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism and the

Indian version of Christianity. Everybody falls before brahminism but never the Muslim.

**M.N. Roy on Islam:** These are some of the major reasons why the *vaidiks* hate Islam and Muslims and their latest child Pakistan (Kashmir). As against this, these very reasons become a matter of love and regard for the oppressed victims of *vaidiks*. And these victims form a formidable over 85% of the India's 1,000 million population. No less than M.N. Roy, founder of the Indian Communist Party and a Bengali Brahmin, had pronounced the verdict on Islam in his book, *Historic Role of Islam* (Ajanta Books International, Delhi, 1981-fourth reprint). He said Islam is the best and most effective antidote to destroy brahminism. All victims of *vaidik* Hindu nazism also feel that but for the Muslims they would have seen little light which they see now.

**Pakistan as symbol of anti-brahminism:** They feel that the struggle for Pakistan was a great protest against brahminism. Pakistan, not as a state but as an ideology (in the words of Z.A. Bhutto again) is anti-*vaidik*, anti-Hindu nazi and anti-Brahmin ideology as much in consonance with the dream of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy and host of other non-Brahmin leaders all over India like Mahatma Phule (Maharashtra), Sri Narayana Guru (Kerala), Narala Venkateshwara Rao (Andhra) in the recent past and Guru Nanak (Punjab), Kabier (UP), Basavanna, Sarvagna (Karnataka) since a thousand years, and still earlier. Budha and Mahavir. All these great leaders and their teachings though differed in times and places have always had a common unifying ground and objective — of freeing the over 85% Indians from the clutches of Aryans/*vaidiks*/upper castes/Brahminical Social Order (BSO).

**All these human haters have now come together under the common umbrella of Hindu/Hinduism and Hindustan but their sole aim is to promote brahminism by enslaving Dalits.**

While the above mentioned leaders have played small roles at all-India level but very great roles at their respective regional levels, the Muslim role has been more effective at the all-India (subcontinent) level as well as the regional levels. The blows inflicted on the Aryan *vaidiks* and BSO as a whole have been the most effective and that is why Pakistan became the worst enemy of the BSO. While the *vaidik* hatred of Muslim is natural, the non-Brahmin hatred is artificially created. While

the *vaidik* hate is permanent and pathological, the non-Brahmin hate is a recent development. As the Brahmin hate grows the non-Brahmin hate diminishes. And the process is going on. Those teeming millions, who were silent observers in and before 1947 are getting their eyes opened and have realised the truth. But they are so much engaged in their struggle for bread that they have no time and scope to think. Almost all those below the poverty line are these very *shudras* and Dalits. Once their daily bread is assured or a link is established between bread and Kashmir, these teeming millions will realise in the words of Minoo Masani:

The Indian government spends billions to defend the Indian from foreign aggression but not even a fraction of it for removing his hunger.

**Develop contact with Dalits:** And this huge expenditure on defence is made after manufacturing an enemy. And the *vaidiks* have created such an enemy which suits them best.

**The moment the Kashmir problem is solved, the Hindu nazis will have no whipping boy. So, it is in the interest of Hindu nazis, "Hindu unity", the "Kashmir problem" has to continue. The "Kashmir problem" also must continue because the Hindu rulers of India can divert huge funds for defence and thereby keep the hated Dalits, Backward Castes and Tribals hungry and enslaved and thereby also kill them in the unending war in Kashmir where Dalits fight and die as soldiers.**

The leaders of Muslims in India, Pakistan and the leaders of Dalits and Backwards have to do some serious thinking on these aspects and redraw the ideologies and programmes.

On one side Pakistan has to make a detailed study of this struggle of Indians against the Aryan/*vaidik*/Brahmin/Hindu domination, and on the other side the Dalit, Backward leaders have to openly come out that the hate Pakistan/Muslim/Islam mantra of the BSO should be stopped. There is no wholesale love-hate complex. It is selective and limited. The people-to-people contact, so much spoken of even by some *vaidiks* (though for diplomacy and hoodwinking) must be, in the true sense, Muslim-Backward-Dalits contact. It is developing fast in India. Pakistan should not fail.

(For further studies read our book, *India's Muslim Problem*, DSA - 1998, Rs. 50).

# Ban will make SIMI more popular: Hindu nazis warned to read history

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There is a talk of banning India's most revolutionary Muslim organisation — Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI). We will not be surprised if they go ahead because the Hindu nazi boat is fast sinking and those running it are in a state of desperation. Their present state of mind proves it.

When the Hindu nazis could kill their own "Father of the nation", who helped them to come to power and so famous a leader who served the Brahminical Social Order (BSO) all through his life, what surprise would be there if they banned a small Muslim youth organisation with hardly any mass base?

**War against Dalits:** The Hindu nazis, who were put in the driver's seat by a number of regional and Backward Caste parties, has become so unpopular that whatever it touches becomes mud. The revolt in Kashmir and North-East, economic collapse, corruption charges in plenty, bungling at the Agra summit, the declaration of war against Untouchables on their demand to consider "casteism as racism" are just a few serious cases in which the nazi rulers of India are caught red-handed. The nazi boat is sinking.

In Kashmir, the situation has become so explosive that Home Minister Advrani had no other answer except to announce that the govt. would "crush" any show of protest. Their only answer to any people's struggle is to unleash more terror and try to crush it. Has anybody succeeded in "crushing" the people's struggle for justice?

**The ruling nazis have lost control on the govt. and society. That is why they are going mad on every front. They want to "crush" Dalits, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, BCS, Tribals and women — almost every section of the population.**

They will get a taste of all this in the forthcoming UP Assembly elections.

**Spirit of Islam:** It is true that SIMI is a revolutionary Muslim organisation. But their revolution is confined to preaching the revolutionary "Spirit of Islam". And preaching and practising the "Spirit of Islam" is fully in keeping with the dictates of Quran.

**Muslims of India are one of the worst oppressed. They are the victims of Hindu nazism. Every Muslim knows it.**

And if a revolutionary Muslim organisation like SIMI preaches the "Spirit of Islam" and tells its followers to fight the oppressors to establish Justice and Truth, we

find nothing wrong. The oppressed peoples all over the world are fighting for the same thing: Palestine, Kashmir, Iraq, Chechenya, Blacks in America, Tamils in Lanka, and even in Ireland. DV supports all struggles for self-determination and for Justice and Truth.

**Jamate-Islami surrender:** SIMI is the one and the only all-India Muslim organisation which speaks of the "Spirit of Islam". All others including the Jamate-Islami have surrendered to the BSO. (*Curse of Allah*, DSA-1997).

**Muslims form 15% of the Indian population. There are more Muslims in India than in Pakistan. Most of the Muslims are Dalit converts and hence our brothers. DV has laid great stress on Dalit-Muslim unity.**

Over 85% of the Indian population has no complaint against Muslims or SIMI. A small percentage of upper caste Hindu nazis have been having a running battle with Muslims because their religion of brahminism and Islam are like mongoose and serpent (M.N. Roy, *The Historical Role of Islam*, 1981, Ajanta Books, Delhi - 7, pp. 91).

Muslims are not the only victims of brahminism. Dalits are its worst victims. So also over 85% of Indian population. SIMI is not involved in any of the financial and political scandals that rocked the govt. in Delhi. The only charge the Hindu nazi rulers may have against SIMI is it is telling the Muslim victims of nazism to fight, suffer and die for Justice and Truth. How can this be a charge?

**A thought can't be banned:** SIMI represents a particular thought — the "Spirit of Islam". And a thought can never be banned. A thought can be fought and finished by a more powerful counter-thought. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi banned the Hindu nazi party and put Vaidik Vajpayee and L.K. Advani in jail. Was she able to ban the Hindu nazi thought? Now the same nazis who were once in jail are thinking of banning SIMI. When will the Hindu nazis learn from history?

Dalits, Sikhs, Christians, BCS, Tribals and women, over 85% India's population, are victims of Hindu nazism. They are not victims of Muslims. Nobody has any complaint against Muslims. DV is the best friend of Muslims. In the light of the above observations, we warn the Hindu nazi rulers to desist from banning SIMI. And if they go ahead and still ban SIMI, they will be only making it more popular. That is what the SIMI wants. ■

# US targets China with Indian support

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In a recent report by The Brookings Institution, Professor Stephen P. Cohen and Sunil Dasgupta, have outlined features of American policy that heralds the beginning of a cold war in Asia with China as the ostensible target and India its anchor. On India, the report says:

Many members of the new Bush team perceive India as a potential partner in maintaining stability in the Indian Ocean region, particularly in fighting Islamic fundamentalism and checking Chinese ambitions.

"A closer strategic relationship between India and the US is predicted on what happens to the US-Pakistan relationship. Indians clearly want to prevent the revival of a US-Pakistan alliance and, if possible, even a warming in Washington's relationship with Islamabad. As such, the administration's success at trying to improve relations with Islamabad, without alienating Delhi, will be a key test of its diplomatic skills."

On Pakistan, the report says:

"Although Pakistan is less important to the US than India, it is likely to occupy considerable attention in

Washington over the next four years. This is mainly because of the belief among some US policy-makers that the country could collapse into anarchy with unpredictable consequences for the surrounding region. Pakistan combines the two major security threats to the US: weapons of mass destruction and perceived links with terrorism. The presence of a military regime in Islamabad may make these tasks harder".

**Plundering politicians:** The report reveals that the US is likely to offer review of its sanctions on Pakistan in three stages.

While India is presented with benefits (all of them dubious), Pakistan is to be offered the bait of lifting sanctions. The fact that all the three layers of sanctions got a mention, it is clear that the US hopes to secure its three objectives by linking the lifting the each layer of sanction on a specific marker. The return of plundering politicians who have sold out to the USA is one marker, compromising the credibility of the nuclear deterrent is the other, restraining Taliban and Mujahideen is the third. ■

## Anti-Muslim hatred forces Hindu nazis to join hands with USA

*In Dalit Voice, we were the first to point out the Indian brahminical ruling class shift from its pro-Soviet to pro-US policy. The Kashmiri Brahmin Jawaharlal Nehru framed the hypocritical pro-Soviet policy which was also followed by his fascist daughter Indira Gandhi.*

*But this policy was meant to deceive the outside world and the non-Aryan Indian masses while the ruling Brahminical Social Order (BSO) continued to have its heart in US.*

*The BSO remained pro-Soviet because communism helped the rulers to strengthen brahminism at home.*

*After using "communism" to the fullest extent to enslave the native Black Untouchables of India, Muslims and other natives, the BSO has lately switched over to the US side because "liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation" (LPG), which is the reigning mantra of the day, is very helpful to the BSO to further enslave the already enslaved natives.*

*Combined with LPG, the rulers have the added advantage of the anti-Muslim hatred in joining with America's global obsession with Islam.*

*We in the Dalit Voice were the first to announce the world that brahminism is the founding father of racism, fascism, nazism*

*and zionism. Brahminism caused two world wars and it is getting ready for the third one in which the line-up is getting clearer. Racists, imperialists, aggressors, free-market capitalists led by the US, zionists, brahminical rulers of India are on one side. Defending Justice and Truth will be India's Black Untouchables, who number more than the combined population of Europe, Muslims of the world, Africans and all the Blacks of the world plus China. The "civilisational divide" is clear.*

*We call upon Brig. Khalid to consolidate the side of Justice and Truth — EDITOR.*

# 14 shocks that Babasahab suffered under brahminical conspiracy

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Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur had declared Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar as the next leader and guide of Dalit-Bahujans of India. (DV May 16, 2001 p.23: "*Babasahab is product of BC leaders' struggle*").

(1) After the death of Shahu Maharaj, when Babasahab took the lead of oppressed Bahujans, two Backward Caste leaders — Jede and Jawalkar — deserted Babasahab dubbing him the leader of mere Untouchables but not of Backward Castes (BCs). They followed Aryan leaders Nehru and Gandhi, pioneers of the brahminical movement in "independent" India.

(2) The second incident which shocked Babasahab was the fake "Fast unto death" of M.K. Gandhi guided by the Brahmin lobby to destroy the human rights of Untouchables assured by the British Govt. as a result of the three Round-Table conferences in London where Babasahab took a leading role.

(3) The third shock was when the lone Dalit graduate Untouchable, Babu Jagjivan Ram, also deserted his company and joined the Brahmin lobby led by Nehru and Gandhi.

(4) **The fourth shock suffered was when casteist Sikhs insulted Babasahab when he was about to embrace Sikh religion along with millions of Untouchables.**

(5) The fifth shock was when our Saviour lost all his children and his dearest wife and was left alone surrounded by the cruel brahminical vultures.

(6) The 6th shock was when the British rulers granted the Indian independence leaving the Untouchables in the cruel hands of brahminical vultures without any safeguards as promised by them earlier.

(7) The 7th incident was when the Gandhi-Nehru

Congress, the original brahminical party of India, and S.A. Dange heading the "Socialist Brahmin" party of CPI, defeated our Saviour with their combined efforts in the election to the Constituent Assembly from Bombay City.

(8) But when he was elected by the great Chandals of West Bengal, he suffered the eighth big blow. The Brahmins quickly conspired to transfer the entire East Bengal, where great Chandals were concentrated, to Pakistan. He was again defeated in the election. However, it was the kind-hearted British rulers who appointed Babasahab to frame the Indian Constitution.

(9) The 9th shock was when Sardar Patel, the *shudra* follower of the BSO, managed to keep out Babasahab from becoming the first Chief Justice of the Indian Supreme Court.

(10) The 10th shock was when his pet Hindu Code Bill was opposed by Nehru in Parliament forcing him to resign as India's first Law Minister.

(11) The 11th incident was Babasahab could never again win any election to Parliament. All Hindu forces joined hands to oppose India's tallest titan and the greatest genius.

(12) **The 12th big blow was when the Brahmins conspired to get a Brahmin woman to marry him to check his social, political, religious and cultural revolution. It was a fatal blow.**

(13) The 13th misfortune was that our Saviour was left alone even by his own "educated" people whom he had brought up with great hope.

(14) The 14th misfortune of the Bahujans was when Babasahab was killed under a mysterious conspiracy just 43 days after his religious conversion that shook the Hindu pyramid.

## British kindness & vaidik tyranny

*Had the Brahminical Social Order been a little more kind and bestowed half the love and respect the British rulers had shown, Babasahab would have created miracles and India would not have been what it is today — a beggar*

*country. Babasahab was able to earn a name and fame because he lived during the benevolent British rule. But the BSO in its hurry to capture power and ride roughshod over the oppressed Bahujans and enslave them, partitioned India and converted*

*the country into a huge slaughter house. Brother Gurnam Singh has beautifully summarised the series of shocks suffered by the country's greatest intellectual giant, rightly hailed as the "Father of India" — EDITOR.*

# Shyam Sunder: Architect of Dalit-Muslim unity

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B. Shyam Sunder Sahab, founder of Bheem Sena, came to Bangalore in 1957 as a legislator in the Karnataka Assembly. Linguistic states were formed in 1956. Bidar, Gulbarga and Raichur districts — parts of Hyderabad — came to Karnataka, then called Mysore.

My first meeting was on the day he made his first speech in the Assembly. I was sitting in the press gallery as a reporter. Muslims called him Rae Sahab. He used to wear *sherwani* and a Muslim cap. He started his speech saying:

"When I was in Hyderabad, people in Bidar were overjoyed about joining Mysore, the Kannada land. Four months are over since we came here. I am surprised to see that this is not a state of Kannadigas. But a rule of Lingayats occupying every important seat."

## UPROAR IN ASSEMBLY

His statement led to a commotion as over half the MLAs happened to be Lingayats. More than that, the Speaker of the Assembly himself was a Lingayat. He was too much irritated. Shyam Sunder sat quietly in his seat for few minutes till the uproar ended. The Speaker asked Shyam Sunder to resume advising him not to make "sweeping remarks" but substantiate his statements with facts.

Shyam Sunder said:

"I am sorry. I obey your instructions. Lingayats are occupying every important

place. No.1 place is held by S.R. Kanti, the Speaker of this Assembly."

Before he mentioned the second name there was a bigger uproar. The whole Assembly was in pell-mell. The Speaker was not able to

## CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

*The great Bhim Sena leader Shyam Sunder Sahab's life is one of the most glaring cases of the brahminical monopoly media killing a revolutionary with its characteristic conspiracy of silence.*

*The country's most outstanding Dalit leader — rated next only to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar — had all the qualifications for greatness: honesty, dedication, mass following, simplicity, intellectual attainment, oratorical skill, philosophical bent of mind, mastery over history etc. But the **valdalk** wicked brains tarnished his name, dubbed him a Muslim agent, lobbed him in the jail, blocked out his name and made the people forget him. Today, nobody remembers Shyam Sunder. Not even the Muslims for whom he suffered, sacrificed and died a penniless man.*

*No ruling class in the world has descended to such depths of treachery. Shyam Sunder Sahab was a victim of such a treachery.*

*We can understand the brahminical rulers doing their duty of killing their enemy with their deadly weapon — conspiracy of silence — but what about the millions of his followers whom he inspired? They too forgot him. Barring DV none remembers him today. The second tragedy is even more painful. All revolutionaries born in India meet with the same fate. They go unsung, unwept, unhonoured. Shyam Sunder Sahab was one such revolutionary — **EDITOR.***

control and so he adjourned the House.

## WANTED HOMELAND

The next day all papers splashed Shyam Sunder's speech. He proved to be an able speaker. His next speech was on the budget. He

represented a reserved constituency - Bhalki in Bidar district. In his speech, he said reservation in politics was meant for the Scheduled Castes.

"I am not interested in any kind of reservation to my people. My demand is for a separate nation. India cannot be called a nation until the *Mool Bharatis* become a separate people. They should have a homeland of their own".

This was the greatness of Shyam Sunder, 55 years ago.

In Bangalore, he stayed in a govt. guest house on the Infantry Road where the Visweshwaraliah Tower stands now.

## DALIT-MUSLIM UNITY

He had a spacious accommodation with verandha, big hall, bedroom, attached bath, dressing room etc. which could accommodate a hundred people. In addition, he had a permanent place near the City Market in a Muslim locality called Basith Sarai.

Meeting people, religious heads, scholars was a pleasure for him at all times at both these places.

People came from different parts of the state and stayed in his lodges which were always full.

He presided over an Urdu Poets Conference, a *mushaira*, being a poet himself. He was a voracious reader, always with some rare

books in his hand. He was also an artist, drawing in pencil. His Urdu was chaste. Urdu-knowing people used to hear him with rapt attention.

**He was a great leader of Dalits but his dress was Muslim and spoke in Urdu. He remained a symbol of Dalit-Muslim unity like the Editor of *Dalit Voice*. The example set by Shyam Sunder and V.T. Rajshekar should become a guide for all of us today.**

Because only Dalit-Muslim unity can defeat the existing brahminical imperialism.

My relationship with Shyam Sunder became very intimate within a short period of three months. He invited me to attend a big conference of 70,000 Dalits at Gulbarga. I left for Gulbarga by train. At the conference it was a procession of *dhofi-turban*, a black-blanket on shoulder and a six-feet long *laffi* in hand.

### BANDE NAWAZ URS

After a long march, people gathered at the public meeting. Shyam Sunder wanted me to speak first. I spoke for few minutes. Then he made a two-hour long oration. Every word was cheered: self-help and self-respect, a guidance to people.

I later translated his Urdu speech into Kannada with the help of some friends and published it.

*Bande Nawaz Urs* at Gulbarga had been a very big fair. As the date was nearing, I was asked to stay on to see the fair. I agreed and spent my days with the MSK Mill workers, all our people, labour leaders and students.

Shyam Sunder Sahab went to Hyderabad and came back on time for the *Urs*. I used to be his constant companion. His love for me was noticed by all people and hence they all respected me also. I was

just a 20-year-old youth then following 50-year-old leader and a champion of Dalits and Muslims. He wanted me to go to Hyderabad after the *Urs*. I was ready and happy.

### BREAKFAST WITH NAWAB

On the day I was to leave for Hyderabad, I faced a tragedy. Shyam Sunder's suitcase was put in a wrong bus but we remained back. I was very much disturbed that the suitcase was lost but Shyam Sunder was unperturbed. We went by the next bus. It was 11 in the night when we reached Hyderabad. Hundreds of people had gathered to receive him. He spoke to every one.

Finally, he engaged a *tanga* — a horse carriage. The *tangawala* also wished the Sahab. I followed and found the suitcase in the *tanga*. Who brought it and kept it? Nobody knew. That proved the devotion of the people to their Sahab. Before the Sahab could give the instructions, the *tangawala* said he knew the place of the Sahab and took us there. We stayed there for the night. I got up at 7 a.m. to see a car with a driver and an attendant requesting Sahab for breakfast at a nawab's palace.

The breakfast consisted of beef, egg, dhal, sweets, fruits, so many things. The Nawab waiting at the entrance led us to the dining table. After tea, we were taken to the hall. More discussions followed. Shyam Sunder was close to Sheikh Abdullah, Prime Minister of Kashmir. He used to visit Kashmir often.

### LOVE OF BEEF

We left Hyderabad after a week to tour his constituency. Everywhere he was greeted with big gatherings. He told me that he had some fears about those villages which he had

never visited. But the counting of votes surprised him. He got the highest votes even from such villages. He was an ideal leader who sincerely loved his people.

I was then studying at the Maharaja's College, Mysore. Sahab had a meeting at Mangalore, South Kanara. He came to Mysore to take me with him. Leaving the other direct route to Mangalore, he came all the way to Mysore and searched for me in the college and took me into his car for Mangalore.

### BETRAYAL & GRATITUDE

After his official work, he started going to the localities of Dalits and Muslims. Meetings and dinners followed. Generally meat was served since he liked beef. He never touched liquor or smoked. Not even betel leaf chewing. He always preferred to sit with people in group. A real mass leader who loved them and lived with them.

My last meeting with Shyam Sunder was in 1972 in Bangalore. He had his last supper at my house and later left for Hyderabad. After few days I read in the newspaper that he was dead.

He founded the famous Bheem Sena 30 years before that. It was a self-respect, self-confidence building movement. He published a small booklet called *Manifesto*. A road at Gulbarga is named after Shyam Sunder.

He is no more with us but he has inspired hundreds of young men. But still larger number of people betrayed him.

Dalits are yet to know the meaning of the word "gratitude".

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**Kaukab Siddique**, Ameer, Jamaat al-Muslimeen, (ksidd37398@aol.com): This concerns the efforts of rumour-mongers to pick one little issue to deflect attention from the main thrust of the International Islamic Symposium on Aug. 10 - 12. Some people enter Muslim ranks to create disunity and suspicion. Notice the lies of these people and what shape and form it takes. Our press release mentioned three schools of thought: Sunni, Shii and Sufi. Then it mentioned "non-sect" and NOI. Notice how these people jumped on NOI to ask how is it a school of thought. Evidently these people wanted to divert attention from the unity created by the international conference. If our statement is to be read the way these people read it, one could ask: How is non-sect a school of thought? Evidently the statement was simply mentioning who was in the conference. It was not defining schools of thought. The main thrust of the conference was the unity of the Muslims on Palestine under the leadership of the Prophet. These people are so unhappy with Muslim unity, especially in a conference which was not controlled by pro-govt. groups like CAIR and AMC. Readers might remember that when Minister Farrakhan broke the silence imposed on the imprisonment of Shaikh Omar by the govt. and demanded that he be allowed to visit the Sharkh, this same character, Yahya of inin@inin.net, started slandering Minister Farrakhan claiming that hi is not a Muslim. As we know from *Hadith* one who calls a Muslim a non-Muslim the slander returns to him. Minister Farrakhan is a leader of Islam. If Yahya keeps spitting on the moon, the spit will simply fall back on his face. Those of NOI who came to the conference are deeply devoted to the *deen* of Islam. Majority of NOI accept the finality of prophethood. There are others who are clinging to their old beliefs. Thus a crisis exists among the old timers. *Inshallah* Islam will be victorious. Yahya of Inin fell out with Jamaat-al-Muslimeen when we criticized CAIR/AMC. We are against CAIR/AMC's collaboration with the US govt. First, these people were licking the boots of Clinton/Albright. Now they are busy licking the Bush boots. These collaborators, whom Yahya supports, distribute American govt. propaganda among Muslims. (This is called reverse *dawah*). Most recent, they have distributed McKinney's statement to Muslims. Thus CAIR/AMC steadily tell the Muslim community that US govt. groupings are Muslims friends. Sometimes they bring up Findley, sometimes Boinger, sometimes McKinney. They want the Muslims to forget that all these American bosses have **accepted** and **recognized** Israel. They express regrets for Israel's excesses to gain Muslim votes.

Yahya's friends should come out clearly and state if they recognize Israel or not? Is it not true that they accept US definition of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and All Jhadi movements as terrorists? If not, let them state where they stand. Yahya's friends struck a blow at Muslim unity and made fools of the Muslims by calling for a bloc vote for Bush, the racist enemy of Muslims and all oppressed people.

**Ramen Nellan**, Mosque Road, Marcellement St. Andre, Mauritius: Thank you very much for the eye-opening and explosive books namely *Why Godse Killed Gandhi?* and other books about the Muslims. I would like to have some books (1) on the origin of the Aryans considered to be settlers in India. (2) On Sai Baba considered to be a fraud dressed in saintly garb. I want to read your works: *Brahminism - Father of Fascism, Nazism and Racism* (DSA - 1994), *Why Nietzsche Rejected Christianity and followed Brahminism?, Curse of Allah* (DSA - 1997), *Hinduism, Fascism and Gandhism, and India's Muslim Problem* (DSA - 1998).

**Dr. Dorothy Anne Masters**, Anthropologist, c/o J. Williamson, 28 - Bridge Road, Woolston, Southampton SO 19 7GQ, UK: I have written to Buthelezi, Home Minister (Private Bag X741, Pretoria 0001) of South Africa to take up the cause of India's Untouchables at Durban. Since he is the chief of Natal province, drew his attention to the racism practised by East Indians living in South Africa. Apartheid is immoral. It has been rejected by the civilized world. The Whites in South Africa cling to their religion and apartheid. According to the Bible, god created the Blacks as servants of the Whites. Noahs Curse (Old Testament Genesis 9.25:

Cursed be Canaan

A servant of servants shall he be

Unto His brethren. (*Old Testament* 9.26).

Blessed be the Lord God of Shem,

And Canaan shall be his servant.

(Canaan was the son of Ham which means Black).

The Whites accepted this as the truth. On the basis of this statement in the *Old Testament* the persecution of the Blacks and those less than White for 300 years. Apartheid was born. In 1993, that came to an abrupt end. Now the only country that is practising apartheid in the modern world is India. It has been able to carry on this evil practice behind closed doors for 4,000 years. For the Hindus (Aryans) of India and elsewhere practise the caste system based on a person's birth. The caste system is apartheid pure and simple. Outside this tightly knit system are the outcastes or Untouchables. History books tell us that M.K. Gandhi was a friend of the Untouchable.

Nothing is farther from the truth. According to Gandhi:

... A cobbler should remain a cobbler, a sweeper a sweeper. That according to me is Hinduism". (Quoted by Vikram Seth, *A Suitable Boy*, Phoenix House p. 1039).

And again on page 1038 in the same book, Seth cites a case of an Untouchable being forced to eat human excreta for having the temerity of asking an upper caste woman for some water to drink. The Hindus believe that the caste system was divinely inspired. The Afrikaners of South Africa also believed Apartheid based on the colour of man's skin was also divinely inspired. Apartheid is gone, but apartheid based on the caste system must also go. There are some 160 million Untouchables in India. The caste system is some 4,000 years old. It astonishes me that the Untouchables have been putting up with this discrimination for so long. My daughter is married to a Brahmin and I have watched with mounting horror and frustration the treatment meted out to these people. The Hindus would prefer to leave their own god's country and settle in the UK or the USA instead of trying to reform their own country. The Hindus it seems would prefer to remain as they are and drift along in this sea of forgetfulness. The Hindus carry their religion on their back wherever they go. And because they consider themselves exclusive, they are hated all over the world. I have done my best to draw your attention to the caste system which is nothing more or nothing less than racism. The Durban conference must address this issue, generations of low caste Hindus will be ever so grateful to you.

**Dr. G.S. Aulakh**, 1901 - Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 802, Washington DC 20006: This refers to your report: "*Phoolan's murder: UP's sociological lab will test power of caste*". Phoolan Devi's assassination in broad daylight at 1.30 p.m. in front of her official residence, 44-Ashoka Rd., within a mile of the Indian Parliament where there is an abundant police presence, shows the lawlessness in India. This episode is a major step towards the inevitable disintegration of India. She was one of the most popular women and a symbol of liberation for the poor Untouchables from the bonds of the caste system and repression by the upper caste Thakurs. Every such incident moves us closer to achieving independence for the different nationalities oppressed by the brahminical castes. Nations that do not have political power vanish from the face of the Earth. The Indian Government has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs, which has been documented in *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjit Singh Jaidee.

**Dr. Ramendra**, Reader, Philosophy Dept., Patna

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College, Patna University, Patna: This refers to Dr. R.P.

Harsh's communication (DV June 1, 2001, p.12) in response to my "*Why Dr. Ambedkar renounced Hinduism*" (DV Dec.1, 2000 p.13). Dr. Harsh has hastily jumped to the conclusion that my understanding of Buddhism is based on Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. In fact, Radhakrishnan is notorious for his misinterpretation of Buddhism and has been criticized for this by Rahul Sankrityayan and Robert A. McDermott among others. I have depended on scholars like Rahul Sankrityayan and A.K. Warder for my understanding of Buddhism. These scholars have extensively indicated the original sources (*Tripitaka*) on which they have based their interpretation of Buddhism. Above all, any correct interpretation of Buddhism has to be based on *Tripitaka* the primary sources that go nearest to Buddha. In my book, *Why I Am Not a Hindu*, for example, I have pointed out that there are several passages in the *Tripitaka*, mainly *Digha Nikaya* and *Majjhim Nikaya* (which form a part of the *Sutta Pitaka*, one of the *Tripitaka*) in which Buddha is shown as criticizing *varna vyavastha*. Radhakrishnan has not brought this fact into focus. On the contrary, he has tried to prove that Buddhism is an offshoot of Hinduism, a thesis, which I do not accept. Dr. Harsh is wrong when he says, "Dr. Ambedkar has documented each and everything in his book, *Buddha and His Dhamma*. This is not so. Probably he has seen the Hindi translation of Ambedkar's work by Anand Kausalyayan, in which Kausalyayan has acknowledged this shortcoming in Dr. Ambedkar's important work and has tried to rectify this on his own. (see *Namra Nivedan*). In his interpretation of Buddhism, Dr. Ambedkar has largely ignored the four noble truths into which the early Buddhism is traditionally summarized. There are several passages in the *Tripitaka* in which the four noble truths including the doctrine of rebirth have been attributed to Buddha. (It is possible to give a long list). By traditional interpretation of Buddhism, I mean Buddhism as interpreted in *Thervada* which is considered closer to Buddha's ideas as compared to the so-called *Mahayan* and *Vajrayan*. Any interpretation of Buddhism must take into account the *Tripitaka*.

**Harnesh Lal** s/o Jit Ram, VPO: Mehsam Pur (via Partap Pura), Teh. Phillaur, Jalandhar dt., Punjab: It is a matter of great pride to note that you have been fighting for Dalit liberation since 20 years and to revive the ancient Dravidian culture which has been crushed by the Aryans. I have been also reading the many Letters by various readers from different parts of the world, all thought-provoking. I am working as an Income Tax Dept. inspector since 1990 after doing my MA in English. I

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have read some four volumes of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. I am also associated with the Tarakeshel Society, Punjab. From the very beginning (actually after reading the call for self-culture by Lala Hardyal), I have developed a taste for logical reasoning which got strengthened from time to time and with the force and vigour of Rajneesh's reasoning. After studying Babasaheb's book, *What Congress and Gandhi Have Done for the Untouchables*, I have noticed that there is nothing like god. God was thoroughly dissected by Lala Hardyal also. All these Congress leaders were great believers in god and yet they created hundreds in the way of Dr. Ambedkar's liberation movement. The god should have penalised all these *gandhiwadis* and sent them to *narak* (hell) if there is any by the justice-loving god. Does it not prove that the *gandhiwadis* did not believe in god? Where is the god? Babasaheb had read hundreds and thousands of books including the Hindu scriptures and came to the conclusion that "Vedas contain nothing but tomfoolery". He said the theories of *karma* and fate have been invented by the ruling classes to keep the poor and ignorant enslaved. It was only to get rid of Hinduism and its shackles of caste that Babasaheb adopted Buddhism which being a religion based on morality attracted Babasaheb because there is no place for god and soul, the two things which occupy the centre stage in all the religions of the world, except Buddhism. As I ponder over the attempts made by Babasaheb to extricate the Untouchables and the adoption of Sikhism, Christianity, Radha-Swami sect (which is a branch of Sikhism based on *Granth Sahib*), I have come to the conclusion that conversion is not a solution to the problem of Untouchables. Here I am not questioning the wisdom of Babasaheb who took the decision of conversion to Buddhism. What I mean is that in view of the thousands of year **caste consciousness** and **caste consolidation** among upper castes it is impossible to eradicate caste through conversion. No doubt Babasaheb had a noble idea to lessen the rigours of casteism on the lives of millions of the downtrodden. But with the passage of time the force and vigour of Buddhism has evaporated. Even under Sikhism and Christianity, the Dalit converts are kept segregated. So what is the use of going to these temples of gods where **caste is the identity**. **Caste consciousness** and **caste identity** is so strong and so entrenched in Indian society that even so modern a religion like Sikhism could not resist the temptation of caste pride and denounced the converted Sikhs as *Sehajdharis* to their caste. Then what is the use of conversion? That is why I think Babasaheb reached the ultimate conclusion that the only via media for

lessening the agony of casteism was through capturing political power by the oppressed. If there had been a god he might have by this time bestowed his/her blessings on the oppressed and the downtrodden who have worshipped him or her for thousands of years. I don't think religion is a must for humans. I don't want to offend anybody or don't want to hurt the religious sentiments of any person of any religion. I believe in free discussion and I know that in India particularly and the world in general, the atmosphere of free discussion and free thinking has not been developed. Though we boast of a very advanced civilization and civic life, yet after a historical period of about 3000 years, we have not been able to inculcate the spirit of free thinking and scientific temperament of respecting and understanding the other's point of view. We have to channelise the energy and money being wasted on religion in the fight for political leadership of the country. It is our own brethren who defend the glory of Hinduism which has made them inhumans, which is not ready even today (in this age of IT and cyberspace) to accept them (the oppressed) as their own, which does not allow them entry into temples etc. I don't understand why religion is must for a person. Why the lower caste people go to the temples and gurdwaras where they are denied entry. Don't we trust so great a personality as Dr. Ambedkar who spent all his life studying the different religions only to show to the public and the world that the scriptures in spite of making big claims of being of spiritual origin do not contain the truth. There are only stories and mythology which do not appeal to a rational mind and these fail to pass the litmus test of logic. I have also read in DV about the efforts being made by Ram Raj, an IRS officer, to unite the SC/BC communities - nay SC/BC employees. To my mind this is not going to effect much the political equilibrium of the downtrodden. This is because these "highly educated" employees (who are well settled in life) have been the greatest obstacle in the way of achieving political power by the oppressed. The experience till now right from Babasaheb Ambedkar up to Kanshi Ram is that these elite sections of the society don't come to fight when the question of political power is thrown open to them. It had been the bitter experience of Babasaheb that the employees didn't cooperate with him. Otherwise, he would have done many more things in his life which could not be accomplished due to their allergy to politics. I don't mean any hostility to the revered leader. He has noble intentions for the crusade being waged by him. Finally I want to emphasise the point that at one point of time we have to decide between god and politics, between the other universe and this universe,

between spirituality and materialism, between soul and body. We have been taught for the last many centuries that there is life after death, that there is the other universe, that there is god, soul and something beyond body. Babasaheb adopted Buddhism not for the salvation of soul or whatever. He adopted it only to extricate the Untouchables out of the caste hierarchy of Hinduism. This had no other purpose. Babasaheb had gone for morality not for religion.

**Mrs. Surinder Kaur**, Flat No. 32, 247/1, Minto Park, Alipore, Calcutta - 700 049: The Hindu nazi-led Govt. of India is under tremendous pressure from Dalits all over the world to have casteism discussed at the UN Conference Against Racism at Durban (Aug.31 to Sept.7). The UN Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination passed the resolution No. 36/12 on Oct.28, 1981 treating descent as a form of racial discrimination. I quote:

Calls upon all member-states to adopt effective legislative, socio-economic and other necessary measures for elimination or prevention of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin".

To shut the mouth of persons like Hindu nazi leader, Acharya Giriraj Krishore of VHP, who considers the caste system a part of "ancient customs" of Indian social life, I quote from the UN General Assembly resolution no. 31/138, adopted on Dec.16, 1976:

Noting the actions of the working group established by the commission on human rights at its 30th, 31st and 32nd sessions with a view to elaborating a draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief.

Thus even religion-based degradation, discrimination and intolerance falls within the jurisdiction of the UN. DV should bring this to the notice of Dalit delegates at the ensuing UN Conference at Durban. The definition of racial discrimination given by the UN in its International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination dated Jan.19, 1965 reads:

"Art.1. In this convention, the term 'racial discrimination' shall mean any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.

Art. 4 states "Parties condemn all propaganda and all organizations which are based on ideas or theories of

superiority of one race or group of persons of one colour or ethnic origin, or which attempt to justify or promote racial hatred and discrimination in any form, and undertake to adopt immediate and positive measures designed to eradicate all incitement to, or acts of, such discrimination...."

So, it is clear that superiority claimed by the Aryan Brahmins of India, over all three other *varnas*, as they claim to have been born out of the mouth of *Kala-Purusha*, and the degradation and inferiority thrust upon the *shudras*, as they are alleged to have been born out of the feet of *Kala Purusha* is clearly a case of racial discrimination and is fully covered by the definition of racial discrimination give by UN, quoted above.

**Dr. V.D. Chandanshive**, c/o Cottage Vaishali, Shahu Nagar, Nanded, MS - 431 605: It is not only L.K. Suryavanshi (DV May1, 2001 p.15) and K.K. Baudh (Dec.1, 2000 p.15) who have objected to the use of nomenclature "Dalit" but a host of people in different parts of the country consider that the word is insulting and derogatory and therefore it was never used by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. The Editor of DV has rightly invited DV readers to react to the objection. First of all "Dalit" is not an English word. It is an Indian word which has now been anglicised and does carry shades of meaning. Secondly, it is wrong to say that Babasaheb never used this word. Babasaheb, during the initial stage of his movement, had floated a social outfit which was named "Dalit Seva Sangh". It is true that in his writings the word does not occur frequently. But Babasaheb wrote in English and the word which occurs prominently in his writings is "Depressed Classes". So, it could be safely concluded that "Dalit" is an Indian counterpart of the expression "Depressed Classes" which has now been accepted world-wide. In Maharashtra too protests have been voiced against the use of the word Dalit by some sections of Ambedkarites. They argue that after the historic Buddhist conversion of 1956 the Ambedkarites have become Budhists and so they should stop calling themselves Dalits. If analysed psychologically and sociologically as well, these protests and objections carry with them an upward mobility syndrome which is one of the characteristic of the Brahminical Social Order (BSO). "Depressed" means is pressed down. But the word "Dalit" has different shades of meanings. Apart from meaning depressed it also means deprived, discriminated, oppressed and exploited. The word also implies the anger and protest burning in the hearts of Untouchables. It is, therefore, pregnant with all these meanings and more than anything else it projects to the world the ethnicity and magnitude of the Indian

Apartheid. No other word can convey so impressively the severity of Indian Apartheid. It must be remembered that the Indian Apartheid is the brainchild of the worst kind of casteist racism and it has manifested itself in social, economic, cultural and educational exploitation of a vast majority of Indian population. The Indian Apartheid has resulted in the ethnic discrimination of castes and communities. Let there be a sociological analysis of the Indian caste system by the top-most impartial sociologists of the world. They will not fail to come across a small bunch of Aryan racist castes who have everlastingly become the beneficiaries of the caste system and they have thrown to dogs a big bunch of castes which have been made victims of the caste system. The victimisation encompasses castes and communities such as Untouchables, Tribals and *shudras* comprising over 85% of the population. The Indian Apartheid has thrown its noose round the neck of religious minorities like Buddhists, Muslims, Christians and Sikhs. It has crippled and devastated the lives of 70 crores of people. Perhaps, it is the best and the most glaring example of racism of the world. The wonder of this racism is that it has made its victims forget its glorious culture and history by mesmerising their minds. Even though a handful of people among the victim castes have become well off, it does not mean that they are not Dalits. In the Indian social hierarchy they are still treated insultingly. They are still kept away from the mainstream political, economic and cultural power. Which word can best explain the Indian Apartheid? No doubt the victims are in majority and can be addressed by the word Bahujans. But the word Bahujans does not clarify the concept of the Indian Apartheid. Unless we call them Dalit-Bahujans the concept does not become clear. This question could be asked in a different wording: Is the word Dalit so derogatory? Take the example of American Blacks. The word Black or Nigger was considered by them very insulting and the colour consciousness had created in them an inferiority complex. But later they realised that there was nothing wrong with the Black coloured skin but there was something seriously wrong with the psyche of White racists. So, they invented the slogan "Black is beautiful". They realised that the African Flower was mutilated by the slave trade and there was neither slavery nor racism in their native African continent. Indian Dalits are not transplanted from outside the country. They are the original inhabitants of this land. Their Dalit status is their present. But their past was totally different. Before the imposition of the diabolic caste system, they were not deprived, discriminated and exploited. On the contrary they were the rulers, philosophers, scientists and

scholars. They were the founders of egalitarian civilisations. Indus Valley and Buddhist Civilisations, which had influenced the whole world, were built by them. Without integrity and solidarity, egalitarian civilisations cannot be built. This has been revealed by the painstaking research of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. But this was all subverted by the Aryan racists. The immortal Bahujan human values of liberty, equality, fraternity and justice were distorted and converted into slavery, disparity, caste-hatred and injustice. So, unless we use the nomenclature Dalit to refer to Bahujans and their ideology, we may fail to create a solid ground for struggle against the Indian racism. Like the Black Americans we need to come out of the **identity** crisis. In India, unlike in any other part of the world, **identity** crisis is the consequence of casteist and religious divisions. Nearly 4,000 and odd castes have not **identified** their position in the racist caste hierarchy. They have not yet realised that they are non-entities in the BSO. Therefore, **caste identity** process should lead to realisation of these castes being Dalits. It should also lead to realisation that these castes belong to the non-Aryan stock. Once this realisation dawns upon them, they will become conscious of the exploitative technique inherent in the BSO. This can happen only after the realisation of **Dalit identity** and this **identity** in turn will enable the Dalits to know their glorious past in order to draw the battle lines. Hence the importance of our Editor's unique "**caste identity**" thesis. It is a historical truth that distressed and exploited Indians embraced Islam, Christianity, Sikhism and Buddhism. In no other country religious conversions have taken place on such a large scale. But the racist technique of deprivation and exploitation has not left these religions untouched. The followers of these religions have got new cultures of their respective religions. But the caste spectre still haunts their minds. The educational and economic deprivation is still rampant among the followers of these religions. A handful of upper caste converts to these egalitarian religions have created the myth that all is well with the followers of their religion whereas the truth is that the Hindu racists onslaughts continue to batter these religions also. In short, all indigenous people converted to these egalitarian religions are equally persecuted in India. The reason is the followers of these religions belong to the same non-Aryan stock as the *shudras*, Aitshudras and tribals do. Outside India, the followers of Islam, Christianity and Buddhism live in an altogether different milieu. They do not live in a casteist and racist social surrounding. In their respective countries they do not have exploitative paraphernalia at every step of their existence. They may be having conflicts among

themselves but such conflicts are not beset with racist overtones. This is the fundamental difference between foreign followers of these religions and their Indian counterparts. The Indian religious minorities also suffer from the same **identity** crisis as do *shudras*, *atishudras* and tribals. They are yet to realise that they are all kindred, cleaved by caste and religion. They belong to the non-Aryan stock of Indian population. Their present reality is "Dalit" but their past reality was gloriously Bahujan. As the American Blacks have identified themselves with Africa and its culture, similarly the Indian Dalit-Bahujans need to identify themselves with the ancient Indian Bahujan culture. DV readers would agree that we cannot afford to delete the word Dalit because it is not at all derogatory. On the contrary the word serves as a reminder of the present reality of Bahujans and a unique courage to fight the Aryan oppressors. It also reminds us of our past glory and egalitarianism and serves as a prop to achieve all that snatched away by the Aryan racists. Internationally, the word has been accepted as a symbol of exploitation of majority population in India. *Dalit Voice* has made the word world-famous. More over, historical research points out that the words Dalit and Bahujan are synonyms with only changed milieu. Another significant aspect of the use of Dalit is immaculately draws lines of struggle with the BSO. Without the use of the word these lines would be rubbed off. Such a struggle with the BSO was once launched by Budhists in the past. But then at that time the whole of India was under Budhist influence. Today, the whole of India, except a few castes and communities, is under the influence of BSO. To wage a psychological war against the BSO, the word Dalit serves as an effective weapon. If at all change is required DV can be renamed as DBV (Dalit Bahujan Voice).

*Dr. Chandanshive in this letter has proved himself to be an outstanding intellectual with a fine clarity of mind. DV wants to encourage such intellectuals who alone can fight the world's most dangerous and the longest lasting demonic forces — EDITOR.*

**Gama Ram**, A-2/4, Paper Mill Colony, Lucknow - 226 006: I am a life-member of DV. I have decided to send Rs, 100 per month for DV till I am alive. I appeal to all educated Dalits to send Rs. 100 per month to DV. If 10,000 Dalits send Rs. 100 per month then DV will be getting Rs. 10 lakhs a month. It is no difficult task. My appeal may kindly be published in DV and I hope a large number of Dalits will follow me.

*We have received Rs. 100 thrice in the past three months. We thank Brother Gama Ram for*

*this gesture. If others follow that will be a great support for DV — EDITOR.*

**Nani Gopal Das**, 17 - Dattabad Road, PO Bidhamnagar, Salt Lake, Calcutta - 700 064: I support Sardar Gurnam Singh Muktsar's argument that the Brahmins deliberately divided some Dalit castes into touchable and Untouchable to serve their interests and that touchable castes are allowed to enter Hindu houses to do their domestic work (DV July 1, 2001 p.13). We have two examples from Bengal. The duty of an Untouchable caste called Kahar is to carry the upper castes in their palanquins. When Ballal Sen was the king of Bengal he would move from place to place in a palanquin carried by 16 Kahar *jati* men. He had the habit of chewing betel leaf frequently. When he wanted to chew the betel leaf kept in the palanquin, carried by the Untouchable Kahars, he would keep a small stool inside the palanquin and every half hour, he would get down from the palanquine and after chewing the betel leaf he would get into the palanquin. This used to cause lot of inconvenience to him and delay his travel plans. He consulted his Brahmin advisers who solved the problem. The Kahar people might be taken into the *jalachal* class of the Untouchables and thereby the king could take the betel leaf by sitting inside the palanquin itself. What is this *jalachal* class? The Hindus do not take water from the hands of the Untouchables. If the Untouchables are made *jalachal*, then they can take water from their hands. The Kahars are the poorest among the Bengali Untouchables. But they have been declared *jalachal*. We are *Namashudras* far more advanced than the Kahars. But the Kahars refused to carry my elder brother during his marriage party in their palanquin. So, a palanquin was hired from them and that was carried by the hired Mochhis of our area. Barbers are another Untouchable caste. Their duty is to cut hair and cleanse the body of others. Yet they are Untouchables. They are forbidden to enter Hindu houses. The kings, zamindars cannot come out of their houses to get their hair cut, to cut finger and toe nails. Their women also cannot come out of their houses to cleanse their hands, feet and all. So, this was being done by the barber women. To avoid this difficulty a part of the barber *jati* was made *jalachal* called *Shratryya barbers*. The other part of the barber communities is barred from this and so they remained Untouchables. So, Brother Gurnam is right.

**S. S. Karkhal**, Sr. DPO, N. Railway, DRM Office, Firozpur Cantt., Punjab - 152 001: This refers to the DV Editorial "Sunset on the Dalit world" (DV Edit March 1, 2000) and "Sikhism at crossroads of history" that was followed by a series of Editorial commentaries which

have stirred many Dalit brains. Every coin has two sides, opposite to each other. Every dark cloud has a silver lining. There are three famous principles of Karl Marx given in his theory of dialectical materialism: (i) unity and struggle of the opposites (it operates continuously in all the material and non-material world), (ii) the change from quantity to quality (e.g. a small embryo slowly takes the form of a full-fledged living being even of elephant size), (iii) the law of the negation of the negation (it briefly means in all fields there is a continuous change and development from lower to higher forms in circular form but each stage/circle higher than the earlier). Similarly in his theory of class-struggle, Marx interpreting the above principles has clearly demonstrated that every society, howsoever best it may be in terms of law and order or institutional management etc. is bound to collapse, because each stage of development (in all material/immaterial world) contains its own seeds of destruction which after certain time, germinate under certain conditions and cause destruction of the existing order and give rise to new order and the same fate occurs to new order and so on. In terms of the above theory, India's Hindu nazis must bear in mind that with their present hate philosophy they hardly have any chance to last long. Sun is not setting on the Dalit world. Even if it happens it will take a longer time to set on entire India. These crooked nazi brains of India are parasites, which thrive on others' hard work. These parasites know full well that (1) they cannot run the system without SC/ST/BCs/Sikhs/Muslims. They cannot produce food. (2) They dare not fight Pakistan or China without the SC/ST/BCs/Sikhs or Muslims. Psychologically they have reached that stage. Even in hockey or cricket they can rarely win over Pakistan because the very name of Pakistan is enough to send shivers down the spine of these nazis. This country of 100 crores attends the Olympics with so much fanfare but comes back empty handed. But these nazis cannot tolerate sending SC/ST/BCs etc. who can win medals. Ravana is projected as an evil and Ram as symbol all goodness. But those who have read the *Ramayana* cannot find any mistake with Ravana. If Rama was god why did he not stop Laxman from doing all the heinous crime? There are reports that there are many Kashmiri Muslims crossing to POK due to atrocities of the Indian Army. What does this mean? It means that Ravana can never be finished. The entire nazi theology is based on falsehood. India has reached a point of no-return today in terms of illiteracy, human rights violations, poverty, unemployment, and foreign and internal debt. If this

theology is continued it will eventually put the very survival of the country at stake. These nazis are committing a serious blunder by considering the "White Western as brothers. Judiciary, bureaucracy, legislature and media have all become tools at the disposal of the Hindu nazis to crush Dalits and minorities as well as to *hinduise* all of them. They have not learnt lessons from the demolition of Babri Masjid. Though the nazis have been able to fool and make the Sikh forget the "Blue Star", the Muslims still remember the Babri Masjid. Once the reservation is withdrawn, the resultant situation will be explosive. Take any Indo-Pak war, it was only the Sikhs, Muslims, Dalit and BCs who were killed in wars in large numbers. But in the medal-winning rally only few of them figure and majority goes to upper castes. Nazis have so much twisted the history. The mindset of these traitors is very much clear from their attitudes towards Sikhs. In the CBSE textbooks, the nazi writers are showing our great Sikh gurus as equal to M.K. Gandhi, Nehru and Patel. The BSO has been able to *hinduise* other religion (except Islam to some extent). Sikh leaders are completely *hinduised*. Sikh leaders have forgotten the principles of Sikhism and are just worried about their political chairs. Even an organisation like the Khalistan does not propagate Sikhism in true spirit. Brahminised leaders who love far-skinned Sikhs hate SC/ST Sikhs who also control these Sikh organisations. They have preached Sikhism in foreign countries, but did not do so in far flung remote areas of India. If the Sikh intellectuals and Khalistanis do not understand these tricks of the BSO, the very name of Sikhism may vanish if not from the globe but at least in India despite the fact, which BSO knows it fully well, that it is only "Spirit of Sikhism" which the enemy on the borders fears. Despite all this setback there is a silver lining for genuine Sikhs because a majority of them are from SC/ST/BCs. What I mean that we have so many Sikh intellectuals from these strata who can guide the destiny and future of Sikhism. Almost the entire upper caste Sikhs have become *hinduised*. Sikh intellectuals from the depressed classes alone can start initiating necessary action by preaching Sikhism and save Sikhs.

**Pradip Sethi**, Atharnala, Puri - 752 002: Every sensible and free thinker in India knows that the curse of religion has converted the Indian society into hell for a large section of its population. When a self-respecting Untouchable goes to the root and protests against those gods and their company, the beneficiaries of these gods call them anti-Hindu and anti-social. However, some non-Untouchable rationalists are working for the cause

of social transformation in Orissa. We have tried to make a platform for such a group. On 29.7.2001 at the Orissa Dalit Samaj office in Bhubaneswar, we had a one-day programme in this connection. A group of free thinkers including a college principal, college teachers, students, government employees and Dalit activists participated in it. A state-level committee was formed to campaign for the ideology: "Know the truth as truth". We will try to open the thinking cells of the victims against our social evils. Rationalists of Orissa may contact, Orissa Rationalists Society, c/o Orissa Dalit Samaj, N-6/255/6, Jayadev Vihar, Bhubaneswar.

*While congratulating the Orissa rationalists for their efforts to "know truth", we would like to warn them to keep our valid forces as they will surely sabotage once you let them in —*

**EDITOR.**

**Bhaskar Wakade**, Nandanwan Niwas, Vidyaganag, Bramhapuri, Chandrapur dt. - 441 206; The second All-India Adiwasi Nagavanshiya Mana Jamat Sahitya Sammelana was held on June 10 last at the revolutionary town of Chimur, Chandrapur dt. This Mana Tribal literary conference was organised by me as president of the 1st all-India conference. The conference began with a revolutionary song by Anand Bhimate and his troupe, *Bhisi*. Flowers were offered to great leaders like Bissa Munda, Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaj and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Unti and unless the Mana Tribals secured the constitutional reservations like the SC/STs, we will never be able win our battle for human rights. Prof. Sanjay Magar, Wardha, inaugurated the conference. President of Sahitya Sammelana, Prof. Ashoka Rana (Yavatmal) said: Mana Tribals are a *Naga gan* and *maya* (love) is their inspiring power. *Maya* means love and sympathy. Latatai Agade, Chimur, Advocate Hemant Urkude, Bramhapuri, Yashawant Sayare, Warod, P.M. Dange, Warod and others spoke. A book, *Ancient History of Adiwasi Nagavanshiya Mana Jamat* written by Bhaskar Wakade was released on the occasion. Sandesha Bhalekar of Nagpur, Naren Gedam of Gadchiroli, P.M. Dange, Warood, Raju K. Meshram also spoke. A research paper on Mana Tribe was read by Archaeologist Priyadarshi Khobragade of Nagpur University. The paper said that the Manas belonged to the Nagavanshiya Tribe.

**N.C. Lokhande**, 303 - Swami Teoram Co-op. Hsg. Society Ltd., Lal Chakki, Ulhasnagar, MS - 421 004:

This refers to the DV guest editorial by Raju Thomas dated Jan.6, 2001 ("*Aryans discovered their identity & took to Hinduism to lord over indigenous Dravidas*") calling upon our brothers to quit Hinduism. But he has

not suggested an alternate religion to which we have to get converted. A meaningful conversion means those which never proved useful to our people, which never benefited our people should be discarded, renounced and denounced and only those things which were useful are useful and beneficial to life should be followed. God is the magic tool that the Enemy uses against our brothers to keep them enslaved. Why are the original Indians (the Bahujans) are more backward than the minority Aryans? To search the truth and to take the lessons from the true history is true knowledge. The alien Aryan Hindus are treacherous and traitors. Indian history is the history of revolutions and counter revolutions. All the revolutions that took place in India were non-violent since the days of Charvak the Budha, Phule, Dr. Ambedkar. But all counter-revolutions since the days of Pushyamitra Sung till today were violent. Budha, Kabir, Phule, Dr. Ambedkar, Shahu Maharaj, Peryar are our heroes. All producers of wealth are Dalits, Bahujans. Entire wealth of India is produced out of their sweat. The minority Aryans are consuming/enjoying this wealth.

**Mukundan C. Menon**, 3 - Rams Cottage, Ambalathumkku, Pettah, Trivandrum - 695 024: Only after returning to Kerala in 1993 that I fully identified the horror of deep-rooted upper casteism that had engulfed the whole of Kerala. It is being cleverly capsuled within different forms of marxism and gandhism to manipulatively control the entire socio-economic and political spheres. Unfortunately, the very social segments in Kerala, for whose liberation we collectively stand for, have not fully realised these techniques of *chaturvarnya* champions. Parliamentary democracy has been blatantly used by all parties in Kerala without exception to make the downtrodden social segments submissive to the whimsical fancies of upper caste leadership through various methods of corruption, rather than to liberate them. The unresolved tribal land issue, the recent unprecedented starvation deaths in tribal belts, and the statement of Dr. M. A. Kuttiappan, SC-ST Welfare Minister, that the starvation deaths are due to drinking habits among tribals are pointers. We are presently facing orchestrated propaganda against the forthcoming visit of Hurrtyat leaders from Hindu nazis-CPI(M) combine. Be in regular touch. We have to do a lot in areas of common interest. You also take care of your health.

**K. Yadav**, Qtr. No. 16/IV, SLIET Campus, SLIET Longowal, Sangrur - 148 106; Dr. Babasaheb never wanted to be called as a Prophet or Messenger of God. It is painful to note that you too are trying to get Dr.

Ambedkar declared as Prophet. This would definitely accelerate the activities of our enemies opposed to uprightness and rationality. Please desist from this and try to get the philosophy of Ambedkarism/Budhism enshrined in the mind of the downtrodden in the same way as Manu lies in the mind of exploiters.

**Bajirao Kamble**, Advocate, Anjati Hospital 12-Tadiwala Road, Pune - 411 001: Your latest book, *Gravediggers of History*, (DSA - 2001, pp. 40, Rs. 40) will be released here by the noted Dalit leader, Suraj Bhan, now Governor of Himachal Pradesh, at a function in September. You are also invited.

**Jaiboy Joseph**, "Priya", 2 - Second Avenue, Harrington Road, Madras - 600 031: A clipping from the *Newsweek* magazine, "a letter to the editor" would interest you as it is in your line of thinking. It challenges Huntington's diabolic prediction. The letter by Olga Aburdene, London, says:

As a Christian from Bethlehem, I was upset by the implication made in your article "From Olive Oil to Sniper Fire" (World Affairs, Nov. 27). It suggested that Christians do not agree with Muslims and therefore are happy with the occupation by Israel. This is not true. Christians have suffered as much as Muslims because of the Israeli occupation, and are eager to see it end. The Israeli government has consistently tried to cause rifts between the two religions — in this case, demolishing Christian towns and blaming it on Muslims. Many Christians belong to the Palestinian Authority, including Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, who has dedicated her life to liberating the occupied territories for all Palestinians. Religion is not the issue. Israel has been breaking international law and violating human rights for more than 50 years.

*We know that the Palestinians constitute a nation and the Zionist attack is on the nation of Palestine. We are also aware that there are any number of right thinking Jews like Noam Chomsky who do not agree with the Zionist aggression on Palestine — EDITOR.*

**T. Singh** <tsinghs@excite.com>: Will someone help my wife and my children? A cry for help. By implicating me in eight false cases, the govt. has been keeping me in jail for the last two years. I was picked up from my house and implicated in false cases. I have been badly looted and mentally tortured. The Kurukshetra and Patiala police harassed my wife. I was kept in police remand for two months and had to suffer many woes for being a Sikh. Whatever money we had was given to police to save my wife from the police. The police looted and devastated my house took away our tractor-trolley and motor cycle too. I belong to a poor family. I have only one son, Jujhar

Singh (11). Two years ago, he was studying at Sant Gurbachan Singh Khalsa Academy, Chok Mehta. For nonpayment of fees, he was sent home and now stays with his mother. I have no means whatsoever. I am tired of writing to all religious organizations. We requested the Gurmukhs to take care of imprisoned Sikhs and bring the Panth back into a state of *Charidi Kala*. If any Sikh wants to help me, he should note my home address: Bibi Jasbir Kaur w/o Gurbaksh Singh s/o S. Ajit Singh, Village Thaska Ali, PO. Thol, Kurukshetra dt. (Haryana) or Jujhar Singh s/o Gurbaksh Singh (rest of the address is the same). Neither is there any arrangement for my son's education, nor is there any money to fight my case. The truth is that there is no money with my wife to come to see me in the jail even. My wife and son alone are at home. Whatever the Guru's Sikhs can do, they should do and earn the Guru's blessings. There are four cases against me at Kurukshetra and one each at Panipat, Patiala, Chandigarh and Amritsar. Gurbaksh Singh Khalsa, Central Jail, Block No.4, Barrack No.3, Ambala.

**Shiv Raj**, Engg. Asst., Khari Bhawari Holi Ka Chowk, VPO: Srinagar, Ajmer dt., - 305 025: This concerns persecution of an ex-serviceman and SC employee in Akashvani, Chitorgarh, Rajasthan. (1) After discharging from the Indian Air Force from the rank of SGT after serving for 15 years, I was selected as Engineering Assistant through open competition in general category and joined All India Radio here on Dec.15, 1994. (2) Ever since then, I am being persecuted by the upper caste employees and officers. Not only I was harassed, humiliated and kept deprived of my privileges but I was totally ruined by these Hindu nazis. (3) I was writing to higher authorities for relief and justice but as per brahminical rules and *kattar brahmanvad* all my applications were ignored. The nazi defaulters were encouraged by the brahminical bosses. (4) A one-sided inquiry was conducted as a result I was blamed for encouraging caste hatred and on May 28, 1999 a one-sided relieving action was taken against me. (5) I decided to sit on *dharna* in front of the Parliament House from Aug.29 till I get justice. We need the support of *Dalit Voice*.

**Shamsul Islam**, No.1, Staff Qtrs., Satyawati College Campus, Ashok Vihar, Delhi - 110 052: I am writing from Ahmedabad. I am touring West India performing on the issues of intolerance, exploitation and fascism of the rulers. I carried the packet of literature which you sent me. I finished reading it. It has been a great experience. I am in agreement with you. I too have been trying to raise these concerns in my journalistic and cultural interventions. I have recently finished a long

piece titled "Are Muslims and Christians target of *Hindutva's* persecution for being part of Dalit stock?" I have been working on this for a long time. I am really happy to learn that your organization has done pioneering a work in this regard. I feel that these are not Hindu nazis who deny this reality but also upper caste leadership of Muslims and Christians. Upper castes of all religions have been historically one. Mughal rulers married into Rajput families and not into Indian Muslim families as most of them came from lower castes.

**Muhammad Sajid Hussain**, c/o M.A. Muezzin, vill. Kazipara, Chapar PO, Dhubri dt., - 783 371: The literature you sent me greatly influenced me and inspired me. I am a student (law) at the Dhubri Law College, Gauhati University, and also the secretary of the Kazipara Islamic Youth Society, a socio-religious organisation of the Muslim youth. I was reading DV for the first time and I found the articles not only interesting but also useful and enlightening. No exaggeration. Before reading DV and your books I was under the impression that "Dalits are Hindus". Now I know that they are not: "*Unouchables are not Hindu but a separate element*". Like the Muslims, Christians and Sikhs. *Dalit Voice* is the crying need of the hour. I have read many magazines but DV is entirely different, a class apart. No exaggeration. I salute your intellectual calibre.

*Will some kind person come forward to pay the subscription of Brother Sajid Hussain of Assam*  
— **EDITOR.**

## IN MEMORY OF HEMA

*We have received innumerable messages from all parts of India and the world on the death of our wife, Hemlata. (DV Aug. 1, 2001: "Hema's extraordinary courage & fighting spirit" by Iqbal Ahmed Sherif).*

*We are deeply moved by these messages. Quite a number of them have expressed fears that her death may hit our missionary work. No. We want to assure our **Dalit Voice** family world-wide that nothing will come in the way of our mission.*

*It is not possible to individually acknowledge all the condolence messages. To each of them we say thank you. And call upon them to spread the message of DV by enrolling a new member to the DV family as a fitting tribute to the memory of Hema — **EDITOR.***

## Periyar movement revived under new leadership

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Dravida Kazhagam (DK), Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy's revolutionary organisation that created history fighting the Aryan brahminical terrorism against India's original inhabitants, is all set to revive its activities after a 10-year-long crisis.

Kolathur D.S. Mani, who was expelled from DK by Veeramani, its general secretary, has succeeded in uniting all the splinter DK units that broke away from Veeramani. The first state-level conference of the new organisation, named Periyar Dravida Kazhagam (PDK) was held at Madras on Aug.11. It was attended by the different factions headed by Kovai Ramakrishnan, Thiruvraroor Thangaraj, Anoor Jagadishan, Viduthalai Rajendran etc. Kolathur D.S. Mani was elected president with Ramakrishnan and Rajendran as general secretaries.

**Media blackout:** Except Tanjore, Trichy and Tiruvalluvar districts of TN, Black shirt and sari-clad DK representatives from all parts of the state attended the Madras conference which was a big success.

The English press dominated by the Brahmins did not cover the conference, said Mani who was here on Aug.26 to meet our Editor who is a great supporter of Periyar movement. DV readers in Tamil Nadu in particular and the rest of India in general are requested to contact D.S. Mani at his house address: PO Kolathur, Salem dt., TN - 636 303 (Phone 04298 - 59666) or the PDK head office at Saiiva Muthaya 5th street, Royapettah, Madras - 600 014 (phone 852 6049).

**The first task of the PDK will be to publish the 18,500-page handwritten manuscript of Periyar's speeches and writings in Tamil covering the period 1925 to 1945.**

Periyar's DK under Veeramani has been dormant for long after he joined hands with the notorious *Bangalore Papatti*, representing the very forces against which Periyar fought all his life. The Editor offered full support of DV and its readers world-wide to the PDK.

### Attention DV readers

The birth anniversary of Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sept.17, 2001 at the Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018. Dr. K.S. Bhagvan, noted Kannada writer, will preside. Prof. D. Javare Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University, will inaugurate the function. DV readers in Bangalore and surrounding areas are requested to attend the function.

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## Dalit Christians steal the thunder

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Three cheers to Paul Divaker, three cheers to Henri Tiphagne, three cheers to Dr. Aloysius, three cheers for Bob Brown. Three cheers to Martin Mewan, and three cheers to All Dalit Christian Front at Durban.

Another Dalit Christian Benjamin donates 250 dollars for Brown's passage to Durban. What happened to our Buddhist-Dalit stalwarts who do not trust Dalit Christians? Strange alignments. ■

*We were the first in India to congratulate the Dalit Christian NGOs for raising the subject of "casteism is racism" to international heights (DV Edit April 1, 2001: "Untouchability, Indian brand of racism, his international heights at Delhi global conference", and DV Sept. 1 p.6: "DV congratulates Dalit Christians". Dalit Christians could undertake such a miraculous job*

*because they got rid of Hinduism and embraced a more egalitarian religion of Christianity. That is how they could become more revolutionary. In fact in AP, Tamil Nadu and Kerala it is the Dalit Christians who are in the forefront of the Ambedkarite movement. Hindu nazis are persecuting church leaders and opposing conversion because conversion makes a*

*person more conscious. (Read Dr. Ambedkar's book, **Why Go For Conversion?** DSA-1987). Compared to Dalit Christians, Buddhist Dalits have not displayed that much of alertness because they are still under the grip of brahminised Buddhism, not the revolutionary **Bhimayana** Buddhism outlined by Dr. Ambedkar —  
EDITOR. ■*

# Dalits wasting time criticising vaidiks without proving to be role models

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I felt very happy to read the July 1, 2001 DV guest editorial: "*Why Dalits failed to defeat Brahmins? Expert diagnoses our weakness as lack of professional excellence*". It is thought provoking and makes us introspective.

We have to learn a lot from this document on how to become true professionals whatever field we choose. What Dr. Ashok Bhojar says is exactly true. We failed ourselves to prove our professional excellence.

Our Dalit people are good at enjoying the little crumbs they get through reservations. They won't have any perspective plan or long-term goals to be achieved in life to become role models to our coming generations. **Lazy people:** Our people are lazy, lacking will, not taking initiative, lacking self-respect which is very vital according to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

**They are also narrow-minded, wandering with petty differences, subcaste rivalry, jealousy towards each other (among Dalits), intellectually pygmies, our elite/rich Dalits failed in all fronts to lead us. They are selfish and self-centered personalities.**

They won't bother even about their children as well as our blood brothers. They won't even try to be in limelight despite having access to all fields.

**Learning from Blacks:** They can prove their professional excellence in sports, medical fields, media and cinema. But they failed due to several reasons as Dr. Bhojar narrates in this excellent piece of article in DV.

**We have to learn a lot from the US Blacks. What a wonderful achievement they have made through excellent hard work and dedication.**

**Politics as master-key:** Despite such severe racial discrimination the Blacks proved to the world that they are superior in all fields. We can in see in the US the Blacks are on top in all fields — sports, dance, music, media, defence, business, TV and acting etc. They became multimillionaires. In politics too they are on the top. Can you believe it? I can give many more examples. Can we show such personalities in India among our Dalits?

So, how can we say that political power is the key to all problems? Only after we prove our ability in all

fields, we can acquire political power. We have to exhibit that we too have become role models, film personalities, boxers, sportsmen, good educators, judges, lawyers, heroes, scientists, journalists, economists, body-builders etc.

We have to demonstrate our strength, superiority over dominant upper castes and Brahmins. We have to outsmart them by defeating psychologically, physically and by whatever means.

**Instead of outsmarting and defeating the Brahmins, we are wasting all our time and energy criticising Brahmins and other Aryan upper castes. This amounts to destructive criticism but not constructive criticism.**

We have to make them accept their defeat and make them agree that we too are no inferior, no less than the best of the people in the world.

Here, I want to say that, whatever may be the difficulty don't leave the path. Go on. Whatever may be the discrimination, don't give up the field which you have chosen. Be patient in that sphere. Work hard, become a restless soldier, have indomitable courage, show deep interest to prove your excellence, superiority. Defeat the evil forces and the cunning crooks through your wonderful work. This is up to you to decide. Where there is a will there is a way.

This is the only way to prove that without dependence (reservation) we can come up in life, independently. ■

## Malegaon SIMI leader arrested

**Nasik:** Students Islamic Movement of India's (SIMI) Malegaon unit president, Nurulhoda Samsudoha, was arrested for "anti-national activities", on Aug.20 and remanded to police custody, the police said. He was arrested on Aug.18 from Jafar Nagar in Malegaon following a tip-off from a militant nabbed recently in Ayodhya, the police said. The militant "revealed" that two other ultras belonging to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LET) had held discussions with SIMI's Malegaon unit on Aug.6 to carry out subversive activities in the State, police said. The ultras, however, managed to escape when the police went there to arrest them. The crime branch police seized wall-posters, magazines and stickers of SIMI from Samsudoha's room. (PTI)

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