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## BRAHMIN SLAP ON PEJAWARA SWAMI FACE

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5 great  
achievements

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down Muslims in  
darkest hour

Majority rule means Hindu rule :

**THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR**

# Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Majority rule will be anti-Dalit Hindu rule

(3) It shall be the duty of the Public Service Commission, subject to the tests of efficiency as may be prescribed.

(a) to recruit the Services in such a manner as will secure due and adequate representation of all communities, and

(b) to regulate from time to time priority in employment in accordance with the existing extent of the representation of the various communities in any particular service concerned.

Condition No. VI

### REDRESS AGAINST PREJUDICIAL ACTION OR NEGLECT OF INTERESTS

In view of the fact that the Majority Rule of the future will be the rule of the orthodox, the Depressed Classes fear that such a Majority Rule will not be sympathetic to them and that the probability of prejudice to their interests and neglect of their vital needs cannot be overlooked. It must be provided against particularly because, however adequately represented the Depressed Classes will be in a minority in all legislatures. The Depressed Classes think it very necessary that they should have the means of redress given to them in the Constitution. It is therefore proposed the following provision should be made in the Constitution of India:—

"In and for each Province and in and for India it shall be the duty and obligation of the Legislature and the Executive or any other Authority established by Law to make adequate provision for the education, sanitation, recruitment in Public services and other matters of social and political advancement of the Depressed Classes and to do nothing that will prejudicially affect them. (British North America Act, 1867, Sec. 93).

"(2) Where in any Province or in India the provisions of this section are violated an appeal shall lie to the Governor-General in Council from any act or decision of any Provincial Authority and to the Secretary of State from any act or decision of a Central Authority affecting the matter.

"(3) In every such case where it appears to the Governor-General in Council or to the Secretary of State that the Provincial authority or Central Authority does not take steps requisite for the due execution of the provisions of this Section

then and in every such case, and as for only as the circumstances of each case require the Governor-General in Council or the Secretary of State acting as an appellate authority may prescribe, for such period as they may deem fit, take remedial measures for the due execution of the provisions of this section and of any of its decisions under this Section and which shall be binding upon the authority appealed against.

Condition No. VII

### SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL CARE

The helpless, hapless and sapless condition of the Depressed Classes must be entirely attributed to the dogged and determined opposition of the whole mass of the orthodox population which will not allow the Depressed Classes to have equality of status or equality of treatment. It is not enough to say of their economic condition that they are poverty-stricken or that they are a class of landless labourers, although both these statements are statements of fact. It has to be noted that the poverty of the Depressed Classes is due largely to the social prejudices in consequence of which many an occupation for earning a living is closed to them. This is a fact which differentiates the position of the Depressed Classes from that of the ordinary caste labourers and is often a source of trouble between the two. It has also to be borne in mind that the forms of tyranny and oppression practised against the Depressed Classes are very various and the capacity of the Depressed classes to protect themselves is extremely limited. The facts, which obtain in this connection and which are of common occurrence throughout India, are well described in the Abstracts of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of the Government of Madras, dated 5th Nov. 1892, No. 723, from which the following is an extract:—

- (a) Bring false cases in the village court or in the criminal courts.
- (b) Obtain, on application, from Government waste lands lying all round the paracheri, so as to impound the Paratis' cattle or obstruct the way to their temple.
- (c) Have mirasi names fraudulently entered in the Government account against the paracheri.
- (d) Pull down the huts and destroy the growth in the backyards.
- (e) Deny occupancy right in immemorial sub-tenancies.

(To be continued)

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## DALIT VOICE

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## Brahmin decision to unite & start own party is slap on the face of BJP & Pejawara Swami

A report in the country's premier Brahmin daily, the *Hindu* (Dec.27, 2004), on the three-day gala Karnataka State Brahmin Conference in Bangalore brings a happy news which we very much welcome. It said:

"Brahmins should unite to fight for their constitutional rights... was the theme of the conference".

According to this report delegates representing different states of the country called for the "unity of their caste people".

We fully agree with this decision of the Brahmins to unite as a caste. This is what we have been also telling that every caste or rather every subcaste in India must unite, strengthen its **identity** and thereby consolidate itself.

We have written a book itself on this subject, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation*. (Books for Change, Bangalore, 2004) in which we have asked the Brahmins also to strengthen themselves as a caste.

**Angry with BJP:** But when we called upon the different oppressed Dalit and Backward Castes to strengthen their "caste identity", some Brahmins and their bum-lickers criticised us and called us casteists. When the Brahmin conference called for their *jati* unity they were mum.

Tamil Nadu Brahmins Association president N. Narayan in his speech said the Brahmins were planning "a political party to protect the caste from further onslaught". (*Hindu*, Dec.27, 2004).

This is a wonderful move. Brahmins must launch their own party. The Brahmins have every reason to be angry with their own *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) because it has disappointed them.

We were the first in India to suggest caste-based parties. Because the existing political parties — the Congress, BJP, Communists etc. — have disappointed the SC/ST/BCs because the leadership of these parties has been captured by the upper castes, their oppressors.

**"Casteology" replaces ideology:** That is why all over India caste-based parties are coming up only because the SC/ST/BCs — the country's three most oppressed segments — have found in them better response. Since caste (*jati*) is nothing but an extended family, a people belonging to a *jati* find themselves more at home in their *jati* party.

Lalu Prasad's RJD, Mulayam's SP, Mayawatis BSP, Sharad Pawar's NCP, Ramdoss' PMK are prominent caste-based

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parties. A coalition of such parties is ruling in the Centre and in the states like Maharashtra, Karnataka etc.

**As parliamentary democracy wakes up more and more oppressed people, more and more caste-based parties will spring up. This is natural in a country like India where every ideology has failed including Marxism and the only ideology that gave confidence to the deprived destitutes is "casteology", if we can coin a word like that. And a coalition of different castes and communities will rule the different states on the principle that each caste and community should gets its share of human rights in proportion to its population.**

The future political setup in India will be mainly caste-based as the oppressed sections are losing faith in the existing party formations and the governments they form. We are happy the Brahmins, the principal component of India's ruling class, have also finally realised this supreme Truth and getting ready to form their *jati* party. Wonderful.

**Muslim butchered in Gujarat:** The Congress was the original Brahminical party of India. But when it started talking of SC/ST/BCs and Muslims and their reservations, the Brahmins did not like it and crossed over to BJP. But even this pure Brahmin party of Hindu nazis had to disappoint the Brahmins when compulsions of vote politics made it to imitate the Congress. When the BJP resorted to mass killing of Muslims in Gujarat as part of its ideology, the non-Brahmins in it revolted. BJP could not satisfy the Brahmins because it had to please different castes to remain in power. In other words, BJP had to cheat the Brahmins under compulsions of vote politics.

**The Backward Caste revolt within the BJP led by Uma Bharati and the excesses of their *vaidik* Frankenstein, Kanchi swami, has brought more misery on Brahmins. Never before they have suffered so much of frustrations, so clearly visible on the faces of Brahmins attending the Bangalore conference.**

So at this juncture the decision of the Brahmins to unite as a caste and set up a party of their own should be welcomed.

**Pejawara swami talks nonsense:** But the Pejawara Swami, whose Hindu nazi zeal is

hurting Dalits, Backwards, Muslims, Christians, the entire Bahujans — in his address to the same Brahmin conference, however, struck a discordant note. He spoke nonsense:

In his address, Pejawara Math seer Visveshathertha Swami, called upon Hindus to beware of vested interests who were trying to divide them on caste lines. He called upon the Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha to not only unite Brahmins but also various other communities. (*Deccan Herald*, Dec.26, 2004).

Thank god, the Pejawara swami's mischievous opinion is not shared by the Brahmin conference. If he does not want the Brahmins to unite and consolidate their caste, why did he accept the conference invitation and address it? Why in his speech he did not criticise the Brahmins for organising their "caste conference"?

The Pejawara swami is a notorious Hindu nazi who like other nazi leaders is never given to honest, straight-forward talk. He says one thing and does exactly the opposite of that. He says he loves Dalits but demolishes the Kanaka Gopura at Udupi.

**Kanchi Frankenstein:** The Kurubas, (shepherd) are Karnataka's single largest Backward Caste and according to the Pejawara and his *partiar* they are also Hindu. Then, why did this Hindu hero demolish this historic monument of the Hindus? The people of Karnataka do not agree with him. The Govt. of Karnataka does not agree with him. History does not agree with him. What nonsense this Pejawara is talking? If the govt. does not stop his nazi aggressions, the people themselves must do so. He is a curse on Hindus. If he is so much in love with Dalits, why he did not adopt a Dalit as his successor but took only a Brahmin — that too from his Madhwa sect? If honest Brahmins heed the advice of Hindu nazis like the Pejawara swami — who looks as if he is going the way of the Kanchi Frankenstein — they will be deceived as their own BJP did to their *jati*.

**The Pejawara swami is warned not to mislead the Brahmins.**

Neither the arrest of the Kanchi culprit nor the BJP call for "Bharat bandh" evoked any response from the "Hindus". This proved that the "Hindus" were not interested in Hinduism but were more interested in their caste because they have understood this Brahmin-led Hinduism is a trap

to keep them enslaved. Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar had pronounced his verdict on Hinduism long back. But the practical experience gained in the past 50 years during which the different Brahmin-led Hindu parties have deceived the SC/ST/BCs have convinced the oppressed masses that Hinduism is a trap and that they must get out it.

That is why every conscious *jati* is organising its own caste conference and politically mobilising its members.

We are happy that the Brahmins have at last realised their mistake in pinning their hopes on Gandhi and his Congress and later the RSS-BJP.

**Brahminism oppressing Brahmins:** The arrest of the Kanchi Frankenstein has proved the hoax called Hinduism. Already Brahminism has been identified and declared as the principal enemy oppressing not only every section of Indians but even the Brahmins themselves. They should stop defending criminals parading as swamis.

One Brahmin writer in a Brahmin daily was trying to put forward a hair-splitting argument and confusing his *jatwalas*. He was telling his *jati* people not to blindly defend the Kanchi Frankenstein just because he was a great religious leader on the ground that a religious leader could do no wrong. He was advocating his *jati* fellows to defend only the "doctrine" and protect their religious institution rather than defending an individual religious leader.

This again is a mischievous statement which does not impress the victims of this religious "doctrine". The *vaidiks* defend their swamis (godmen) more than their doctrine itself because their religion (we cannot call it a religion but a business) is not based on any ethical or moral principles. It is individual-centric and that is why the *vaidiks* go all out to defend an individual swami even when he is a proven scoundrel. We can't get a better example than the Kanchi Frankenstein.

**Universally hated jati:** That is why under Brahminism the veneration of the *guru* (who has to be strictly a Brahmin) is carried to extreme limits unheard of in any other religion. Muslims and Christians do criticise their religious leaders because their religions are based on sound ethical and moral foundations.

**Under Brahminism, the guru is blindly venerated only because he is a Brahmin. That**

**is why Brahminism, which today goes by the name of Hinduism, is not a religion but a business — a clap-trap.**

Brahmin associations must give a serious thought to the great fall of their most famous Kanchi swami and the shame it has brought on the entire community. Like all other *jatis*, the Brahmins are also a *jati*. Though each Brahmin subcaste is maintaining its distinct **identity**, they have joined hands for their collective salvation. They are doing their duty.

While we want them to do their duty honestly for their collective salvation, we want them to allow other *jatis* also to do their duties. The other *jatis* also want to unite and consolidate their respective castes by strengthening their "*caste identity*". But when the Bahujan castes do it, the Brahmins denounce such attempts and dub advocates of "*caste identity*" as casteists. Why what is good for Brahmins cannot be good for others — particularly the victims of brahminism? Brahmins must note that **caste** is different from casteism which is the other name for caste system or Hinduism. There is a world of difference between the **caste** and caste system. Caste is **identity**.

Caste is an extended family with its history enshrined in the minds of its people, common memories of their travails and triumphs, heroes and villains, enemies and wars, defeats and victories. We have compared the **caste** to a **nation**. Casteism is different. It is obnoxious — the ascending order of reverence and descending degree of contempt. This must go.

The Pejawara swami wants to kill the caste (**identity**) but retain the caste system.

The Brahmins must know that the caste system they created did not bring them mental peace. They no doubt are the rulers but they must also know that they are universally hated. How can a ruler who is hated by every member get a sound sleep? Thinking Brahmins must save their *jati*. And they can do so only if they heed the warning given by the Karnataka Brahmins Association which has given a slap on the face of Pejawara swami.

The Brahmins must stop listening to the advice of Hindu nazi leaders like Pejawara swami, who is creating so much of confusion in the society like the Kanchi culprit. He has brought a bad name to the entire "Hindus" by his different actions. The Pejawara swami is warned. ■

# CHANAKYA'S 5 GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** *Chanakya*, one of the most cunning and crooked *vaidik* leaders of India, died in Delhi on Dec.23, 2004. As long as he was the Prime Minister (all *vaidik* PMs lasted their full term), we in DV had never called this *Neogi Brahmin* by his name.

They say we should not speak ill of a dead person. This saying is perhaps confined only to India to hush up the atrocities committed by the wicked *vaidik* rulers during their lifetime. We reject this deceptive argument in the interest of keeping the light of Justice and Truth burning for posterity.

**Thirst for Muslim blood:** This Telugu *vaidik*, P.V. Narasimha Rao's most heinous crime that can never be forgotten by history is that he heartily permitted the demolition of the Babri Masjid on Dec.6, 1992. By this one single act he proved that he was a hard-core, hate-mongering Hindu nazi — thirsting for Muslim blood.

The demolition of the Masjid is an important landmark in the violence-prone history of "Hindu India". And he chose the sacred day of Dr. Ambedkar's conversion to Buddhism to bring a bad name to the entire Dalits. The *Chanakya's* hatred for Muslims is well-known. As a lieutenant of Swami Ramanand Thirth, a Hindu nazi *vaidik* leader of Nizam's Hyderabad state, it is said, he and his wife used to often visit Bangalore to collect bombs and arms to kill Muslims. The demolition of Babri Masjid must have given him supreme satisfaction — the culmination of his life-long ambition.

And that was how he enjoyed a salubrious siesta in his PM's bungalow in Delhi as the Hindu nazi goons were digging and breaking the Masjid in Ayodhya that resulted in thousands and thousands of Muslim murders.

This one incident is enough to judge the mental make-up of the *Chanakya*, the psychopath.

**Rajiv Gandhi murder:** The other is the 1991 murder of Rajiv Gandhi which made him the PM (DV Jan.1, 2005 p.18: "*Truth comes out on Rajiv murder*").

It was part of a larger plot to restore India back to *vaidik* rule in which Zionist forces also had a hand. As long as the *Vaidik* Vajpayee rule was there in Delhi, *Chanakya* was well protected. Investigations started warning up only when Sonia, wife of Rajiv Gandhi, took over the country's leadership. Just then *Chanakya* died.

**India's most corrupt PM:** His third and the most famous role was in acquiring the name as India's most corrupt PM. But the *vaidiks* covered up this canker by publishing his "great intellectual attainments" of which the country did not get any proof. Several court cases on his corruption are pending but the *vaidiks* heading all the wings of the state gave him full protection even as the fellow died.

Even the Congress Party to which he belonged disowned him. His body was not allowed to be taken inside the AICC office in Delhi. Nor was his body allowed to be cremated in Delhi. When it was brought and cremated at Hyderabad there were protests — all indicating how much he was hated even after death.

**Zionist link:** Like a true *vaidik*, he had great admiration for the Zionist Israel. To encourage the "Jews of India", he upgraded India's diplomatic representation with Israel to the full ambassador level — outright rejecting protests from Muslims in India and West Asia.

Though calling himself a disciple of Gandhi and Nehru, he scrapped their economic policies and embraced American-style globalisation to help his *jatwalas* to become better exploiters.

**Brahmin tributes:** Kota Shiva Shankar of the Andhra Brahmin Association addressing the Brahmin conference in Bangalore on Dec.25, 2004 paid high tributes to the *Chanakya* and said it was during his regime the Brahmins had the best employment opportunity because of liberalisation. (*Hindu*, Dec.25, 2004):

"He said Narasimha Rao showed what a Brahmin can do if an opportunity is given to him to rule the country".

No greater tribute is needed to prove how the *Chanakya* helped the Brahmins at the cost of the country.

Lastly his 45-year old relationship with Laxmi Kanthamma of Vijayawada which was the talk of the town in Delhi in those days.

This was the *Chanakya* who kept Sonia Gandhi under virtual house arrest for years in her Delhi house.

People get the govt. they deserve and the people get the leaders they deserve.

One *Chanakya* may be dead but hundred more are getting ready.

# Ulema lets down Muslim masses in its darkest hour

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** With the re-election of war monger Bush, the continuation of the killer Donald Rumsfeld as Defence Secretary and the appointment of Condi Rice as the Secretary of State, it is now certain that the Zionist controllers of America want to complete their unfinished task in "Clash of civilisations". (DV Dec.1, 2004 p.7: *Re-elected Bush will step up war on Islam*).

But victims of the Zionist global conspiracy are also hitting back. This is evident from the signals coming from Iraq that America is not able to conduct elections there.

## MOST OBEDIENT U.S. SLAVE

From Saudi Arabia came the news of al-Qaeda attack on the US consulate in Jeddah on Dec.6, 2004. The Saudi rulers are the most obedient slaves of America and Zionism. Every time the Saudi rulers announce that al-Qaeda has been "finished", the "terrorists" are bouncing back with renewed vigour.

Such a thing is unimaginable in a police state like Saudi Arabia without the support of its dissatisfied citizens. Osama bin Laden is himself a distinguished citizen of Saudi Arabia with a big following. (DV July 1, 2004 p.3: "*Osama to finish Saudi regime*").

**There must be quite a large following for Osama inside Saudi Arabia — not only among the common people but even inside the security forces. We will not be surprised if the royal family itself is divided on Osama.**

DV has come out with several Editorials, reports and articles to show that the current Zionist-led

American war against Muslims has one sole single objective: to drive out (if not kill) Palestinians from their homeland and establish the Zionist state of Israel. The "Clash of civilisations" theory of Huntington is the philosophical basis for such a war.

## DYING AMERICA

Almost all top thinkers and scholars of the world have admitted this fact — some of them bluntly but many guardedly. America is forcing the UN Chief Kofi Annan to quit because he has criticised the American war on Muslims in so many words. But this did not work.

**The micro-minority Zionists controlling the American Govt., its finance, media know full well that if they miss the chance today they will never get it again. That is how they have become desperate. It is like that flickering flame flying high before it dies out.**

It is true that the West is losing its war on Muslims (V. T. Rajshekar, *West losing War on Muslims*, DSA-2004). It has to lose because Justice and Truth are not on its side.

## MUSLIMS & MUSTADAFEEEN

When that is the case why the Muslim religious leaders (*ulema*) of the world are not speaking out against America? Against its actions in Afghanistan, Iraq and now Iran? Its conspiracy in Palestine? Why this silence? Have they been purchased.

This is the darkest period in the life of Muslims. The Quran has innumerable references to the life

of Muslims to defend, fight and even die on behalf of the *Mustadafeen* (V.T. Rajshekar, *Muslims & Mustadafeen — Failure to follow Dictates of Quran*, DSA-2003).

**In this darkest period in the life and death struggle of Muslims, the Islamic scholars and its religious leaders (*ulema*) have let down the Muslims. This action of the Muslim *ulema* is unpardonable — certainly inviting the curse of Allah.**

It is true many hundreds of young Muslims from different parts of the world have rushed to Iraq to fight against America. They are fighting and dying there. They have done their duty. They are ordinary, poor Muslims who have obeyed the call of the Quran. (DV March 16, 2004: "*Every Muslim country must send 1,000 fighters to Iraq*").

## INDIA'S ELITE MUSLIMS ISOLATED

But the rich Muslims and the *ulema* are silent — rather indifferent.

**In India, the elite Muslims have virtually joined hands with our Brahminical enemy. They are totally isolated from the suffering masses of Muslims.**

Jordanian Muslim fighter Abu Musa Zargawi, who is organising the anti-American resistance in Iraq, has rightly warned the Muslim *ulema*:

**Baghdad:** Al-Zargawi addressed his comments to the *ulema* — religious Muslim scholars: You have let us down in the darkest circumstances and handed us over to the enemy. You have quit supporting the *muhajideen*, he said. Hundreds of thousands of the

nation's sons are being slaughtered at the hands of the infidels because of your silence. You made peace with the tyranny and handed over the countries and the people to the Jews and crusaders when you resort to silence on their crimes, when you refused to hold the banners of *jihad* and *Tawhid* and when you prevented youth from heading to the battlefields in order to defend the religion, he said.

#### D.V. WARNING IGNORED

Instead of implementing god's orders, you chose your safety and preferred your money and sons. You left the *mujahadeen* facing the strongest power in the world, he said. Are not your hearts shaken by the scenes of your brothers being surrounded and hurt by your enemy?

It was unclear whether his message was intended as a direct threat against religious scholars. (*AP-Asian Age*, Nov.25, 2004).

We had given such a warning long back — not once but many times but the *ulema* and the elite Muslims appear unconcerned.

Meanwhile, from the Netherlands comes the news of the assassination of the noted Dutch film-maker, Theo Van Gogh, sometime in Oct.2004 on an Amsterdam Street for his film attacking Islam. The entire Western press made a big issue of the incident and used all sorts of adjectives to describe how horrible and blood-thirsty the Muslims are. But those criticising the Muslim "barbarity" did not disclose the cause of the assassin's grave provocation.

#### QURAN ON NAKED WOMAN'S BODY

Charlemagne, a White Western journalist in his weekly column in the world's most scholarly weekly, the *Economist* (Nov.27, 2004), which is noted for its pro-zionist and anti-Muslim views, has, however, defended the assassination:

There is broad agreement that some limits to inflammatory speech must be defined — but where to set those limits and what to do with those who overstep them is still deeply controversial. Some Dutch

politicians are arguing that Muslim sensitivities should be catered for by strengthening the blasphemy laws — Mr. Van Gogh had outraged Muslims by broadcasting pictures of verses of the Koran scrawled on a naked female body and referring to Muslims as "goat-fuckers".

#### SILENCE OF POPE

Zionists are playing havoc in the whole world and destroying its peace. They have caused unrest all round. In the name of launching a war on terrorism, the zionists are forcing the Christian leaders of America and Europe to launch a war on Islam and Muslims.

Christian leaders and the Pope in particular are silent. Their silence will be taken as consent. They must speak out.

But the behaviour of the *ulema* and the elite Muslims is shocking.

Such of those sinners are again warned: Take the lesson from what is happening to the richest Muslim country in the world. The Saudi fate will visit on all such renegades. Dangerous days are ahead. Be warned. ■

## Sikh revolution as product of Dalit saints

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My latest book, *Jhuth Na Bol Pande*, (Guru Nanak) disclosing the truth of Sikh revolution, which was a rebirth of Budha's revolution, in Hindi is getting ready. It will be released on the birth anniversary of Guru Ravidass at Goverdhanpur, Banaras, Kashi-Sarnath.

We are determined to defend the historical truth of the second great socio-religious (Sikh) revolution of Bahujans now hijacked and *hinduised* by the upper castes.

The Truth as revealed in the *Guru Granth* is that this powerful Revolution was the product of Dalit saints. All the ten Sikh *Gurus* — who praised them

as *sadhus*, *bhagats*, *sants* and *gur-satgurs* (true path makers) — have admitted in writing this historic fact.

My book denounces the falsehood. But exposes the Truth with all reference to the *Guru Granth* itself.

Meanwhile, owing to some legal problems the *Begam Pure Da Vassi*, our Punjabi monthly, had to be stopped with effect from April 2004 after six years of continuous publication.

In its place a new tri-language (Punjabi-Hindi-English journal), *Be Gam Shehr*, will start from Jan.2005.

DV March 1, 2004 p.13: "Dalit saints founded Sikhism?"

DV Aug.16, 2004 p.9: "Sikhism founded by Nanak".

# This habit of "dog eating dog" must stop

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** We have read some critical comments made against Brother Baban Kamble, the editor of the Marathi daily, *Samrat*, from Bombay. These critics, however, admit that the *Samrat*'s "becoming extremely popular in Maharashtra especially in Bombay. Its popularity is just next to BSP".

The proof of the pudding is in eating it. The people who ate the pudding said it was wonderful. And even as they eat the pudding and enjoy it, they also shout saying they don't like it. Something must be seriously wrong with such people and we are ashamed to learn they call themselves Ambedkarites.

The *Samrat*'s India's first Dalit non-political daily paper and we were present in Bombay at its first anniversary function when we personally witnessed the popularity of Baban Kamble and his paper. We have never witnessed such a function in our life. (DV Edit: May 16, 2004: "*Samrat cements Dalit-Maratha unity*").

**Even a dog does not eat a dead dog despite being a meat-eating animal. Such is its fellow-feeling. But we Dalits take pleasure in criticizing our own people to please our masters.**

As the Editor of a fortnightly English journal we know the difficulties of running a paper. But the *Samrat* is a daily. This means daily problems, daily confrontations.

## Dalits alone can be Ambedkarites ?

P.P. LAKSHMAN

Editor V.T. Rajshekhar's comment on the proposed award for Dalit Journalism is profound, yet agonising.

Dr. Ambedkar sprang up like a lotus from the filthy conditions of his birth in the Mahar community to become the shining star and champion for all the deprived peoples of India and throughout the world. The narrow-minded attitude of some conceived Mahars claiming Dr. Ambedkar exclusively as their own had turned many non-Mahar Dalits hostile to Dr. Ambedkar movement even in Maharashtra. The latest attempt to identify Dalits and Dalits alone as Ambedkarites is likewise a dangerous exclusivist attitude. It also hurts when Dr. Ambedkar is shown as a liberator without the means of liberation that he advocated. Few people want to recognise that the pinnacle of Ambedkar mission is abandonment of Hinduism and embracing of Buddhism.

In the present context, trouble arose when the sponsors of the Award first aired the criteria for selection on the website of Ambedkar.org. If they had mentioned

And yet Brother Baban has made it a success story.

We appeal to our people to at least learn from the dog. If we have any criticism against someone we must directly discuss it with the person rather than going public which will be used by our ever-vigilant Enemy.

**Unique experiment:** The *Samrat* experiment is unique in the history of Maharashtra — if not India. The great role it played in the recent Maharashtra Assembly elections has united the Dalits and the Marathas and finished the Hindu nazi BJP and its tail Shiv Sena. It has encouraged hundreds of Dalit writers and taken up many causes.

*Dalit Voice* has given full support to Brother Baban Kamble who is a genuine Ambedkarite. When the alert Enemy is waiting to pounce upon on us, we should not throw the first stone. If there are frauds and takes among us there is no need for us to pull them down. They will fall on their own. They can be criticised — but privately.

Remember, when the notorious Kanchi Frankenstein was arrested on charges of murder, sex scandals, financial irregularities etc. not a single Brahmin in the whole of India or outside was ready to criticize him. Not one Brahmin said the rule of law must prevail. Why not we learn from the Enemy? This habit of dog eating dog must stop. ■

"Ambedkarite" instead of "Dalit" for the award, it would have been more appropriate not only for the website which bears Ambedkar's name but for the broader cause of Ambedkarism which included Buddhism. Buddhism is against discrimination and all kinds of exclusiveness. Few Dalits even those who embraced Buddhism exhibit right view, right thinking, and right speech —leave alone right action. What we see often are the verbal fights against the ghosts, real and imagined of a caste system in a religion which Dr. Ambedkar had exhorted us to abandon. We should at least recognise the nobility of the sponsors of the Award who felt the need to honour literary works in the cause of Ambedkarism. The criteria they listed are tentative because they have themselves welcomed suggestions for amendment of the criteria. I wish that the sponsors in their wisdom would consider giving such awards to a few every year, rather than to a single writer with a well prepared presentable citation which will be a treasure to keep more than the monetary component of the award. (lakshmanpp@hotmail.com) ■

# Tamil Nadu in grip of counter-revolution

V.T. RAJESHEKAR

President Prof. Saraswati & friends. Thank you for inviting me to the function organised by Sister Kalai Selvi, an energetic and enthusiastic follower of Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy whom we have rated next only to Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar.

But it is a tragedy that such a towering personality is being dubbed anti-Dalit by a section of Dalits in Tamil Nadu.

But this is not the verdict of history. The history of India has already given its judgement. It has selected the three greatest personalities of "independent India": (1) Dr. Ambedkar, (2) Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy and (3) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia — in that order. History has its own ways of assessing personalities and events. All those fellows who came as our Prime Ministers right from Jawahar Lal Nehru have been

thrown to dust bin of history. These fellows have been crying for our attention from the garbage bin. Not a single fellow's name has gone into history.

## D.V. DEBATE ON WHO IS ENEMY OF DALITS?

It is only Dr. Ambedkar, Periyar and Lohia who have managed to remain in our memory because their contributions to social transformation has been the greatest and ever-lasting.

But lately in Tamil Nadu a handful of Dalit leaders and writers, under the influence of their Brahmin masters, have started a campaign that Periyar is anti-Dalit.

This subject has been given to me for my today's talk as the noise

against Periyar is growing louder and louder. The Periyar movement people, the Dravidian political parties, Dravida Khazhagam is doing hardly anything to counter the lies. The subject is too vast and the time is too short to deal with these questions.

Repeat a lie 99 times and at the 100th time it will appear as truth. The enemies of Periyar have conducted enough propaganda and done enough damage. When I recently met Brother Veeramani in Madras, he raised the same question: He said some Dalit leaders in TN were saying that Backward Castes were the enemies of Dalits. Even Periyar was the enemy of Dalits.

**Speech delivered at a function arranged by the Self-Respect Movement in Bangalore on Dec.26, 2004, on the subject, "Is Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy anti-Dalit?". The function was attended by senior ideologues of the Periyar Movement like Prof. Saraswati, Tiruchi Selvendran, Prof. Periyardasan, Ms. Kalai Selvi etc.**

I said I was fully aware of this propaganda. This propaganda is not confined to TN alone. It has assumed all-India dimension.

**Brahminical forces have identified some intellectually dishonest Dalit writers and have been systematically encouraging them to single-out the BCs as the enemy of Dalits. In DV, we had conducted a Debate and our readers have rejected this opinion.**

Their argument is Brahmins are not the enemy but the BCs.

In *Dalit Voice*, we have rebutted this falsehood several times and our DV family members have endorsed our arguments. The critics have been silenced.

Dr. Ambedkar had never said BCs were the enemy of Dalits. In fact Babasahab was a creation of the BC movement. He was fully aware of the movement of Periyar and had supported it. We don't know from where these Dalit brothers are getting the brainwave to call Periyar anti-Dalit.

## BACKWARD CASTES ARE SLEEPING

*Dalit Voice* is India's oldest Dalit fortnightly. It is 25 years old. It is also India's largest circulated Dalit journal.

But in DV, we have hardly any Backward Caste subscriber.

BCs are sleeping. That is why the Brahmins are using the Dalits to attack the BCs.

In Gujarat, the Brahmins and their *Brahmana Jati Party* used the Dalits to attack and kill Muslims. Brahmins are masters of the

law of contradictions. Wherever they find caste contradictions, they use it to their advantage. There is nothing wrong in the Brahmins using the caste contradictions to their advantage.

## CRUSADING ZEAL OF NAKKEERAN GOPAL

Brahmins are doing their duty. But are the BCs doing their duty?

In TN, the greatest enemy of the Tamils and Dravidians, the Frankenstein Shankarachari, is now in trouble. He is drowning.

The law of contradiction says when the enemy is drowning throw a stone and see that the enemy is dead.

I am sorry to say that the Dravidian organisations and parties have

hardly exploited the situation to their advantage.

But for the crusading zeal of *Nakkeeran* Gopal, this Frankenstein would not have landed in the jail.

I was in Madras for two days last week and met a large number of Dravidian and Dalit people. Everybody is enjoying the plight of the Kanchi culprit, the notorious spiritual terrorist. This *Jagadguru*, the lord of this universe, is confined to a 8ft.x8ft. cell in Vellore jail. (*cheers*). That is his *jagat* today (*more cheers*).

But to this day no good book has come out in Tamil on the subject. Sister Kalai Selvi showed me a tiny booklet. Except this nothing has come out.

So much of dirty linen of the Kanchi culprit's scandals are washed in public. But no book has come out. If an English book had come out it would have sold like hot cakes.

**But what to talk of this Dravidian leadership which has failed to bring out even a good biography of Periyar in English.**

What to talk of India's purest dark-looking Dravidas electing the

notorious *Bangalore Papatti* to lead them? Is this not a shame on Periyar's Tamil Nadu?

### CINEMA, SEX, STUNTS

In the early years of *Dalit Voice*, I used to go round the whole of Tamil Nadu attending Dravida Kazhagam meetings with Brother Veeramani. I used to write in *Dalit Voice* that "TN would show the way to the whole India". Today, I am ashamed to say that I wrote all this.

TN is in the grip of a counter-revolution. Cinema, sex and stunts have mesmerised the Tamils.

The *papans* have once again fooled the Tamils.

And dubbing Periyar as anti-Dalit is the greatest victory for these *papans*.

Even as the *papans* are celebrating their victory, their greatest hero, the Kanchi swami, has landed himself in the jail and cooling his heels in the 8x8 cell eating the jail food.

**This is the right time to recover the lost ground to educate the masses, to spread the message of Periyar and convince the Dalits that Periyar was not the enemy but the greatest and the most**

**trust-worthy friend, philosopher and guide of Dalits.**

Important Dravidian intellectuals are on the stage here. I am sure they have understood the significance of my argument and see that this Brahmin propaganda is ripped in the bud. And Truth is placed before the Dalits.

We on our part will be always with you. We will never hesitate to speak out the Truth and fight for Justice.

The Truth is that Periyar was a great and trusted friend of Dalits.

He resigned from the Congress Party in protest against the discrimination against Dalits at a Congress party conference.

Periyar worked for Dalits, BCS, Muslims and women also. There are innumerable historical facts. But I will not go into it.

The Truth is with us, Justice is with us. History is also with us. The only thing is we have to place all this before the Dalits.

Now is the right time to do the work when the Shankarachari is drowning. Throw a stone and see that he is finished. Thank you for giving this opportunity.

*Vanakkam, Jai Bhim.*

## A TOWER OF BABEL THAT IS INDIA

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** No country in the world is as divided and diversified as India. How can such a country be called a nation? That is why Dr. Ambedkar said India was not a nation but a country of several nations.

The socio-cultural divisions of India have been dealt with in our book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation* (V.T. Rajshekar, Books for Change, Bangalore, 2004). A linguistic picture of India makes it a veritable Tower of Babel.

### Country has 3,372 tongues

To be a linguist in India can be a herculean task. The *Rajya Sabha* was informed on Dec. 13, 2004 that the country has more than 3,000 languages. To be precise, the exact number is 3,372. The

statistics is based on the 1991 census. But out of these, 3,000 plus languages, only 216 are spoken by a group of 10,000 persons or more. And 1,576 of these languages are in classified category. (*Asian Age*, Dec. 14, 2004).

Our Editor's native district in Karnataka's west-coast, the undivided South Kanara, has more than 10 languages and dialects.

The Anthropological Survey of India has identified 2,800 castes of which SCS-450, STs-461 and BCS-766.

That is why India cannot be called a "nation". And what comes closest to a "nation" is caste which we have described as a "Nation within the nation".

# When National Police Academy honoured Kanchi culprit

A CORRESPONDENT

**Hyderabad:** On June 29, 2004 Jayendra Saraswati had visited the National Police Academy, Hyderabad (Shivarampally, Hyderabad-Bangalore Road, Hyderabad - 500 052), and addressed a gathering of IPS probationers, senior IPS officers, faculty members, staff and subordinate police officers and some distinguished guests. He spoke so many things which are inconsistent with his office. He had no moral or legal authority to preach a gathering of law and order upholders. Today, he is in clutches of the same police who invited him to seek his blessings.

How a religious head could be invited to deliver a sermon in a secular govt. institution? This move was also criticised by some rational IPS probationers. But they were ignored. The govt. officials find their own ways of inviting religious people to a secular institution. On June 29, 2004 the Academy organised an "Inter-faith harmony — ethics & values" seminar.

Dr. Zakir Naik of Bombay was spoke on Islam, Darshan Singh on Sikhism, Father Anthony Raj Thomas on Christianity. Only IPS

probationers and faculty members attended these scholarly lectures. No *prasad*, *pooja* etc. during these lectures in a small Kerala Auditorium.

The evening time in the Academy — the country's premier police training institution— is kept for outdoors. But that day the outdoors were cancelled. The Kanchi swami was given the evening after 4 p.m. The then director, Ganeshwar Jha, a Brahmin, received him as if a VIP is being received. The traditional lamp was lighted. *Dhoop* and incense sticks were burnt. This function was held at the grand-sized auditorium which is normally used for screening movies, plays etc. The stage was specially prepared by using new clothes and fully decorated. The computer graphics were displayed in his honour.

The entire senior course participants, staff, probationers, faculty members were asked to attend the function. None interrupted the speaker, as if the "god" was speaking.

Contrary to this, during the morning session, Director Ganeshwar Jha had intervened Darshan Singh when he was criticising Tuisidas,

who was a contemporary of Guru Nanak.

After the sermon of the Kanchi swami, the Director (who was holding a senior-most rank of DGP) went to the stage and touched the *khadau* of swami and put his forehead on it. The swami gave him *prasad* (perhaps at the cost of the Academy). Many senior police officers, faculty members, staff and IPS probationers repeated this process.

When the Director was bowing his head on the *khadau*, the Dy. Director Basic Courses, Ashish Gupta, told the photographers **not** to take the photographs. Probably he was aware that the Director, while on duty, is not supposed to put his head on footweares. The colour of the entire ceremony was essentially religious. And all this happened at the cost of the Academy, i.e. out of taxation paid by the teeming millions.

It is a good thing that this **baba** is now under arrest. But during Ganeshwar Jha's tenure many **babas** had visited the National Academy.

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## Frauds parading as scientists : The famous case of M.S. Swaminathan

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I read all your three articles on M.S. Swaminathan in DV. I was thinking of the part played by this famous Brahmin fraud parading as a scientist. I have a copy of the Tamil monthly, *Dalit Murasu*, of January 2003. It has an article in the form of an interview about M.S. Swaminathan (Iyer) and his frauds. It contains a lot of information about the fraud.

The name of the article is "Green revolution — a Brahmin conspiracy". To put it briefly, he has conspired along with the late C. Subramaniam to turn India into a Sahara desert. If you read it, you will understand it is a global conspiracy. We, Indians need not cultivate foodgrain, it is enough if the Indians work as coolies in the foreign countries which would supply us wheat.

### Vaidik frauds can't be countered without our own media

*Vaidik forces from the very beginning of their history have been thriving on conspiracies, one after the other. And we have been its victims continuously. Even in the modern age when the **vaidiks** have been dislodged at least from political power, the SC/ST/BCs and Muslims/Christian/Sikhs (who constitute the majority - 85% Bahujan forces), after having continuously suffered under Brahminical aggression and conspiracies, should have got ready their own counter-strategies and tactics. But alas, we have none. We have not even a powerful media to reach the masses of our people.*

*Swaminathan's frauds are not new. We had been exposing it from the very beginning. Indira Gandhi as PM had once banished him from the country itself. But he has now come back with greater force fully supported by the Brahminical "rational" toilet papers.*

*At a Hyderabad seminar, we recently met two Brahmins from Tamil Nadu, one an academic from Madras and another leader of the Tanjore Milasadas (landlords). Both said they were fully aware of Swaminathan's frauds. But when requested them to give the details, they kept silent. No Brahmin is ready to leak any secret of the other Brahmin.*

Meanwhile, President Abdul Kalam has stressed the need for a "second green revolution" to produce more foodgrains. He is perhaps not aware of the dangers of the scheme.

What I want to impress upon you is those who want to understand the real meaning of the conspiracy must read the secret circular published in the DV and the other journals from the Balaghat Brahmin Samaj (1994). What shall we do to counter this conspiracy? ■

**DV Aug 16, 2004 p. 8:** "Agriculture scientists' conspiracy to turn India into Sahara desert?".

**DV July 16, 2004 p.7:** "Frauds of the notorious father of green revolution".

**DV July 1, 2004 p. 27:** "M.S. Swaminathan mystery needs probe"

*To counter the Brahminical evil designs, we must have our own media. We have none except this feeble **Dalit Voice**.*

**Failure of TV leadership:** *Dalit leadership in Tamil Nadu is busy fighting the BCs calling them enemies of Dalits. They say Brahmins no longer are the enemies.*

*The Dravidian parties and Periyar movement people failed to take advantage of the fall of the notorious Kanchi culprit. They should have fully exploited this golden opportunity. But nothing is being done. The Bahujans have neither unity nor strategies and tactics. We may have a big majority. But what is the use of this massive majority?*

*The entire Brahmins of India are aware of the frauds of Swaminathan but they will not speak out. Were they not aware of Kanchi's spiritual terrorism? Did any Brahmin question him? Even when the murdered Brahmin (Shankaraman) questioned the swami, did he get any support? It is only the **Nakkeeran** Gopal who took up the issue and forced the **Bangalore Papathi** to act. Situation is pathetic.*

*We have no answer to Brother Thangavelu's question — **EDITOR**.*

**David Kely.** [accorm34@yahoo.com](mailto:accorm34@yahoo.com): Your article, "*Iraq becomes US Waterloo*", by Iqbal Ahmed Shariff (DV Dec. 1, 2004 p.8) was very interesting to me as a US citizen to hear such a unique perspective. I agree with you that the US is in empire destroying itself as is the natural order of all empires. However, I felt the need to comment on a few issues discussed:

"How can the American citizens plead innocence of the crimes committed by their rulers? Are they not paying taxes, with which the wars are fought? Are they not electing them?"

Yes, citizens are paying taxes and citizens do vote. In simple terms this could look to make them responsible but simple ideas are not truth, only weapons of hate. The truth is this:

(1) Citizens in all countries have to pay taxes otherwise suffer jail or persecution. It is the normal for humans across the world to choose to protect self and family over an oppressive government that does not mean one supports the government. You could say the average poor person should accept the suffering of an oppressive government for moral reasons but most poor or average people across the world share this crime not just Americans.

(2) On the voting issue, average working citizens in the US are only provided the choice to vote for the rich candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties both of which support world oppression. Simply stated, the poor and average people of America truly have no say over their rulers even if it appears otherwise, due to corruption — only the upper classes decide. Hence, your enemy in America is the same as your enemy everywhere, race and social/economic class oppressors.

The "plea of innocence" of citizens of "democratic" governments is illogical. When the entire world opinion was against Bush for his crimes against humanity in Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay, Abu Gharib and thousands of unaccounted men, women and children, a vast majority of Americans have proved themselves to be equally vengeful and greedy. They absolved him, applauded him and given him another round of four years to finish his unfinished agenda to keep Americans safe by killing others in a proportion of one American as equal to one thousand others. First, many Americans do not support Bush. So your generalizing statement that Americans "applauded" him is false — as many did not vote for him. Many of us are deceived by him and the upper class. Kerry, regardless of what you think, is a sheep in wolf's clothing, as much an agent of the rich who control Bush as well. Basically, while average

Americans might be ignorant (like many people of the world), they really have no choice in leadership and hence cannot be blamed for it. They are as much victims as the Iraqis. Furthermore, the movement of Muslim radicals choosing to kill average Americans has effectively destroyed all chance for understanding among average Americans who might otherwise want to support them. I used to support the Palestinian fight for freedom in public. Now, after all of the murders against innocents from Islamic radicals since Sept. 11, I cannot in good faith support a movement that appears to be just as bent on committing evil as the evil they fight. Simply stated, most Americans do not have as much control, if any, as you give them. If Muslims and other average souls of the world wish to gain our help in the fight against oppression they will need to see this and stop killing US citizens for no good reason. Lastly, as someone who is recently studying Buddhism, I think attachment to hate, in any form, can only lead to more suffering. We are all one, even if some of us are leading others into blindness. If part of your body is hurting, there are smarter ways to stop the pain than to cut it off just like there are better ways to deal with hurting members of humanity, then declaring them mortal enemies and casting them off. I wish you peace and understanding.

**Shilpan Patel**, 2213 - Dogwood Trace Blvd., Lexington, KY 40514, USA: Congratulations. I can't believe 25 years have gone by with the launch of DV. It was the same year when Salil (your son) and I graduated from college in Bangalore. ([shilpan@aol.com](mailto:shilpan@aol.com)).

**Buchanna**@hotmail.com, Adilabad: Ganga Ram Kurme, popularly known as G.R. Kurme, a noted Dalit writer and social activist hailing from the interior Agency village, Karahwada, in Boath Mandal, has received international praise for his Dalit literature. Ritafimento International, a US-based organisation, has included his name in the Asian/American Who's Who, Volume 4, to be published for 2004. Kurme is now working as in-charge Deputy Inspector of Survey, Utnoor Division in the district. He has four books to his credit, including anthologies of poems — *Punadi Rayi*, *Muddugunn* and *Dhannapathan* (poems on Lord Budha's life). He is a founder member of the AP Dalit Rachayithala Kalakarula Medhavula Aikya Vedika, established in 1992. His five poems were published in the renowned anthology of Dalit poems, *Chikkanavuhunnapata*, which created waves in Telugu literature in the state. He has received many literary awards from various organisations including Manoranjani, Ranjani Kundurthi, Andhra Pradesh State Cultural Council and Vishwabarathi. He has also participated in a number of poetry sessions in the state

and outside. His poems have been translated into Kannada and English literary anthologies, Jeevanosthaha and Voices on the Wing respectively. Speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*, Kurme said he had chosen poetry as means to educate Dalits and Backward Class people and expose problems faced by them in society over the centuries.

**Dr. Premdas G.,** Veerabhadra Eye & Contract Lens Clinic, Opp. Bus Stand, Karkala, Udipi dist. - 574 104: I am from your native village of Vonthibettu, near Hiriadka. I am a Dalit and I am a past Syndicate member of Mangalore University. I received Dr. Ambedkar Award thrice for my academic excellence and involvement in Dalit movement. I have secured three ranks in MBBS, second place in DOMS and a gold medal in MS in Mysore University (1989).

**Rajendra,** Ambedkar Pratisthana, Thoralakkki PO, Kolar dist - 563 137: Pertyar E.V. Ramaswami created horror to Brahmins in South India for over three decades. His movement changed not only the power structure in Madras state but also the attitude of Brahmins towards the *Moolbharathis*. Pertyar called it self-respect movement. But it was actually amovement of non-Brahmins against the Brahminical terrorism. Both Pertyar and Dr. Ambedkar were contemporaries and had respect for each other. Their common aim was to educate the masses against oppression of *Moolbharathis*. Dr. Ambedkar always insisted that a Brahmin will change his behaviour when the non-Brahmins outshine him. Both Pertyar and Dr. Ambedkar fought the common Enemy, the Brahmin, on one side, and educating the *shudras* and Dalit on the other side. It is the *vaidiks* who called the larger group of people as *shudras*. *Shudra* means a slave in Sanskrit. His duty was to serve his *Manuwadi* masters life long. Pertyar's movement had an all-India impact. It produced Karunanidhi, a barber, who later became a Chief Minister. Prof. A.M. Dharmalingam founded the Pertyar Mission of India in Bangalore. Himself translated many of Pertyar's books to English. The present book reviewed is by V.C. Velayudan rendered into Kannada. The book contains five pages of explanatory writing and 40 selected verses of Manu to tell the place provided to *shudras* by Brahmins. The fact is that the social system prevalent at that time took shape under the laws of Manu. May be 15% during the Gupta rule. All Brahmin literature—*Shruthi, Smriti, Puranas*—were products of this period. Manu, Koutilya, Vyasa, Valmiki etc. are fictitious names created at this period. Writers of all these literature were Brahmins. Their writings assigned a superior status to Brahminism. Finally their god, Krishna, gave religious sanction to this top place in social hierarchy. Manu called the first three *varnas* (Aryans)

as *Dwijia* meaning twice-born. How they took the second birth is an interesting thing. Shiva is the father and Parvati is mother. Shiva is accepted by the *vaidiks* as tribal god. More powerful than Brahma. Brahma is the creator of universe, Brahmmana and *Manu smriti*. But his fifth head was chopped off by Shiva. So Shiva is more powerful than the Aryan god, Brahma.

**Bikash Kusum Roy,** 140 - Aswani Dyff Road, Calcutta - 700 131: I congratulate the Union Minister of Social Justice, Mrs Meira Kumar after reading her speech in the Calcutta edition of the *Times of India* (Dec. 11, 2004). Her statement was made in the Rajya Sabha while participating in the discussion moved by Dalit MP, R.S. Gavai, proposing a quota for SC/ST in the private sector which is the need of the hour as well as the burning question of the day. She said:

"Those who talk of merit have arrogance of past superiority. The definition of merit has been distorted by those who talk of reservation with contempt and want to reserve some structures for themselves".

She rounded off her attack by accusing the opponents of the quota extension by saying they were all victims of Dronacharya complex and Eklavya phobia - a reference to the *Mahabharata* legend about the reluctance of the Brahmin guru of the Pandavas and Kauravas to take a low caste disciple even when he was more talented than his other students.

The discussion in the Upper House also displayed the growing support for the proposed extension of the quota to the private sector. Moved by R.S. Gavai, a known Dalit leader from Maharashtra, it found support from members of all parties.

Noted jurist Fali S. Nariman, while supporting the resolution, cautioned that the move could not go through without amending the Constitution, but this could not deter the quota votaries: Gavai, who had moved the resolution, provided an insight into the rising appeal of the idea when he said that "voluntary action" would not serve the purpose.

Here in West Bengal, thousands of Eklavyas are incapable of competing in the All-India recruitment tests/examinations for lack of fluent-speaking power in English as they were kept out of English at primary level during last two decades. At the time of introducing this system one CPM leader said:

What's the utility of learning English by *Chasavansas*?

Sons and daughters of the then upper caste rulers were not the victims as they were sent to private English schools instead of govt. primary schools which kept out English. I propose to announce Eklavya awards for our bright boys and girls which will be a fitting reply to the

so-called Dronacharya award. Dalit intellectuals must expose the misdeeds of our upper caste oppressors. The whole media of this country except *Dalit Voice* is opposing the idea of reservation for SC/ST in the private sector.

**K.D. Pagare, 17 - Laxmi Colony, Cantonment Road, Aurangabad - 431 002:** Painful tributes were paid to the late social-political worker and a senior BSP leader, Anand Hadke, who died at Nagpur on Sept. 20, 2004. Anand Rao Hadke was born in a poor Dalit family. He was attracted towards Babasaheb. His younger brother, Chakradhar Hadke, is working as the superintending engineer (civil) in ONGC Bombay. He joined BSP and became its senior leader. He contested the Nagpur Corporation but defeated by a meager margin of votes. Yet because of his relentless efforts, BSP managed 9 seats which laid strong foundation in Nagpur for BSP in future elections. Anand Hadke's eldest son, Rahul Hadke, is following his father.

**Nani Gopal Sikdar, 8/14-A, R.N. Tagore Road, Nabapally, Calcutta - 700 063:** I want to give some more information regarding my Namasudra community (DV Aug. 16, 2004 p. 16). Its population is over 3 crores, half of which is in Bangladesh. They are scattered in West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, few in Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram. They are in large number in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bihar, UP and Dandakaranya. You may recollect that Dr. Babasaheb B.R. Ambedkar could not get elected to the Constituent Assembly from his home state of Bombay. It was the top-most Namasudra leader of those days, Jogendra Nath Mandal, by his wit, tact and untiring efforts could get Babasaheb elected from the undivided Bengal. Mandal was closely associated with Subhas Chandra Bose and his elder brother, Sarat Chandra Bose, and they tried to have an independent Bengal wherein the majority Muslims, Namasudras and other minorities like Christians and Buddhists could live peacefully and with dignity and honour. But they failed because the Congress leaders had by then in principle accepted the two-nation theory and the partition of India. Mandal got frustrated and joined the Muslim League of Bengal and supported the creation of Pakistan. He wanted to work for his people in East Bengal as they could not migrate to India. He decided to stay in Pakistan for the sake of his people. When Pakistan was formed, Mandal joined the Central Govt. of Pakistan as minister. But M.A. Jinnah and other leaders were not satisfied with the truncated Pakistan. They invaded Kashmir by sending hordes of Tribals and captured a large portion of Kashmir. This was facilitated by the delay and hesitation of Maharaja Hari Singh of

Kashmir to join India. Hari Singh acceded to India and sought military help from India. India sought UN intervention against Pakistan. The UN ordered cease-fire. Meanwhile, the creator of Pakistan, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, died and Liaqat Ali Khan was assassinated. Pakistan passed into the hands of Islamic fundamentalists. The promises made to J.N. Mandal was not honoured. On one pretext or other, the ruling class of Pakistan engineered riots in East Pakistan. Before that West Pakistan was already cleared of minorities by ethnic cleansing. Even the Namasudras were not spared despite the explicit assurances given to J.N. Mandal for protection of minorities. Mandal's life itself was endangered. So he fled from East Pakistan and took shelter in West Bengal. About 1.5 crore Namasudras fled to India leading a miserable life, rotting at camps, railway stations, huts along the railway lines. They had to leave Pakistan (Bangladesh). Three alternatives are suggested to minorities of Bangladesh (1) either they migrate to India, (2) or convert to Islam or (3) commit suicide.

**K. Prakash, TGT (M), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Chikkajoghalli, Bellary dist - 583 126:** During the past five years of my association, DV has broadened my outlook and now I realize the harmful side of Brahminism. But the present strategy of Dalits to legally remain as Hindu but target the Brahmins is very much self destructive because of the following reasons:

- (1) The Dalits are not sound enough educationally or economically to war with Brahmins for a long period.
- (2) In the present situation the centuries-old Brahminism will be least disturbed by the outdated marxist-Ambedkar thoughts.

Even the idea of human rights is now no more than a hoax because of its inability to comment upon the caste-based reservation system of our government. The ideal solution would be the "living rights" which by nature is self explanatory.

**Gogu Shyamala, Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies, 2-2-18/14 - DD Colony, Baghamberpet, Hyderabad - 500 013, (hydl\_anveshi@sancharnet.in):** On Aug. 6, 1991 eight Dalits of Tsundur, Guntur Dt. (AP), were massacred and thrown into the Tungabhadra drain. Seven were Malas and one Madiga. Many were the emerging strengths of the community well educated, they were targeted by the upper caste Reddys of the village. The Madiga youth's eyeballs were torn out of their sockets before he was thrown in the drain alive to drown, his scholarship was seen as a mark of defiance against upper caste grip. One victim's brother died of heart attack. The response strengthened the Dalit political process across the state. The legal process has tested the

enforcement of the SC/ST Atrocities Act (1989). First, the accused wanted the trial held away from Tsundururu to dissuade Dalit presence in the hearings. The case was pursued in the Supreme Court which directed that a special court be organized in premises built in the Dalit section of the village. Second, the accused's effort to change the Special Public Prosecutor (PP), Chandrasekhar, was resisted successfully. The upper castes also tried to prove that the Dalits who were killed were Christians and that the SC/ST Atrocities Act did not apply. The victims families had to successfully prove that they were indeed SCs. The Dalits argued that the intense social pressure endangered livelihood in the upper caste sections of the village and demanded separate institutions like a separate panchayat and schools along with individual water supply, ration ship, bus stop etc. They demanded independent land holdings to seek their livelihood without fear of life. They also wanted *pucca* houses. The govt. has met these demands. The resulting separation led to the *Dalitwada* of Tsundururu being called Ambedkar Nagar. These economic gains were but a palliative for the crippling loss suffered by the community. Two Anveshi representatives, K. Saijaya and I, went to Tsundururu to attend the court hearing which was marked by tension and fear. Regional Dalit support has not developed enough to guarantee sustained well being of the witnesses if they testify. Only a mass Dalit movement can provide such support. The long years between massacre and trial has weakened the momentum. Passport confiscation, ban on higher studies and exterminate orders on the Tsundururu activists have fragmented the political structure. The outside Dalit groups who came in to express solidarity cannot remain in Tsundururu forever as both the witnesses and the accused know full well. The various actors are cautious and the situation is fluid. Coverage of the incident in the media is poor. This diary is an attempt to make supporters and activists aware of the event.

**Vilas Kharat**, 38 - Kanifrath Colony, Bhavasingpura Road, Aurangabad - 431 001: The Anarya Bharat Sangh has submitted the following memorandum to the Vice Chancellor of Dr. Ambedkar University, Aurangabad:— Sir, you belong to the highest echelon of the Indian officialdom, entrusted in your right, to safeguard the Constitution of India, the sacred document of the peoples of India. You are a bureaucrat, highly respected by the people for your conscious endeavor to follow the rules and the law in spirit. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, in recent years has seen a mushroom growth of Hindu temples in the premises of the university, violating the secular

atmosphere of an educational institution. Even the offices of the university have visible signs of *vedic* practices, making one wonder whether the work places are meant of for worshipping or for work. The university has sports activities under the name *Ashwamedh* which carries with it a connotation which is at once repugnant and contrary to decent ethics, bringing to human mind the *coitus* between a queen (host wife) and a horse, an ignoble Hindu ritual and practice. The name should be changed at once. We are prepared to suggest acceptable names. In the portico of the library there is a marble statue of Saraswati regarded by Hindus (*vaidsiks*) as a goddess of learning. The mythical figure has no relevance today. Her place be given to Savitribai Phule, the first woman teacher in India, who can easily be idolized as the mother of learning. Her life holds out much for emulation. Jan. 3 is her birth anniversary and is a proper occasion in this regard. We regret that there is no photograph of Savitribai Phule anywhere in the university. The historical struggle for renaming the university came to fruition after 17 years. This great man, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, was an epitome of rationality and brooked no regressive attitude. The pervading ethos of the offices functioning under the university is characterized by photos and idols of Hindu gods and goddesses. Since this university is not established for any one community, it is essential that its secular character is maintained. All these portraits have to be replaced by things progressive in nature and having scientific spirit. The mushroom growth of temples does not help spiritual growth in the premises but is an endeavour to grab as much land as possible with ancillary growth taking place in the neighbourhood. This will be a colossal loss for the university which will experience paucity of land for future building undertakings. There was a heinous incident in which a Marathi book written by Dinkarrao Javalkar, small in size, was terminated on the plea that the book contains objectionable matter which "hurts the feeling" of a section of Hindus (*vaidsiks*). We feel that the book (*Deshache Dushman*) is thought-provoking and be prescribed for study. (dignaag2002@yahoo.co.in).

**K.S. Chalam**, 71-31-529, Trinadhapuram, Malkapuram, Visakhapatnam - 530 011: Congratulations on starting DV website and successful completion of 25 years of DV. It is a sure step forward in DV's progress. I read the three books authored by you, *Brahminism* (2002), *Dalit - The Black Untouchables of India*, (Clarity Press) and *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation* (Books for Change, 2004). These three books are wonderful treatises of their kind and are must for all Dalit-Bahujans. Reading these books our people would come to know who we are, what

we are and what is our goal. I fully agree with the views of some members about transforming our DV into a daily. It may be difficult but not impossible. Our DV family members must note that there is an urgent need for an all-out support to the Editor to strengthen DV -the only all-India media we have. So, I appeal to all DV members not to be contented with becoming a subscriber but to try and bring more of our people into DV fold. The few Dalit journalists purchased by the BSO must come back and train some of our educated youngsters in journalism and help improve and expand our own media. I too am trying to bring more people into DV fold and also encouraging them to read Dalit literature specially your books. It is a good sign that Muslims, Sikhs and other Bahujans are understanding and joining hands to fight the BSO. But it is unfortunate that even now many of our Dalit elite remain unconcerned. It is time they come out of their long hibernation and take active part in Dalit-Bahujan struggle against BSO. Then only the dreams of our father, Babasaheb Ambedkar, will continue. Some of your writings show how frustrated and disappointed you are. But you know the state of our people, it takes some time. Let us be optimistic. Brother K. Sivasadan raised a point (DV Nov.16, 2004 p.17) not to call *Savarnas* as upper castes. I suggest that until such time we find a suitable word we may call them "so-called upper castes". I too have one point that must be thought out: the two obnoxious obscene and absurd words — *Bhudevatas* and *Chandal* — must be removed from our textbooks. We have to work towards that goal. Your unfinished struggle to serve our people is incomparable. You are standing tall like a beacon showing light to our people. This is true. I wish all of our people promise their full support to DV. I have a request: please try to hold a DV workshop at Visakhapatnam. I am sure it will yield good results by generating inspiration and enthusiasm in our people.

**Dr. K. Jamanadas**, "Shalimar", Main Road, Chandrapur - 442 402: According to a report in the Marathi daily, *Samrat* (Dec.22, 2004), Sharad Patil has refused to accept a Maharashtra Govt. award because he felt that it was a second-grade award. This caused great distress within the Brahminic circles who call themselves progressives. The Maharashtra Govt. every year gives some awards for outstanding performance in various fields. This year, the Maharashtra Foundation declared an award for comrade Patil's book, *Jayantik Bhandwadari Lokshahi Kranti va Tichee Samaj Vadi Poortee* (Sugawa Prakashan). The award comprised a sum of Rs. 25,000. The prize distribution was scheduled to be held in Bombay in January 2005. Patil said he was not a

journalist or a literary figure. Whatever he wrote was for the transformation of the society and recognized by the scholars like A.B. Shah, Romila Thapar, Nahar Kurundkar, Laxman Shastri Joshi and others. His book, *Das-Shudra Slavery*, Part-I and II has helped solve many enigmatic problems in Indian history. Therefore, he did not like to accept this second-grade award, he said. The writings of those who have received this award in the past have never been of the standard of Sharad Patil. This has raised the doubt about the award of the Foundation itself. An earlier book of Sharad Patil, *Marx Vaad* — *Phule Ambedkar*, received the Maharashtra Govt. award during the chief ministership of Manohar Joshi in the BJP-Shiv Sena regime. The very same year, the police had fired on an innocent Dalit mob of Ramabai Nagar, Ghatkopar, Bombay. So, Comrade Sharad Patil had then refused to accept that award. Now also, Sharad Patil has created a justifiable doubt about the purpose and the aims of the Foundation itself, the report says.

**Joy Singh** (joysinghe@aol.com): Jinnah was tortured to death, according to the Asian News International, Karachi, dated Dec.28, 2004. The leader of the Murthida Quami Movement (MQM), Altaf Hussain, has claimed that Pakistan's founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, was tortured to death. Hussain was quoted by the *Dawn* as saying in a statement from London that not only was Jinnah tortured to death but his sister, Fatima Jinnah, was poisoned at a wedding party the same night and tortured to death after which the Mohatta Palace (Qasri-Fatima) was sealed off. Claiming to have access to some of the eyewitness to the massacre, he said that he would produce them in Pakistan only if the government guaranteed their protection. Jinnah and his sister were in fact tortured to death by those very people who had proclaimed themselves as his true followers.

**Director** (director@icssa.org): In the age of reckoning Abdi Ullah Jan says: If the so-labeled "conspiracy theorists" are right and Bush and his company have actually staged 9/11 to go for global domination, we must see the coming fall of tyranny in America in the light of the afore-mentioned quotes". Many of us who think the US ongoing terrorist adventures are not against "terrorism", believe that it is part of the struggle for oil and other natural resources.... Those who are dispatching more and more troops for further tortures, rapes, bloodshed and destruction to sustain this tyranny would call an end to their "war on terrorism" the moment they understand two things: one, the real reason that makes their hearts abodes of terror and two, the Anglo saying, "payback will be hell".. (read more on: <http://worldmediamonitors.net/content/view/full/112219/>). ■

# US Evangelicals declare war on Muslims

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Among the most vociferous supporters of the American invasion of Iraq and its so-called global "war on terror" are large sections of America's powerful Christian evangelical right wing. American Christian evangelicals have probably never had it so good for themselves in the recent past — what with a fellow Christian fundamentalist as President of their country, who is on record as having declared that he sees his country's present imperialist offensive as nothing less than a holy crusade.

Most right-wing Christian groups in America see America's war on Iraq, and on Muslim peoples more generally as nothing less than a cosmic battle between Christianity and Islam, between good and the devil, between good and evil. For them, the global imperialist offensive led by America is actually part of god's plan to help plant the Gospel in heathen lands, to win benighted Muslims to the Christian fold. Not surprisingly, many well-funded right-wing Western Christian groups have rushed to Iraq (as they sought to do

earlier in Afghanistan), following closely in the heels of American troops. The troops rain down bombs on civilians, massacring them in their thousands, while seemingly do-gooder evangelists make a pretence of cleaning up the mess of their soldiers, offering the hapless victims of American terror a few sops — a mid-day meal or a sack of grain — and a free Bible in addition, hoping in this way to win their foes to what they see as the only available way to ultimate salvation.

This nexus between right-wing

## Unity of Jews & Evangelicals alarms American Christians

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The re-election of George W. Bush, the re-appointment of the war-mongers Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz and Condi Rice taking over as the new Secretary of States indicates the tightening hold of the Neo-Cons led by the Jews who control the American economy, media and Administration (DV March 16, 2002 p.10: "Mere 3% Jews control America and threaten world peace").

Our Editorial of June 1, 2003, "Zionists destroy Christianity, then make US Christians fight Muslims to promote Israeli interests", has already warned of the dangerous developments inside America. Fortunately, the opposition to the war-mongers is equally strong.

**Silence of Pope & WCC:** But the developments inside American Christianity is alarming. What is shocking is the silence of the powerful Roman Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches of the Protestants. Both of them are getting marginalised in the growing madness among American Christians.

The *Christianity Today*, a premier

American Christian journal, in its Oct.2003 issue (p. 19 -20) disclosed the growing friendship between the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Evangelicals. It published a picture of David Harris, executive director of AJC, asking American Jews to get closer to Evangelicals. AJC with 120,000 members is one of the pre-eminent non-religious Jewish organisations in the world and also the world's most influential Jewish organisation.

The *Christianity Today* says even orthodox Jews are getting closer to evangelicals. Billye Graham, America's top evangelist, is a close friend of Jews.

**United on promoting Israel:** Evangelicals gave \$20 million to resettle Russian Jews in Israel. The two are coming closer on Israel and their common hatred of Muslims and Blacks. Evangelicals are loved by the Jews because they publicly denounce anti-semitism.

The *Christianity Today* has published a picture of George Bush with Ariel Sharon of Israel and a top Evangelist of America.

evangelicals and the American political-military establishment serves the purpose of both partners admirably. For the American establishment, the presence of evangelical charity groups on the battlefield seemingly engaged in doing some amount of good for the suffering helps diffuse opposition to America's occupying armies among the locals. It is also of immense propaganda value, seeking to convince the world that America's imperialist offensives are actually stem from a spirit of unbounded Christian generosity and charity.

#### MAJOR ROLE IN IRAQ

For the evangelicals, the presence of American occupying armies provides them the security they need to carry on with their missionary depredations. Despite their protestations of love for suffering and dying Muslims, they seem to actually relish the prospects of war, for it enables them to gain entry into areas where they would ordinarily would never had dared to tread, being protected by the force of American arms.

In addition, the mass misery that imperialist military offensive unleash on millions of people — as in Iraq — appear to create just the right climate that evangelical groups so desperately need to get their good news fall on receptive soil — through the medical missions, makeshift schools and food distribution centres that they set up to take the place of regular hospitals, schools and farms that the imperialist armies go about pounding to utter ruin. In the present American offensive against Iraq, do-gooder Western particularly American Christian evangelical outfits are playing a major role, many of them working within Iraq itself as well as in neighbouring countries among the streams of Iraqis who have fled the fighting. While apparently involved in providing

relief this is simply a cover for missionary work.

#### ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS

*Frontiers* is one of the several American-based right-wing Christian evangelical groups heavily involved in missionary work among Muslims in several countries. Its website describes its formidable range of activities. It has a number of overseas missions, packaged and priced like commercial adventure holidays. They are designed to combine the pleasure of a holiday, a burning sense of adventure and a passionately held belief in Christian mission. To cite some examples: its North Africa Trekking Team package deal (priced at \$2650) promises missionaries with a love for the wild the possibility of a mule trek in the mountains, while also giving them the opportunity of conveying Christianity to Muslim villages.

Its North African Prayer Team package (\$2850) includes visits to archaeological sites and the prospects of proclaim(ing) gods word over the land and join(ing) him in tearing down strongholds keeping Muslims blinded to the truth about Christ. Its Southeast Asia *Bike Ministry Team* (\$3900), playing on deeply cherished orientalist fantasies associated with classical imperialism and its racist project, promises the thrill of biking through the mountains of a south-east Asian island, offering strategic prayers over the land and the people engaging in low-key evangelism and build (ing) relationships with hospitable Muslims who'll want to serve you endlessly. Some of the packages involve a limited form of social work (teaching English and computers to Muslim youth, or caring for Muslim refugee children), intended, of course simply as a means for beguiling unsuspecting Muslims into abandoning Islam for Christianity.

*Frontiers* is a classic case of a Christian fundamentalist outfit. In what it calls a statement of faith, *Frontiers* insists in the full, verbal inspiration of the Scriptures: of the Old and New Testament: as authoritative, sufficient, infallible and without error in the original manuscripts, not only as containing but as being in themselves the only written Word of God. Accordingly, it declares that acknowledging Jews as the son of god and his death on the cross of atoning for the sins of all humankind is the only way to salvation. Consequently, it says, Christians are assured of eternal blessedness in Heaven, while all others would be summarily consigned to everlasting, conscious punishment in Hell.

#### GOD HATES MUSLIMS ?

From belief stems *Frontier's* global imperialist missionary agenda. It acknowledges that Muslims (and other non-Christians) are fellow human beings and creatures of god and that in that capacity, god loves them. This love, however, is it is suggested strictly conditional of they would be dispatched to hell if they fail to accept Jesus as Son of God — that is, if they continue being Muslim. In other words, while god may love Muslims, he seems to detest their religion. This sets out the missionary mandate for *Frontiers*, of rescuing Muslims from Islam. It describes the task that it has established for itself thus: "Our passion is to glorify god by planting reproducing churches among unreached Muslim peoples". As it sees it, Muslims can avert eternal destruction only if they accept Christianity.

*Frontier's* international director, Rick Love, is said to be a missionary with 20 years experience working among Muslims to abandon their faith and accept Christianity. He holds a Ph.D.

from the ultra-right wing Fuller Theological Seminary where he is presently adjunct professor of Islamicms (a curious Christian missionary term for Islamic Studies). In a recent interview, titled "A Christian Perspective of Islam and Terrorism", he dwells at length on what he sees as his organisation's mandate, linking it with America's current so-called "war on global terror" a euphemism for its invasion of one Muslim country after another.

#### ANTI-AMERICAN WAVE

As a true fundamentalist, Love sees the war on terror as reflecting in essence a spiritual conflict between good and the devil. And in this grand battle there is no doubt as to whom he sees Islam siding with. In his view, the attacks of 11 September (which he appears to employ as a justification for America's consequent war on terror" have little or nothing to do with American

imperialism all over the world, but then argues that being a super power, America is a "lightning rod for criticism" and hurriedly adds, "sadly, it is human nature to want to take people down a notch"). Rather, the attacks, he suggests, were a natural corollary of Islam itself. In his mind, terror and Islam are inseparable. He categorically denies that Islam is a peace-loving religion, although he does admit the existence of peace-loving Muslims (suggesting, therefore, that their love for peace is despite rather than because of their believe in Islam).

#### ISLAM GOES WITH SWORD

On the other hand, Christianity is present as the very epitome of love and peace while of course the long history of Christian-inspired wars and genocidal campaigns, including the current invasion of Iraq which many evangelicals bless as a crusade are conveniently glossed

over. Love sums up his argument thus:

... Muhammad rode into Mecca on a stallion with a sword in hand to conquer by force. By contrast, Jesus saddled up a donkey to ride into Jerusalem to humbly suffer and die for the sins of the world. Herein lies the difference. Jesus founded a religion based on moral persuasion. From the beginning, Islam has condoned the use of the sword... Islam is a religion which sanctions force, if necessary, to advance its purposes.

This said, the task before Christians, Love suggests should be to wage peace on Muslims — in other words, to wean Muslims away from Islam that is seen as sanctioning violence.

**DV July 16, 2003 p.21:** "When Jews cursed & killed Jesus why Christians go on supporting them?"

**DV Edit June 1, 2003:** "Zionists "destroy" Christianity, then make US Christians fight Muslims to promote Israeli interests".

### New chief of NCCI

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Rev. (Dr.) Dharendra Kumar Sahu, a Backward Caste from Orissa, has been appointed the new General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) to succeed the Syrian Christian Ipe Joseph. Dr. Sahu has been the Bishop of Eastern Himalaya diocese of the Church of North India (CNI). He studied at Utkal University and did Ph.D. in theology from the University of Birmingham. He was professor of Christian Theology, Dean and Vice-Principal of Serampore College. NCCI represents the entire Protestant churches of India.

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### Chandigarh DV workshop on March 11 - 12

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**Bangalore:** *Dailit Voice* workshop for senior members of our family in Chandigarh, Punjab and Haryana is fixed for March 11, 12, and 13, 2005 at Chandigarh. The venue is the historic Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan, Sector-37/A, Chandigarh. Phone: 269 7374. Details will follow.

Meanwhile, the Editor's visit to Chandigarh on Jan. 19, 2005 to deliver a talk on the "Slow death of Sikhism" and how Dalits can save it being swallowed by Brahminism has evoked lot of interest. The venue of the talk is Punjab University, Chandigarh.

Our family members in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh are requested to help make the Jan. 19 event a big success.

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# Physical identity for Dalits: Dilemma of an Ambedkarite woman

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I met you at Dera Sachkhand, Ballan, (Jalandhar) in June 2004 when you invited me for the Shimla DV workshop. I attended it with my husband with our 3-year-old daughter.

I refer to the Letter of Dr. R.K. Nimble Baudh of New Delhi and Brother Rajendra of Kolar dt. (DV Nov. 16, 2004) appealing to all principled Ambedkarites to have a physical identity (symbol) to indicate we are different from *Manuvadis*. Brother Baudh has suggested (1) a *choti* on forehead or (2) a blue thread on left wrist.

**Family boycott:** But this is for men. What about the Ambedkarite married women? I belong to Nagpur where all Ambedkarites (Mahar, Mang, Chamar etc.) are imitating the *Manuvadis* and displaying our enemy symbols. Women apply *sindur* and have *mangalsutra* to indicate their marital status.

But being an Ambedkarite Buddhist, I am against imitation of Hindu women and hence do not apply *sindhur* or use *mangalsutra*. Because of this, I am facing parental (family) boycott over this issue. No doubt my parents are well educated and call themselves Ambedkarite Buddhist.

The pity is in Maharashtra (Mahar) Ambedkarite Buddhists do not want to think, not to speak of discussing about such *Manuvadi* symbols which ensure our enslavement, particularly the women. *Manuvadis* know that it is easy to finish the men once

## When Dalits are not Hindu, should they not look different from Hindu?

*Having found Sister Rajshree an extra-ordinary person at Jalandhar, we invited her to our Shimla workshop. Unlike other women she did not do baby-sitting at Shimla to help her husband to attend the workshop. She attended the workshop and her husband looked after the child.*

*Very rarely we come across such women, that too among Dalits. We expect great things from her. Her husband has given her all encouragement in her intellectual pursuits. In this male-dominated Dalit movement,*

the women are enslaved. At the time of mass conversion to Buddhism at *Dikshabhumi* in Nagpur, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar gave us 22 oaths. And the basic purpose of these oaths is to keep the Dalits away from:

(1) worshipping *Manuvadi* deities, (2) carrying *Manuvadi* symbols and identities and (3) celebration of Hindu festivals so that the purity of Budha *dhamma* is maintained.

**I think both *sindhur* and *mangalsutra* are the core identity of Brahminism and being Buddhists why our people still love Brahminism?**

If we see different religions like the Sikh, Islam, Christianity, all the oppressed people who got converted to these religions are following the teachings of their respective religions. All of them adhere to some physical identity, both men and women. So why should not Ambedkarite Buddhist people in Maharashtra follow their own religion? Why they are bent upon disobeying Babasaheb and yet call themselves Ambedkarites?

I want to know what our intellectual Ambedkarite Buddhist people think about this issue as it is related to women.

Please note it is the woman who gives **identity** to her family, her community. More than anything else women are the carriers of culture. ■

*Rajshree is a rare exception. The point she has raised has been worrying us for long but our "educated" Dalit brothers do not take it seriously. Buddhism itself is being sabotaged both from inside and outside by **vaiddik** forces. "Educated" Dalits are increasingly coming under Brahminical pressure and fast getting **hinduised** (enslaved).*

*When we say we are not Hindu and were never Hindu, should we not also look different from Hindu? Our dictum should be hate what the Enemy loves and love what the Enemy hates. This needs a debate — EDITOR.*

# Shiva, indigenous god, enslaved by invading Aryans

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The people of India can be broadly divided in two cultures/civilisations: Aryans (Hindus or foreign invaders) and native Indians (Dalit-Bahujans). That means since the Aryan invasion, two parallel cultures are going on in India and during this 3,500 years the Aryans (15%) have been ruling and exploiting the natives (85%) with ruthless cruelty and destroying their culture (*hinduisation* and enslavement) with their wicked ideology of 5-Cs (co-option, corruption, coercion, conflict and confusion).

## LORD SHIVA'S FEATURES

This Brahminical *Arthashastra* has not even spared the gods and deities of natives. The most powerful and important native god is Lord Shiva who has been subjugated and portrayed (read *hinduised*) to serve their Hinduism — which is alien to Dalit-Bahujan culture.

The native Indians belong to the Indus Valley Civilization based on compassion, co-operation, equality and brotherhood with dignity of labour (*shramana* culture) as the common bond. The native (*Dasas*, *Dasuyas*, *Asuras*, *Danavas*, *Rakshasas* etc.) belong to the Naga race and have been followers of Shiva and Buddhism. In other words, the Nagas, Buddhists and Anaryans are the same people with common historical roots.

Two important aspects emerge from the personality of Shiva to prove that he is the indigenous deity *hinduised* to serve the alien Aryans. One is the historical proofs of his identity and (2) the

impression from the pictures and costumes he bears.

**Historical evidence:** (1) The archaeological excavations at Mohanjodaro, Harappa and various other allied Indus Valley sites have revealed that the people of that period worshipped mother earth and other deities like Shiva and Nagas. In some of the figurines and seals found from these sites is that of a man in yogic posture surrounded by bull and many Nagas, which clearly shows that this deity is none else than Shiva. Bull or Nandi is considered to be the *vahana* (vehicle) of Shiva. Many coins recovered from these sites also depict pictures and names synonymous with Nagas.

## BRAHMINNS HATE SHIVA

(2) In the *Rig Veda*, the most ancient and the authentic Brahminical religious text, there is no mention of Shiva at all. The name Rudra which is interpreted for Shiva, seems to be a later historical interpolation since the actions and other facts regarding Rudra stand in contrast to those of Shiva.

(3) In the Brahminical trinity of gods (Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh), Shiva (Mahesh) comes last. He was made inferior to Brahma and Vishnu (Aryan gods) which is a glaring example of divines subjugation. All the *avatatas* (incarnations) of Brahma and Vishnu belong to Brahminical origins whereas Shiva has his *avatatas* in Bhairava (an SC) and Hanuman (a tribal) who are of Dalit origin. So, Shiva is entitled for

having only Dalits as his *avatatas*. This position of Shiva in the form of subjugation, subordination and of course of having only *anaryas* as his *avatatas* shows Shiva to be genuine indigenous deity.

## BID TO HINDUISE RAVIDASS

(4) In the *Bhavishya Purana* and *Manisha Panchkam* (a treatise on South Indian Dalit poetry), Guru Ravidass (a Chamar) has been called *Chandala Shiva* by Adishankara. Besides, the Adi Sankara is also said to have pointed out that his Chandala Shiva having a crescent on his forehead. In other words, it shows that the Chandala and Guru Ravidass (both Dalits) are related to Shiva.

In J&K many Dalit elders (especially Chamars) in villages are having *chandrama* (crescent) tattooed on their foreheads. When asked for reasons their only reply is that this tattoo mark was considered to be auspicious by their ancestors — may be their lineage from lunar race as it is in the case of Shiva. In 1888, when Sri Narayana Guru did *Shivapratishta* at Aruvipuram (Kerala), the Namboodiri Brahmins had questioned the authority of a low caste (Chandala) Ezhava to install the idol of Shiva in the temple. The Guru on this had said: "What we have installed is not Brahmin Shiva. It is our Shiva; the Chandala Shiva". In other words, the Guru clearly defined the identity of Shiva.

(5) Shiva is also known by many other names like Kameshwara, Yogeshwara and Nageshwara etc.

Of these, Nageshwara denotes that he is a god of Nagas — the *Anaryans*. Shiva is also called Adinath i.e. the most ancient among the nine *nathas*. Guru Gorakhnath, who is considered to the most powerful and revered after Adinath has accepted that he belonged to the progeny of Shiva and he (Adinath) was his guru. It is a well known fact that the most of the *naths* were from Dalits.

#### **GORAKHNATH WAS CHAMAR**

According to many writers Gorakhnath was a Chamar. Besides, the legendary Chamar, Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidass, was a disciple of Guru Gorakhnath. However, in most of the Brahminical literature, Ramananda, a South Indian Brahmin, is called the guru of Sant Ravidass. This is nothing but a *vaidik* trick to show the supremacy of Brahmmins over Dalits and a conspiracy to *hinduise* Guru Ravidass.

#### **Pictures & costumes of Shiva:**

Any one who looks at morphology of Shiva, following features are clearly noticeable to suggest his *anaryan* identity:-

(1) **Yogic posture:** In most of his pictures Shiva is shown to be sitting in a posture (*asana*) of yogi. It is a well known fact that *yoga* is an ancient Buddhist posture (see pictures of Budha) used even by Jain *munis*. Historically, Jains are also *anaryans*. Beside, *yoga* does not find any mention in the ancient Aryan literature. Since Buddhist and Jain traditions have *anaryan* origins that shows the origin of Shiva.

#### **BLACK GOD**

(2) **Complexion of Shiva:** In every picture he is shown to be Black, the typical and original colour of native people of India (*adivasis*) as

described in the *Rig Veda*. But Parvati, the consort of Shiva, is always shown as fair complexioned being an Aryan. This proves the Aryan bid to co-opt and corrupt Shiva by using woman as a weapon.

#### **ARYANS DID NOT INVADE SOUTH**

(3) **Origin of Kshatriyas:** There are two races of Kshatriyas as per the Indian religious and history texts: (i) Solar race — *Suryavanshis* (read Aryans) and (ii) Lunar race - *Chandravanshis* (read Anaryans).

The word Chamar gives a clue. Chamar is *Ch* (Sanskrit) = Chandravanshi + *Maar* (Persian) = Nag. So, Chamar means a Naga from a lunar race i.e. a Chandravanshi Nag. Take the costumes of Shiva and find out if he is a Chandravanshi Naga or not. The moon or crescent on his forehead denotes that he is a Chandravanshi. In J&K almost all Kshatriyas/Rajputs attach "Singh" to their names but some of them still use "Chand" with their names which is otherwise mostly used by "low castes". A Rajput patient of mine with "Chand" as his second name told me they used Chand because they were the descendants of Shiva and the other Rajputs were Survanshi and descendants of Rama. The Kshatriyas of solar race did not have marriage with lunar race.

Shiva has a necklace clearly signifying that he is a Naga. In other words, Shiva is a Chandravanshi Naga (Chamar). Hindus in the South have only three *varnas* (Brahmin, Sudras and Untouchable-Dalits) whereas in the North we have five *varnas* (Brahmin, Kshatriyas, Vaishya, Sudras and Untouchables). Where have the Kshatriyas and Vaishya

of South gone? It means there was no Aryan invasion of the South. Hence there are no Kshatriyas of Survanshi race as the Brahminical social Order (BSO) did not recognise the native people as Kshatriyas in spite of their martial capabilities e.g. Marathas of Maharashtra and Sikhs of Punjab. Vaishyas were added to Sudras as second *varna* in the South.

(4) **Chambar Nag, Raja Chambar and Lord Shiva:** The snake which Shiva bears as his necklace is called Chambar Nag. The *Rig Veda* mentions at many places that a great Naga (*anaryan* king) by the name of Chambar was killed by Indra, the commander-chief of Aryans. So, Chambar was not only a snake but a mighty king also whose empire was not only the territory of Indus Valley Civilization but a large part of North India including Himachal Pradesh (HP). It is likely that the final battle between Indira and Chhambar took place in Kangra valley of HP. Many places in HP have their names as Chamba, Chamera and an animal like Chamera, which are in a way akin to Chhambar.

#### **CHAMBAR AS BORN ENEMY OF BRAHMINS**

It is likely that the word Chhambar may be the precursor of contemporary Chamar. Since Chamars in some parts of India (e.g., Maharashtra) are still called Chhambar, it is possible that they are the progeny of this great Naga king. Furthermore, the way the Chamars are fighting the *vaidiks* throughout India to some extent proves this view. Since Siva is incomplete without Chhambar Naga, it shows his Dalit heritage.

(5) **Guru Ravidass, Bhagirath & Ganga:** The ancient name of the river Ganga is Bhagirathi, since it

was given as a boon to great Dalit king Bhagirath for his sincere austerities by Lord Shiva. In all pictures, Shiva is seen with Ganga flowing from his matted hair. What a great coincidence that a Dalit (Shiva) is blessing another Dalit (Bhagirath). Another fact of history which suggests that the Ganga has a Dalit heritage is that the great Chamar Ravidass was able to perform various miracles to defeat the Brahmins were mostly related to river Bhagirathi. This again shows a Dalit heritage of Shiva, Ganga and Ravidass (Dalits).

**Conclusion:** From the various facts mentioned above, it appears that Shiva once was a great and mighty indigenous king of lunar race. He was co-opted and raised to the level of god like Aryan commanders Vishnu and Brahma in the Hindutry. But despite this promotion he is made subservient to other two in

the trinity. He is fully subjugated by Aryans with the help of their *Arthashastra*. However, in spite of mythological and historical camouflage by *vaidiks*, the true identity and heritage of Lord Shiva clearly becomes evident. ■

**Note:** The aim of the author is to find out the indigenous origin of Shiva who now has been fully *hindusised* and used against Dalit-Bahujans for their divine enslavement. Being an atheist (Buddhist), the author in no way encourages the worship of Shiva. ■

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# Research on Dalit autobiographies

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I am a student of English literature. A couple of months back I met you at Mysore and expressed my interest in the area of Dalit literature and gave a brief note about the area of research leading to the degree of Ph.D. that I would like to take up. Please publish my letter on my proposed research area so that people who have a sound knowledge in this particular field may come forward to help me.

I want to make a **study of themes of anguish & protest in select Dalit autobiographies**. Dalits are sufferers from time immemorial. Though theirs is one of the earliest races of the sub-continent, all through the ages they have been kept away from the rights and opportunities enjoyed by the Hindus or upper castes. It is true that history has recorded many struggles and movements against the Dalit oppression. In the 20th century because of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Dalits regained their confidence and united to fight against a system which treated them as sub-human beings. As a result Dalit movement started. Inspiration also came from the African-

American movement to launch the Dalit Panthers in Maharashtra, Dalit Sangharsh Samiti in Karnataka, Dravidian and non-Brahmin movements in TN etc. Dalit writers and artists began to tell their own tales which were unheard of until now. Writers expressed their anger, anguish and protest against the social injustice through their poems, novels, plays and many other genres of literature.

I would like to take up a study of all Dalit autobiographies in different regional languages which are available in English. They are the narratives of suffering due to poverty, of being born in a lower caste. Though they are written in different languages, the experiences these authors have undergone is almost the same.

I know there is dearth of sources — both primary and secondary — in English. However once research begins we can collect lot of literature. Serious attempts have not been made in this area and hope I can do something new by taking a road not taken by others or taken by a few.

# Mass murder of Sikhs in Delhi: Call to prosecute Congress culprits

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On the 20th anniversary of the mass killings of Sikhs, the new Congress-led government should launch fresh investigations into and make a public commitment to prosecute (all) the planners and implementers of the violence, the New York-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Oct.30, 2004.

In 1984, in retaliation for the assassination of (Indian-Hindu) Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards on Oct.31, angry mobs, some allegedly organized by the Congress Party, attacked and killed thousands of Sikhs. From Nov.1 to Nov.4, the gangs attacked the symbols and structures of the Sikh faith, the properties of Sikhs and killed whole families by burning them alive. The residences and properties of Sikhs were identified through govt.-issued voter lists.

**State complicity:** Victim groups, lawyers and activists have long alleged state complicity in the violence. For three days the police failed to act as gangs carrying weapons and kerosene roamed the streets, exhorting non-Sikhs to kill Sikhs and loot and burn their properties.

Seven govt.-appointed commissions have investigated these attacks, said Brad Adams, Asia Director of Human Rights Watch. But the commissions were all either whitewashes or they were met with official stonewalling and obstruction.

The report of the latest commission, the Nanavati Commission, was due Nov.1 but has been delayed for another two months. "The time for commissions that do not lead to prosecutions is over", said Adams. "After two decades, the prosecutors and police should act. There is more than enough evidence to do so now". HRW called for an end to political protection for organizers of the violence.

Some of those allegedly involved in the pogrom currently occupy posts in the govt. or are MPs. Both the judiciary and administrative inquiry commissions have failed to hold these perpetrators accountable.

"For two decades high-ranking members of the Congress Party have enjoyed political impunity for the violence", said Adams. "The fact that many of the alleged planners of the violence were and are members of the Congress Party should not be a barrier to justice for the victims".

**Ensaaf report:** HRW commended Ensaaf (<http://www.ensaaf.org>), an organization dedicated to fighting impunity in India, for its 150-page report, *Twenty Years of Impunity*, analyzing the patterns of the pogroms and the attitudes and practices of impunity revealed by previous unpublished govt. documents and other materials.

"Only a conscious exercise of political will on the part of the new govt. of (Indian-Sikh) Prime Minister (Manmohan) Singh can bring about justice for the Sikhs", Adam said.

**Amnesty criticism:** The Amnesty International (AI) has also urged the Indian authorities to ensure that (all) the perpetrators of the violence carried out against the Sikh community in 1984 be brought to justice.

In 1996, the Supreme Court of India ordered the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to examine the findings of the CBI that 2,097 people had been illegally cremated by police in Amritsar district between 1984 and 1994. In March 2004, the NHRC encouraged the families of the victims to file their claims before the Commission.

**Blue Star:** The decade of violence in Punjab — mid-1980s and the mid-1990s— started when a movement within the Sikhs, demanded self determination for Sikhs. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi authorized an army assault on the Golden Temple in June 1984. Sant Bhindranwale, the leader of this Sikh movement for political autonomy, together with many of his supporters were killed in "Operation Blue Star". Indira Gandhi was assassinated on Oct.31, 1984 in retaliation. Her assassination was followed by bloody anti-Sikh riots.

In its 2003 report, *India: Break the Cycle of Impunity and Torture in Punjab*, Amnesty International linked the continuation of serious human rights violations in the Punjab to the culture of impunity developed during the period of militancy and reinforced by subsequent inaction. The organization found that regular incidents of torture and custodial violence in the Punjab occur even today.

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(For five documents on Sikhs, write to DV office. Rs. 200). ■