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Why Gandhi hates only Dalits ? :

THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

These public meetings which the Emergency Committee proposes to hold and the resolution to be moved, are but a provocative challenge to me and to my party. Those who have been carrying on negotiations with me cannot carry on their propaganda against me and at the same time hope for an amicable settlement as the result of the negotiations. It must be either negotiations or straight fight. Both cannot go together. If the other party insists on their right to carry on propaganda, they will have no right to blame me if my party also decided to carry on propaganda against them.

B.R. Ambedkar

Bombay, September 18, 1932.

"In the eve of the conference of the Hindu leaders, Dr. Ambedkar issued a statement to the press in which he said: So far as I am concerned: I am willing to consider everything, though I am not willing to allow the rights of the Depressed Classes to be curtailed in any way. It is no use holding a conference in a vacuum or discussing things without any specific data". He frankly related this to a deputation of the Depressed Classes from Ahmedabad, and also in his interview with the Indian multi-millionaire, Seth Walchand Hirachand. He told them that Gandhi could have discussed his proposal with the British Premier; since he was not putting forth any proposal, he alone was to blame.

Visitors, leaders and friends began to call upon Dr. Ambedkar. One of such early visitors was Thakkar who had served with him on the State committee. He came to talk the matter over. Dr. Ambedkar to whom time was knowledge and a precious thing said that he was very busy studying an important criminal case and therefore asked Thakkar how much time he would require. Thakkar replied that he would require an hour or so. Dr. Ambedkar said that he would give five minutes. Thakkar asked for more. The interview ended with an algebraic brevity, and Dr. Ambedkar went in. Thakkar, however, saw Dr. Ambedkar again the next day. A furious campaign was launched against Dr. Ambedkar."

On the eve of the Conference of the Hindu leaders i.e. on 19th September 1932, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar issued another statement to the press. Following is the full text of the statement —
Editors.

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Why Gandhi hates only Dalits & none else?

"I need hardly say that I was astounded to read the correspondence between Mahatma Gandhi, Sir Samuel Hoare and the Prime Minister, which was published recently in the papers, in which he has expressed his determination to starve himself unto death" till the British Government of its own accord or under pressure of public opinion revise their opinion and withdraw their scheme of communal representation for the Depressed Classes. The unenviable position in which I have been placed by the Mahatma's vow of self-immolation can easily be imagined.

It passes my comprehension why Mr. Gandhi should stake his life on an issue arising out of the communal question which he, at the Round Table Conference, said was one of a comparatively small importance. Indeed to adopt the language of those of Mr. Gandhi's way of thinking the communal question was only an appendix to the book of India's constitution and not the main chapter. It would have been justifiable if Mr. Gandhi had resorted to this extreme step for obtaining independence for the country on which he was so insistent all through the RTC debates. It is also a painful surprise that Mr. Gandhi should single out Special Representation for the Depressed Classes in the Communal Award as an excuse for his self-immolation. Separate Electorates are granted not only to the Depressed Classes, but to Mohammedans and the Sikhs. Also Separate Electorates are granted to land-lords, labourers and traders. Mr. Gandhi had declared his opposition to the special Representation of every other class and creed except the Mohammedans and the Sikhs. All the same Mr. Gandhi now allows to let everybody else, except the Depressed Classes retain the Special Electorates given to them.

The fears expressed by Mr. Gandhi about the consequences of the arrangements for the representation of the Depressed Classes are in my opinion purely imaginary. If the nation is not going to be split up by Separate Electorates to the Mohammedans and the Sikhs, the Hindu Society cannot be said to be split up if the Depressed Classes are given Separate Electorates. His conscience is not aroused if the nation is split by the arrangements of Special Electorates for the classes and communities other than the Depressed Classes.

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The *Brahmana Jati Party* is dying — if not dead. And with the appointment of a rootless Thakur leader, Rajnath Singh, who is unknown outside UP, the process is complete. The ousted Sindi Khatri leader, L.K. Advani, is so furious that he may like to take on the Brahmins for humiliating him but he may not succeed.

The whole exercise boils down to this and it may be a repetition if we state it here. But repetitions are unavoidable in a caste-ridden country to hammer home a point. Because after continuously dying out of serpent bite, centuries after centuries, the Bahujans have not learnt any lesson from history and stopped pouring milk to the serpent.

That doesn't mean the poisonous serpents which go on killing us are happy over our sorrow and suffering — and ensuring our enslavement. Those killed any way were unconscious and ready to go on offering their heads to the killer serpents.

Why Gandhi was killed: But the wonder of the caste-ridden India is not even the serpent is happy over the rulership it is enjoying. This is the dilemma that India faces today even after about 60 years of "independence".

The merciless "slaughter" of Advani at least should warn the Brahmins that things are not going their way. They started the Congress, the original Brahminical party of India, and groomed Gandhi to help them get "independence" to lord over the country. The moment Gandhi succeeded in crowning the Brahmins, he was shot dead by a Chitpavan.

Advani's "slaughter" pales into insignificance before Gandhi's murder (V.T. Rajshekar, *Why Godse Killed Gandhi?*, DSA-1997) because Advani is too small a man before the *Manatma*.

The Congress ruled for a long time beautifully deceiving the Bahujans but when all the tricks in their basket got exhausted they started a new party (BJP) but that also started dying — unsung, unwept.

Why the Brahmins are failing — and failing? We have answered this question. And yet this also needs repetition:

Brahminism can't be killed: They are failing because all their centuries-old efforts to erase our **identity** (caste consciousness) and make us Hindu are frustrated. Since "independence" the poured millions and billions of dollars with the active go' support and judicial backing to promote their Hinduism trying to destroy our "caste identity". They failed.

Rajnath Singh's choice as the new BJP chief proves that RSS did its best to hoist a Brahmin with the support Vajpayee but it failed. Finally a non-Brahmin was c'

unfortunately he is so unpopular in his own home state. Brahmins, Baniyas, Kayasths in UP also hate him. Dalits and BCs in UP any way will not go with BJP. Brahmins have started going over to BSP. That means Rajnath Singh will fail in his own home state. How can he build the party elsewhere? BJP death is complete and total. Brahmins do not mind killing their own party if it goes against their interests. But that doesn't mean Brahminism is dead. No. Never. It will not

The man who "killed" Advani

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: We pity the poor Sindhi Katri who despite his decades of association with deadly serpents did not realise that one day or other he too was destined to be bitten and he would be dead.

"Iron man" L.K. Advani, unceremoniously ousted as the chief of the *Brahmana Jati Party*, finally became a victim of the serpent bite.

Advani was a non-Brahmin (NB or No-Brain) and like many other NBs he was mercilessly killed after fully exploiting him for years. We shed no tears over Advani's "death" because all those pouring milk to the serpent deserve to be "killed".

Periyar's warning: Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy said never to pour milk to the serpent. Kill it wherever you see it, he said. Either Advani was not aware of this warning by one of "independent" India's greatest revolutionaries or having known ignored it.

The serpents used him to the fullest extent (it was Advani who built the BJP and brought it to power) and finally killed him without shedding even a drop of tear.

The "slaughter" of Advani should be a warning to all NBs. But the NBs will never heed this warning because they are No-Brains (NBs). There are any number of NBs like Bangaru Laxman, Kalyan Singh, Katiyar, Uma Bharati, Venkaiah Naidu etc.

Why should we blame the "briny" Brahmins when the No-Brains (NBs) wait for hours and days to burn-lick Brahmins with pleasure?

Advani's fall is the greatest and the best example of the plenty of damn-fools fighting with each other (if not killing each other) to burn-lick the Brahmins.

We have no hope of the NBs ever learning any lesson from history.

die because it is a thought. And a thought can never be killed. (*Brahminism*, DSA-2002).

With the country's economy going haywire and the violence that is bound to gallop, the poverty-stricken Bahujans will seek shelter more and more under their caste which is bound to get a tremendous boost in the countryside as also the urban areas. So looking from any angle, the Brahmins' (not Brahminism) future is doomed. ■

But many may not know how the RSS, the country's premier terrorist organisation, finished Advani and the man they engaged to execute this manslaughter.

Here is a *Deccan Herald* (Jan. 1, 2006) report from its own correspondent:

The pride of place should go to Sudheendra Kulkarni, a native of Dharwar who once was a card-holding communist. Not long ago, BJP leader L.K. Advani was described by his party-men as *Loh Purush* (iron man). Advani's fallen hero now. The man who did this damage is Kulkarni, one of Advani's most trusted confidantes. The former deputy prime minister never recovered after he read out that Kulkarni-drafted speech at Karachi last May, giving a secular certificate to Pakistan's founder Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

For RSS, the certificate was a sacrilege. RSS has not and will never forgive Advani for that speech that questioned the very essence of its existence.

"Man Friday": Kulkarni throughout was a Vajpayee man. How did Advani's arch rival's confidant become his "Man Friday"? How could Vajpayee repose so much of confidence in Kulkarni who is pictured in the Brahminical media as a socialist, a critic of RSS, urging BJP to dissociate itself from the Hindu terrorist RSS? Sources close to Advani now say that Kulkarni was used by the RSS to deceive Advani, mislead him and then finally finish him.

Incidentally the same Kulkarni was a DV family member for some time when he was in the PMO as *Vaidik Vajpayee's* chief errand boy.

How did Advani trust his enemy's errand boy and that too from the same stable of poisonous serpents?

Brahmins reach dead-end: DV ready to help them out of crisis

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The *Organiser*, the English mouthpiece of the Hindu terrorist party, RSS, has confirmed our findings that its child, *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) is dying. That is what we said in our Jan. 1, 2006 Editorial: "Will BJP on deathbed make Brahmins think on their future?"

The *Organiser* editorial said the BJP not merely digressed from its ideological plank but also set out on a "suicidal" path... " (*Asian Age*, Dec.25, 2005).

Brahmin dilemma: In our Jan.1 Editorial we had talked of the dilemma facing the Brahmins. The *Organiser* also refers to the same dilemma:

"A party like the BJP cannot exist only for power. When the pursuit of power becomes the only goal, a clash of personalities ensues". It added, "the recent sparring in the BJP in state after state has nothing to do with ideology". BJP leaders are virtually at the other's throat for power. The editorial recalled, "Ideological commitment of the leadership is what inspired the cadre to serve, sacrifice and combat".

The Brahmins by *hindusising* (enslaving) our people want to gain majority and capture power. As the Brahmins are only 3% and other Hindus put together make up only 15% it is not possible for them to bag majority votes without the support of the SC/ST/BCs who will naturally demand their share.

Why parties contest elections: In MP, the firebrand BC Lodha leader, Uma Bharati, kicked the Brahmins. Did not the same Brahmins use this stupid woman to demolish the Babri Masjid? Who will vote for Brahmins who have no strength of caste? If the BJP wants power, it can get it only with the support of our people. The RSS says the BJP must stick to its ideology. But its ideology will never appeal to SC/ST/BCs because they all hate Brahmins. That is why the RSS has never become a mass organisation.

It set up BJP as its political arm to contest elections. And parties contest election only to gain political power and rule. A party has no other goal. No political party has any higher purpose except to come to power and rule. If BJP has to come to power it has to take the same route.

Brahmin war against Advani: This shows the terrible dilemma within the country's chief Brahminical party. Every Brahmin heart in India is with RSS-BJP.

The Brahmins are fully conscious they are a micro-

minority of 3%. Their *Ramayana*, *Mahabharat natakas* did not attract the Bahujans. They took to another trick of *hindusising* the SC/ST/BCs and instigating them against Muslims. This also did not work.

The Brahmins found fault with L.K. Advani, the architect of this anti-Muslim ideology and kicked him out. The non-Brahmins in BJP revolved under Advani leadership. When Advani, an upper caste Hindu who built up BJP and put the party in power, is so much hated you can imagine how much the Brahmins hate the SC/ST/BCs.

As this is written the RSS-BJP Brahminical leadership is facing total opposition from the entire non-Brahmins inside. As a compromise the Brahmins are proposing a UP Rajput leader Rajnath Singh. But he will never inspire the SC/ST/BCs of UP because they have already gone with Mulayam Singh and Mayawati.

To further complicate the RSS-BJP plight, a top Brahmin RSS leader (Sanjay Joshi) was caught in a sex scandal and was forced to quit. The Brahmins are are facing the worst crisis in recent history.

How to solve this eternal dilemma?

DV offer to Brahmins: In our last Editorial we had offered to save the Brahmins. If the Brahmins approach us we will help them out of their crisis. But only intellectually honest Brahmins can talk to us. We are **honestly** interested in solving their crisis because we know the Brahmins have reached a dead end. And they really don't know where to go and how to go.

We have time and again made it clear that we hate no individual Brahmin. Our war is only against Brahminism of which a top non-Brahmin, M.K. Gandhi, was also a great advocate. ■

Boyi Bheemanna

Hyderabad: Mahakavi Boyi Bheemanna (94), a noted Telugu scholar and Dalit poet who strove for the promotion of Telugu language, literature and culture for nearly seven decades, died here on Dec. 16, 2005 following a brief illness. He is survived by wife, two sons and four daughters. Born in Mamidikuduru in East Godavari district, he was a former Member of the Legislative Council from 1978 to 1984, journalist and teacher before embarking on his literary feats. He was awarded Padma Bhushan. His work *Gudiseju Kalipothunnayi* bagged the Sahitya Akademi award in 1975. ■

Upper caste bid to malign elected representatives

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Politicians are fed up with the furious upper caste campaign calling them the "fountain head of all corruptions". Perhaps this forced them to hit back and prove that they were lily-white. Perhaps they also wanted to set a model to the more corrupt upper castes who take a pleasure in politician-bashing. Fine.

The merciless expulsion of 11 MPs made front-page banner headlines in the upper caste *Manuwadi* media indicating their unbounded joy over the way they were able to catch the politicians red-handed and also succeeded in guillotining them. Fine. Let them have that pleasure.

But the upper castes who are celebrating their victory over politicians' misery must note that out of the 10 Lok Sabha MPs expelled on Dec.23, 2005, five belonged to their blue-eyed *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP). Only the BJP protested and staged a walkout in the Lok Sabha over the harshest punishment given to the bribe-takers.

Politicians mistake: Speaker Somnath Chatterji and the political leadership should note that they are mistaken in thinking that the unprecedented and the harshest-ever action the Parliament took on Dec.23 would not end corruption in the country or reduce corruption among politicians.

When the entire country itself is buried deep in corruption, every business house is built on corruption and the very reigning religion of the land is corruption personified, you can't expect to end corruption by the mere expulsion of MPs involved in corruption.

The problem is too deep. Cleaning of the country must begin from the beginning. The MPs are not the rulers of the land. The rulers are the 15% upper castes. (Who is Ruling India?, DSA).

When the entire election process —whether parliament, state legislature or even local — is steeped in corruption with the voters themselves demanding money for votes, how can anybody expect clean politics?

At the end of the day when it is proved that the voters themselves are corrupt, who can save this country.

The urban upper caste elite, who take pleasure in making fun of politicians and their corruption, never go to vote because it is below their dignity. When the

fence itself is eating the farm, who can protect the farm?

Upper caste conspiracy: That means political corruption cannot be ended with the draconian expulsion of MPs.

The story behind catching the "corrupt" MPs on camera is entirely different. It is part of the upper caste conspiracy to discredit, demoralise and if possible destroy parliament democracy itself which is against the interests of the minority Brahminical minority. This is the secret behind the big publicity given to the "cash-for-question" corruption and the Parliament succumbing to the Brahminical pressure.

Elites hate democracy: Parliamentary democracy as represented by its elected representatives and the minority upper caste rulers, who cannot get elected into the legislature as they lack the strength of numbers, are on a collision course. The clash between the two is getting sharper and on the outcome of this clash depends the future of India.

DV on its part certainly condemns corruption. But corruption has several faces. Money corruption is a small part of the over-all world of corruption:

There are four varieties of corruption: (1) money corruption, (2) moral corruption, (3) caste corruption and (4) intellectual corruption.

Of these four varieties, only the money corruption always makes front-page headlines (*India's Intellectual Desert*, V.T. Rajshakar, DSA-1995). Of these four varieties the last one — intellectual corruption — is the most serious one. But mind manipulators in our media are never bothered of the other three but highlight only the money corruption using it as a weapon to discredit the money-less havenot "tower castes" to which the legislators belong.

Judicial terrorism: Mohan Singh of the Samajwadi Party said this in the Lok Sabha on Dec.21:

Giving a bribe and even enticing someone to take bribe was a crime, so action should be taken against the journalists. An attempt was being made to undermine parliamentary democracy by showing politicians in a poor light. (*Hindu*, Dec.22, 2005).

On one side the upper caste rulers are using the judiciary and on another side their *Manuwadi* media to demoralise and discredit the country's parliamentary

democracy. (*Judicial Terrorism*, DSA-2005 Rs. 25).

If bribe-taking is a crime, bribe-giving is an equally big crime. The latter also needs to be punished. Why did he give the bribe? He wanted an illegal favour. Hence he too is liable.

Nobody has any right to complain of corruption in India. Every section of the society is caught in one or other variety of corruption. Brahminical religion is the personification of corruption. To hide all this, they go on periodically whipping up our elected representatives.

Speaker Somnath Chatterji and different political leaders like Lalu Prasad, Sharad Yadav, Mulayam Singh should seriously ponder over this upper caste conspiracy to discredit the legislature and must take steps to nip this tendency in the bud.

(DV April 16, 2005 p.4: "Upper castes using judiciary to weaken legislature"). ■

"Ethnic identity" wins Bolivia election

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Our "ethnic identity" theory has started getting international recognition — critics of our "caste identity" theory please note.

In Bolivia, South America's poorest country, which boasted of a powerful marxist movement, the politics of "class" is defeated and *ethnic identity* has won. This is a historical development and will soon catch up in the whole of South America where the poverty-stricken indigenous people are being deceived by marxists on one side and the American-sponsored right wing parties on the other.

Evo Morales belonging to the Aymaran Indian (indigenous) descent has just won the presidential election in Bolivia (population 9 million).

Aryan parties deceiving Indians: Neither the Rightists nor the Marxist parties could relieve the suffering of the country's indigenous peoples. Evo himself was leader of a radical socialist movement ruling Bolivia but the indigenous got nothing out of marxism which only deceived the indigenous people. Morales bid goodbye to "class" politics and spoke of racial **identity** which appealed to the indigenous who constituted over 60% of the population.

India's SC/ST/BCs are the country's indigenous people. They are being deceived continuously by different political parties controlled by the alien Aryans. The indigenous people need indigenous solution which is the **ethnic (caste) identity**. ■

China dwarfing Britain

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: As Indians are shamelessly quarreling between themselves and the minority upper caste rulers are refusing to allow the country to progress, neighbouring China is silently going up — and up.

DV has said it many times but our ruling class is more interested in fighting and keeping the "other India" enslaved.

Here is a report from the Beijing correspondent of the world famous London *Economist* (Dec.24, 2005) that "China's economy is overtaking Britain's".

Remember, the *Economist* is anti-China and a great admirer of India's IT mesmerism.

China's economy, the new figures show, is on the verge of overtaking Britains.

...China replaced Italy as the world's sixth-biggest economy last year. In 2005, it almost certainly surpassed France, and probably squeaked past Britain too. It adds some \$284 billion to China's GDP for last year, a figure almost the size of Taiwan's total.

And, at a sixth the size of America's, China's economy still has a bit of catching-up to do.

Sick Hindu mind: In India, we still have good lot of jaundiced brains refusing to admit China's fast climb as super power.

The Hindu mind, being a sick mind, never accepts facts. It believes only in fiction. And the fantastic fiction is that "India is fast becoming a world power".

You will be very popular in cocktail circuit if you say this.

A Hindu believes what he wants to believe.

DV June 16, 2005 p.9: "China's ride & India's fall" & p. 10: "US bid to bust Chinese economy".

DV May 16, 2005 p. 10: "China as hope of Third World".

DV April 16, 2005: "India can never, ever overtake China because of caste system".

Editor's TV interview shocks American audience

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On Dec.22, 2005 (Dec.23 in India) American television viewers as well as an international internet audience were treated to a very special interview conducted on the relatively new but increasingly popular internet TV program, *Current Issues*, hosted by the Palestinian activist, Dr. Hesham Tillawi. V.T. Rajshekar, a noted Indian political scientist, author, journalist and publisher, appeared on the program and provided the *Current Issues* audience with a socio-political breakdown of modern India.

Most Americans are unaware of events in India, many aren't even familiar with the reality of the inequitable caste system. Rajshekar was like a breath of fresh air blowing through stagnant contemporary American political skies. He opened the interview with what may perhaps turn out to be the most significant aspect of the interview and that was an introduction of himself, his *Weitanschauung* (political world view), his journal *Dalit Voice*, and the plight of the persecuted nationalities of India.

India is not Hindu: Rajshekar immediately dispelled that notion that India is a Hindu nation. He eloquently explained how the alien Aryan religious system was initially introduced to the subcontinent and how it is exploited by the ruling Brahminical caste to indoctrinate the masses and maintain control over them. He compared the virtual micro-minority Brahmin monopoly of the Indian media, government, political parties, educational system and professions to the Jews of America and how they too have usurped the leadership positions in the very same institutions and for the same purposes, to exercise control over the majority. This isn't to say that he exonerated the European American leadership of their responsibility in criminal world events, but he recognizes that the current leadership here in the US does not reflect the will of the European American majority, nor America's diverse minority. This is an incredibly important point because it reveals a commonality that all peoples share in today's world, an inability to exercise one's true will in the face of the imposed oppression of a few elitists, whether those elitists be Jewish, Brahmin or wealthy European traitors serving Zionist masters. Rajshekar reveals how the outsourcing of American jobs to India isn't serving the Indian people, something most Americans erroneously believe, as much as it

enriches the oppressive Brahminic minority of India who have allied themselves with Zionism and the state of Israel at the expense of India's persecuted majority.

Fraud on democracy: V.T. Rajshekar also exposes the ruse of democracy (one man one vote) in India and how the subterfuge can be compared to our own fraudulent system here in the US. He explains how the theoretical concept of democracy exists in India but how it is manipulated by the Brahmin monopoly of the Indian media and how it dictates its will through the indoctrination process offered by the standard Indian educational system. He dismisses the idea that India educates its masses, revealing that most Indian schools, roads, public services and jobs exist only in the cities, not in the countryside, where the largest number of Indians live.

He reveals himself to be an eminent political scientist by nearly dissecting through the extraneous political noise associated with the inconsequential and getting right to the purulent cancer lying just below the surface, by explaining how the media in both countries dominated by a numerical minority and how that monopoly effectively renders the voice of the majority null and void.

Internet breaks monopoly: In the US, Jews exploit their monopoly on the media by imposing their will and the will of the Zionist state upon Americans. This is evident by the fact that legitimate polls reveal that 85% of the American people believe George Bush should be impeached; yet he still sits in the White House. The Brahmins do exactly the same in India. They position themselves to determine what the Indian public sees, hears and learns.

Fortunately for the people of the world, the Internet has disrupted this media monopoly and we are able to hear for ourselves the words of political dissidents like V.T. Rajshekar, Mordechai Vanunu, Dr. Fredrick Toben, Ernst Zundel, and many others on new Internet TV programs like the *Current Issues*. No longer do the Zionists and Brahmins maintain an absolute stranglehold on information dissemination. No longer are they able to dictate their "reality" without being scrutinized and critiqued by brilliant, albeit persecuted, modern-day dissidents. ■

Revolutionary Buddhist monk denounces Vipassana meditation as fraud

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Bhadant Nagarjuna Shurei Sasai, India's most revolutionary Buddhist monk who is also a member of the National Minority Commission, has said Vipassana meditation is against Babasaheb Ambedkar's Buddhism — thus fully upholding the firm stand taken by *Dalit Voice*.

When we brought to his notice the pamphlets being circulated on meditation at a conference of Dalits here on Dec.24, he said Dr. Ambedkar neither wrote about meditation nor ever did meditation. The *Vipassana* course launched by a Hindu Marwadi, S.N. Goenka, was nothing but an attempt to destroy the revolutionary character of Ambedkarite Buddhism. Brahminical forces, who always hated Buddhism and out to destroy Ambedkarism, were behind the meditation. This was the opinion held by many Dalit leaders attending the conference of Dr. Ambedkar International Mission, Canada, headed by Dr. Rajju Kamble, a DV family member. We brought to Sasai's notice the long debate held by *Dalit Voice* on

Vipassana and its firm stand against meditation. The Japanese monk who is a regular reader and a great fan of DV, asked us to continue the fight and save Buddhism from such frauds.

PATNA CONVERSION OF EDITOR

It was Bhadant Shurei Sasai who gave the *diksha* to our Editor, V.T. Rajshekar at the Patna's massive Buddhist mass conversion at the Gandhi Maidan some 15 years back under the leadership of late Maiku Ram, IPS, Inspector-General of Police.

At every Dalit meeting we find Vipassana and meditation agents coming in the guise of Buddhists, distributing literature and brainwashing innocent Dalits to kill their revolutionary zeal.

Nobody has seen Dr. Ambedkar doing meditation. He had no time for such a Brahminical pastime. Nor did we read anywhere about meditation in his voluminous writings. How then the *Vipassana*walas can claim that meditation is part of Buddhism?

Vipassana may be part of Brahminical Buddhism but not

Ambedkarite Buddhism. Ambedkarites should not allow any meditation-advocates into their meetings. They may be Dalits and our own people but note they are the unthinking Brahminical advocates trying to destroy our revolutionary spirit. Ambedkarites must have their vigil squads to watch such saboteurs and nip their attempts in bud.

Bhadant Shurei Sasai is the most revolutionary Buddhist monk who fearlessly propagates genuine Buddhism and that is why he is loved by Dalits but hated by fake Buddhists.

Beware of meditation. Dalits have neither the time nor the desire for meditation. They have better work to do.

Shurei Sasai, who lives in Nagpur, has assured full support in cleansing Buddhism of the menace of meditation.

During the forthcoming World Buddhist Convention at Nagpur in October, DV will request the organisers to discuss the havoc played by meditation on Babasaheb's Buddhism.

DV June 1, 2004 p.26: "Why malign Vipassana" & "Vipassana will make Dalits cowards". p. 27: "Making manuwadis angry is key to success".

DV March 16, 2004 p.20: "Stop Vipassana debate only if Goenka stops meddling in Buddhism"

DV Jan. 16, 2004 p.6: "US admirer of Goenka stunned Vipassana has so many opponents" & p. 7: "Vipassana will cure restless revolutionaries", p. 8: "Goenka is RSS agent: Vipassana aims to kill Ambedkarism"

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Extending caste to economic planning is dialectically right

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I read your long Editorial on economic planning. (DV Dec.1, 2005: "DV jumps from social to economic"). The ruling upper castes will oppose it. The opposition is in the form of a systematic conspiracy of silence. But be rest assured that the same people who have resorted to this strategy are secretly discussing whatever you write. They will pretend to ignore you until they have no choice but to confront you. Another reason why they are ignoring you is because they don't want to grant legitimacy to you in any manner and end up making you any sort of a leader. This is nothing new and all ruling classes' do this.

I strongly feel that you should leave no stone unturned to make DV a national weekly.

CASTE-BASED CAPITALISM

I also think that despite shrinking attention spans, TV is a better medium. All you have to do is look at the effect that Dr. Kancha Ilaiah has when he takes on VHP heroes on NDTV with Raideep Sardesai as mediator. I think you too must get into TV.

Caste-based economic development is worth pursuing. In India, capital has been refracted by caste leading to what Dr. Kancha Ilaiah calls **casteisation** of capital. That is how we have caste-based housing societies and banks like Saraswat Co-operative Bank. We too must set up such housing societies and co-operative banks on caste basis. But it may eventually lead to violence and caste-based ethnic cleansing due to various other factors. You may also have to prepare a strategy in an era where a global market crash may lead to

state capitalism under an Brahminical bureaucratic bourgeoisie making a come-back. Even under such a system economic planning will have to be caste-based.

BRAHMINS & SOCIALISM

The zionazi/narco-dollar is artificially propping up the New York stock exchange and global banking system. All this *maya* may not last long and may even lead to a great economic depression which may be worse than the 1930 crash. This will be the time when the Brahminical bureaucrat-technocrat types and "Socialist Brahmins" will say that "socialism is better". They may try to milk the socialist cow once again or resort to naked fascism. These are the only two possibilities and I feel you should be prepared for both the situations with a fool proof strategy.

No revolution in history has proceeded peacefully and your "caste identity" theory also has military value – it has the potential to rip apart the Indian army on caste lines. Imagine caste-based revolts within the army. The British were forced to run away because Indians in the royal British army revolted.

PRINCIPAL ENEMY

So, not only must we press for private sector reservations, we must also push for caste-based economic development. If necessary, we must even launch a Bodh Gaya liberation movement on the lines of the Ram Janambhoomi movement.

So far no Indian Maoist has launched a movement naming Brahmins as the principal enemy,

even though they say that feudalism is the principal contradiction.

How can feudalism be fought as the principal contradiction without fighting Brahminism which is the fountainhead of feudal fascism?

No Indian maoist has openly declared that caste is both base as well as superstructure. It is both subjective as well as objective. It is because caste is also a base that it influences the superstructure. Otherwise casteisation of capital would not have occurred on a regular basis.

CUTTING CROSS-THREAD

An honest maoist should lead economic boycott of upper caste products as well as organise the cutting off of cross-thread as part of a de-feudalisation drive. But nothing like this has happened so far because of *savarna* marxists. It is because of such ideas that I support your "caste identity" theory. You are planning to fight casteism with caste. Dialectically, you are correct. Now "Socialist Brahmins" will be totally exposed. They also know this and that is why they are keeping quiet. But be rest assured that this is merely the clam before the storm.

Caste demographics seem to suggest a possibility of caste-based ethnic cleansing due to fights over women and water, due to female infanticide as well as water shortage. Your game plan appears to be to ask for a rightful share of the economic cake based on caste lines. You have observed how ethnic identities could not be erased despite East European-style state capitalism. I am also aware that Lohia had mentioned that in India caste is

Israel. Each of this name has different connotations. Many Jews in America have converted to Christianity.

Israel is their national name. Zionists mean that corps of the political-minded, most mischievous, most tricky, richest manipulators among the Jews who struggled for and achieved the state of Israel by a novel method of over-populating the state of Palestine by shifting innocent, vulnerable lot of poor Jews from all over the world to Palestine and throwing bones to them after slicing the flesh for themselves. They plotted to rule the world through their money power by creating dissent between the rulers and subjects, communities and factions, bribing and financing dissenters in all the countries which they desired to conquer and rule from behind the curtain.

ZIONISTS IN AIDS BOGHEY

These dissenters without knowing the Zionist source of their acts and ideals act as the agents of Zionists. They are called **Agentur** by the Zionists. These **Agentur** may be Jews or non-Jews, individuals or organisations and even political movements and parties. As individuals they may be spies, press reporters, journalists, writers, teachers, MPs, Christian preachers and even Muslim *moullvis*. Almost every parliament in the world has *agentur* MPs. As organisations, *Agentur* may be newspapers, journals, religious organisations, radio broadcasters, TV channels and programmers, film makers, industrial establishments, economic institutions, NGOs and so on.

Of late, most of the NGOs like the environmentalists, feminists, animal lovers, women libbers,

fashionists, free sex promoters, homosexual and lesbian groups human rights activists are all *Agentur* of the Zionists.

The latest and the most influential and the richest *agentur* are the AIDS workers and human rights activists, who are capable of over throwing established governments by vile propaganda through the *agentur* in the media like BBC, CNN, Fox News.

The non-Jewish agents are called **Goyim, Goy** and **Gentile**. All these **Goyim** work with each other and support each other. But the wonder of the setup is such that they will not know each other. Everyone most sincerely believes that he is acting for himself and that his cause is great. The coordinator of all these activities is a hidden hand of the Zionists who act like philanthropists, humanists and well-wishers of humanity. And they do this through money power provided through world human service organisations, aid agencies, famine relief, health programmes, AIDS eradication and even Red Cross and UN agencies.

All this can be found in the book, *Zionist Arthashastra (Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion)* — Scientific Research House, Kuwait. For copies write to *Dalit Voice* office. Rs. 50.

HITLER ON JEWS

The other term applied to the Jews is Semites, semitic people and Semitic race. At the time of demanding the creation of state of Israel, Zionists popularised these terms to gain sympathy of European Christians to say that the Jews are hated for their Semitic race connections. Hitler has convincingly proved in his *Mein Kampf* (1971, pp.694, Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston, USA) that Jews

are not followers of any religion. They are a race. They speak of religion, only to gain the sympathy of the followers of other religions as other religions speak of love and concern for humanity and good treatment for all.

Zionists made use of this well researched assessment of Hitler, which was highly appreciated all over Europe before the so-called Holocaust, as a weapon to advance their cause. They declared that the Jews are a Semitic race and hated everywhere for their race and, therefore, need special protection in a homeland to be called Israel surrounding a hill by name Zion upon which Jerusalem is built.

ZIONISTS KILL TRUTH

So much propaganda was made by Jews that even the wisest of the world fell into their trap.

Any dictionary defines Semite and Semitic to include the Arabs also, whose language, Arabic, along with Hebrew and Aramaic comes under the same family of languages. Arabs, Babylonians, Assyrians and Phoenicians are all Semites. Not only the Jews. But the wisest of the world fell into the trap.

Not only that. Truth has become the first victim of the Zionists and Zionism. No journal, newspaper or any other media will allow such matters to come before the world which are not in the interests of Jews.

This truth about the Jews is the most guarded secret of the Jews and it never comes out.

Another greatest lie about the Jews is that they are the most intelligent, most learned people. The best of the brains have been produced by the Jews. They cite the names of Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Karl

Marx, Toynee and so on. People get convinced. But when looked into history, all these great persons are of recent periods — claiming themselves to be the most ancient people.

JEWIS CONTRIBUTED NOTHING

Jews have not contributed anything to science, literature or anything of value till the close of 18th century. They are wise and scholarly only from the past 150 years.

In their long history of over 3,000 years their contribution is nothing excepting translations of some Arabic books in modern European languages. Even the "wise and learned" of the past 150 years are products of propaganda, capturing of textbook productions, syllabus of subjects in universities and media monopoly.

They proudly call themselves the "chosen people", that is a very special people, as against the rest of the human beings just like the Brahmins in India who also claim similar position (wait for comparison later).

HOLOCAUST - THE GREATEST LIE

The so-called Holocaust of the Jews at the hands of Hitler is the greatest lie and the most highly propagated concoction of history. So many lies are told and so many times and with so much intensity and publicity that none in the world felt it necessary to cross-examine. The purpose was not only to blame Hitler but also to justify the crimes committed by the enemies of Germany upon the Germans before and after the World War-II. Both Jews and the victors had to propagate about the Holocaust to justify their crimes. Zionists had a special importance to it, to gain

world-wide sympathy for themselves so as to push through their long-cherished desire — rather their greatest foolishness — to create the state of Israel. The Western Christian powers also had a special interest to pack off their most mischievous citizens (Jews) from all over Europe and plant them in the Arab world so that Israel becomes their mass grave one day or the other at the hands of Arabs. The tricky Zionists are actually caught in their own net. This requires a separate explanation.

13 QUESTIONS

The propaganda made about the Holocaust is that millions of Jews were killed by Hitler. None bothered to know what the figure "millions" means, how many zeroes it has. It means many unaccountable millions. Let us take the minimum number of millions as two million, since it is in plural. The following questions arise:

(1) how many million Jews lived in Germany when the Holocaust began. There is no difficulty to find out the answer. Germany as an advanced, well administered modern European state had its census reports. The exact figure of German Jews can be determined.

(2) How many Jews out of these millions left Germany during and after the Holocaust? This figure is available in all the countries to which they migrated.

HITLER'S METHOD OF KILLING JEWS

(3) When Hitler was out to exterminate the Jews why did he allow them to leave Germany so as to augment their nuisance in other Christian countries? He certainly was opposed to the creation of Palestinian state for the Jews for he said:

"It never entered Zionist heads to build up a Jewish state in Palestine for the **purpose of living there**: all they want is a central organisation for their international world swindle, endowed with its own sovereign rights removed from intervention of other states, a haven for convicted scoundrels and a university for budding crooks" (*Mein Kampf* p.325).

Therefore, allowing their migrants to other countries could be unhittlerite. Hitler did not have any idea to dominate Arab world as other Western countries had.

(4) What was the method of killing the Jews? They are said to be put in concentration camps, used for forced labour, killed in gas chambers, shot down with bullets, starved to death. All these are contradictory. Forced labour and concentration camps go together. But starving to death certainly cannot be.

MOUNTAINS OF LIES

Any user of labour, forced or otherwise, would not starve the labourer but feed him to be able to work. Nabuchadnezzar carried the Jews from Jerusalem as captives to build Babylon in 6th century BC. He did not kill them. So also Hitler could have done it. When killing by gassing is so easy and in large numbers, why did he resort to kill individuals with bullets — wasting time, energy and ammunition?

(5) Take these killings as true. How were the corpses disposed? Individually buried or in mass graves? Were these individual graves or mass graves found out? If yes, how many graves, how many skeletons? The exact numbers can be found out. Why it has not been done and told to the world?

(6) No, they were not buried. They

were burnt to ashes in crematoria or incinerators. Then how many tonnes of ashes are made out of two million dead bodies? Were the ashes found out in such huge quantities.

(7) No. They may say, these ashes were not left on the ground or in sheds, but dumped in the sea. Certainly there should be a record of trucks used for carrying thousands of tonnes of ashes from crematoria or incinerators to the sea and those engaged in the job. Were such records found out?

(8) What was the number of crematoria in Germany? What was their work load? Could they cremate 2 million corpses. Were extra incinerators built?

HITLER DID KILL SOME JEWS

(9) By what means did the escaping Jews go out of Germany? Planes, trains, buses, cars? How many of them and from which spots? Why there was no check?

(10) Was this escape enmasse and open or individual and clandestine? What arrangements were made for enmasse migrants in the recipient countries. What records of men, materials and numbers?

(11) If it was individual and clandestine, what made their recipient countries not to suspect them as spies and secret agents? What checks were made out?

(12) How many billions of dollars were provided to accommodate and re-establish these immigrants, who came as paupers?

(13) All those countries involved are highly civilized with rule of law and audit and accounting. Did not the German Reich have audit and accounts system so as to account for the expenses involved in these

activities? Or did not recipient countries have such audit and account systems to give facts and figures of money spent under all these heads of account. Even today these records can be verified and exact figures found out?

But all these questions are not necessary because all that has been said is false. Mere propaganda through documentary films (produced in Hollywood studios) and also war feature films made on the theme for entertainment. Hundreds of novels, thousands of pages of reporting all over the world through *Agentur*.

All this does not mean that Hitler did not kill Jews at all. He did eliminate some Jews like he killed some non-Jews (Christian) - opponents of the regime. They are a few leaders and not masses in large numbers. Investigation can be made of all such cases. Names of the individuals, their activities, means of their elimination and exact facts and figures can be found out.

It is even possible that Hitler himself caused great propaganda to create panic among the Jews so that they may run away from Germany.

HINDU RASHTRA

Excepting what is written on the Holocaust all other points about the Brahmins and Jews were told by VTR in different issues of *Dalit Voice* and his books. After understanding Jews and their programmes suffice it to compare modern Brahminic terms with the terms employed by the Jews. Jews to be read as Hindus, Zionists as Brahmins, Israel as *Hindu rashtra*, Semitic and Semites as Arya, "chosen people" as *bhoo devatas*.

Just as the Jews did not

produce any wiseman earlier, but only recently, Brahmins also did not produce a single wise man earlier.

All the earlier great men were non-Brahmins. Valmiki was a *shudra* (Beda-hunter), Vyasa is a fisherman, Rama and Budha Kshatriyas, Krishna a Yadava, Aryabhata a Vishwakarma and so on. Most of the modern great men were also non-Brahmins such as Gandhi a Baria, Subhashchandra Bose is a Kayasth, Periyar a BC, Ambedkar a Dalit.

The only exception was Jawaharlal Nehru about whom VTR says that his service was only to uplift and provide Brahmins through "modern temples" (Nehru's own words) like scientific institutions, where except buildings, swimming pools, tennis courts and means of eternal pleasures, nothing worthwhile is done. All producers of wealth (food) industrial productions, railway, postal services are done by Dalits and *shudras*.

MUSLIM STOOGES OF JEWS

Muslims are deprived of even these petty productive jobs. Even the police constables, soldiers in the army and paramilitary forces are Dalits and *shudras*, who only fight, kill and get killed as all top officers are upper caste people.

VTR further says that upper caste and Muslim leaders act as the *Agenturs* of Brahmins. In every city, they have created Muslim *Goyim*, Goy and Gentiles projected as high intellectuals, great Islamic scholars etc.

I do not want to say more on these matters as readers of DV and VTR are quite familiar. Only some explanation of Jews was required and it is done. ■

Letters to Editor

Naresh Barsagade, 4222-Mustic Way, Mather, CA-95655, USA: According to a *Hinduistan Times* report the Hindu terrorists are active even in USA. California is currently witnessing a raging battle between these groups and secular academics over textbooks on Indian history presented to "impressionable minds" in the US. They have launched a campaign to revise the textbooks on the ground that they show ancient India in poor light and single out Hinduism for "bias, distortions and prejudicial treatment". The secularists are fighting back with equal fervour, warning the California Board of Education (CBE) against making revisions of "a religious-political nature". The objection is about ancient India, the Aryan invasion, the caste system and the status of women in India. Michael Witzel, an American professor of Sanskrit at Harvard has the support of a number of academics including Indian historians Romila Thapar, D.N. Jha and Shereen Batnagar. Witzel says the groups seeking revision have a hidden agenda. Ved Chaudhary, president of the Educators' Society for the Heritage of India (ESHI), said: "The ESHI totally rejects the last minute interjection of a group called IER (Indo-Eurasian Research), who were not involved in the reviews". About 200 changes have been sought by the Hindu groups, led by the Texas-based Vedic Foundation and the New Jersey-based Hindu education Foundation. (DV Aug. 16, 2005 p.27: "*US schools forced to praise Hindu racism*"). (bnaresh@yahoo.com)

Parvez Khan, Bahnhoforplatz-2a, 50667 - Kohn, Germany: I am a regular reader of *Dalit Voice* which is the greatest truth-telling magazine in India ruled by fascist Hindus. We all read and appreciate DV's truth and deeply admire the bravery of V.T. Rajshekar who is working against the Brahminical nazis while living among them in a fascist atmosphere. All credit to Rajshekar for this brave, difficult and a very dangerous work as it is very difficult to work against the Hindu nazis while living among them. I refer to the DV of Sept. 1, 2005 in which an article appeared under the headline, "*Madras IT racists persecute Backward Caste woman professor*". We were very sad to read this article and we intend to commence a professional campaign of awareness in the German media in Kohn, which is my city of residence and also in Berlin which is now the new German capital. I will send the details of our media campaign regarding her (Prof. Vasantha Kandaswamy, IIT Madras) persecution at the hands of the Brahmins. We also wish to contact the Amnesty International in the

previous capital of Germany, Bonn in this regard.

Maji Meghwar, Vill: Missri Memon, PO Islamkot, Tharparkar, Pakistan -69240: I am a human rights activist of Dalits of Tharparkar. A Dalit singer, Wasand Thari, told me that he met you in Bangalore. As I visited the *Dalit Voice* website and I got your name. The Dalits of Pakistan may be different. But the Untouchability factor is same. Manu, by caste Bheel, is on hunger strike because his 9 family members had been kidnapped 9 years ago and not returned yet. Cases were registered against kidnapers but no action has taken by the police. Now the Supreme Court has taken action and IG police is inquiring.

Mark Weber, Director, Institute of Historical Review, PO Box - 2739, Newport Beach, CA 2659, USA: Our Institute website is now getting nearly 2.5 million "hits" a month, or about 80,000 a day and there are now nearly 1,000 subscribers to our IHR News and Comment e-mail service. But the number of those who support our work with donations is just a fraction of that. Something is not right. If you appreciate our work, please make a donation now. To make a secure on-line donation, click on:

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Brigadier (ret'd.) Usman Khalid, Director, London Institute of Asia, London, UK: I am 70 years old, out of these 28 years were in uniform. Having seen the rise and fall of military and non-military rulers of Pakistan. I am of the opinion that military rule has been bad for the military but good for the country. It is bad for the military which begins to be partisan and the time and attention of

its senior officers are taken up by matters they are not trained for. It is good for the country because the military brings the culture of conscientious thoroughness to the institutions of the civil society that are characterised by waste and corruption and whose officials are known for making money and increasing self importance by obstructing rather than facilitating. It is, therefore, not surprising that the people of Balakot are out on the streets demanding that earthquake relief and rehabilitation work should continue to be in military hands and not be transferred to the provincial administration of NWFP. The more important point is whether military intervention in politics has been helpful or harmful? I say military intervention was sometimes

necessary (Ayub Khan in 1958 and Pervaiz Musharraf in 1999) to deal with the immediate crisis but sometimes it created problems rather than resolve any (Yahya Khan in 1969 and Zia-ul-Haq in 1977). But all the heads of government in Pakistan since 1958 — military as well as civilian — weakened the institutions of the state, heightened public anxiety, created an atmosphere of crisis and made the country politically less stable. Gen. Ayub Khan led the best government in Pakistan, his period in power was characterised by of unparalleled stability and prosperity. But he was unhinged by not winning the 1965 war. However, his principal failure was that he did not act on the Constitution he made in 1962 and was unable to arrange smooth succession, he was seen to be more eager to prolong his rule. The result was that there was no one to guard and protect his legacy and the political order he carefully husbanded crumbled after he left office. Gen. Yahya Khan did not have a chance, his mind was more on wine and women. His failures wee of his person not of the military or of the institutions of the civil society. He was handpicked by America for he was the only leader — civil or military — who would put up with India infiltrating the civil institutions of East Pakistan and the Qadianis of West Pakistan. If India had not withdrawn its army from East Pakistan or Bhutto recognised Bangladesh so quickly, the whole of South Asia — not just the state of Jammu and Kashmir — would have been

Bombay seminar

Brothers S. V. Humane and K. K. Katheria of Bombay are making preparations for our one-day Jan.29 Bombay seminar on "caste identity". The seminar venue is J.P. Nayak Bhavan, Vidya Nagar, Bombay University, Kalina Campus, Santacruz East, Bombay. Invitations for about 100 senior most DV members from 13 districts of Western Maharashtra, Goa and two bordering districts of Gujarat will be posted soon from here.

Selected family members have to be present punctually at 9.30 A.M. on Jan.29 Sunday. The seminar will last up to 6 P.M. with lunch.

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in the grip of a civil insurrection. Bhutto was the only statesman to rise to power in Pakistan. He had a clear vision. He set Pakistan on route to becoming a nuclear power. He wanted a multi-polar world in which the Muslims should be a pole of power. That is still the goal of Pakistan. His belief that Saudi Arabia and Pakistan could do that together is still an operating idea and objective. But he also sought to break the authority of other centres of power — the civil service, the judiciary, the armed services, industry and big land lords, banks etc. It is the latter legacy of Bhutto that his party and his daughter — Benazir — seek to protect. That is why she has been an unmitigated disaster in power and the PPP

does harm to Pakistan merely by existing. I fear that it can be employed by America and India in the same role as the Awami League in Bangladesh. The Army must carry the blame for two things: (1) for bringing Nawaz Sharif into politics and power. (2) for extending patronage to the MQM. In both cases, the excuses is that it was done to prevent the bigger evil — the PPP — from coming to power. The fact, however, is that this action saved the vote bank of the PPP from crumbling. The patriotic intelligentsia do not

complain that the GHQ intervenes, they complain that it intervenes so ineptly. At this point in time, the country is faced with a situation similar to that of 1969. It seems that PML and Gen. Musharraf are not planning for a smooth transfer of power in 2007, they are planning for power being transferred from Gen. Musharraf to Mr. Musharraf. I fear hell would break loose when that became imminent. The feelings of hate to distaste for Benazir and Nawaz Sharif is no guarantee that the people would rejoice if power is transferred in 2007 to Gen. Musharraf in civvies. It is situation in which Army intervention would be welcome. The Army can and must ensure smooth transfer of power in 2007 to a civilian President. If it did that, I am sure no one would complain about GHQ intervention. (usmankhairid@iisauk.com).

M. Madhu Chandra, 85-DDA Flat, Pocket-6, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110 075; Scheduled Castes or

Scheduled Tribes getting reservation facilities do not realize how and for whose struggles these privileges are provided. It will be very true to our North-East India SC/STs. The struggle between the upper castes and oppressed castes of India has reached its crucial stage. The reservation assured in the Constitution is the most precious gift given to this class. This most precious gift has been under attack again and again by upper caste minority rulers of India. Who is a Dalit? Many SC/STs are not aware about who Dalits are and what injustice and inhuman atrocities they suffered at the hands of the Hindus. Many SC/ST of North-East do not realize how the SC/ST elsewhere are dehumanized. Dalit is the name given by themselves. It means outcaste, oppressed, crushed and Untouchable. They do not fall under the four-fold caste system (Hinduism). Dalits are outside the fourth *varna* (*sudra*). *Sudras* at least are included in the caste order but Dalits are outside the caste and hence casteless. India has 250 millions Dalits who are oppressed socially, economically, politically, religiously, intellectually for over 3,000 years. Dalits found their messiah in the 20th century when Dr. B.R. Ambedkar fought for them and left a place where Dalits can be protected and provided the means to live and survive caste oppression from the Hindu minority rulers. The STs do not suffer caste discrimination. But they suffer economic and educational oppression. (madhuchandra@sofhome.net).

Dalitbandhu N.K. Jose, Hobby Publishers, Ambika Market, Vaikom - 686 144: My latest book, *Vaikom Sathyagraham Oru Prehthika*, was released recently. The *sathyagraha* at Vaikom was a fraud. When the Dalits of Vaikom organized themselves to walk through the forbidden roads before the temple of Vaikom, the then Congress leaders came and started a *sathyagraha*. This was in 1924. Their aim was to propagate that the permission to walk through the roads was got with their efforts and not by the efforts of Dalits. For that they sat on the road for 603 days. A section of the *savarna* Backward Castes also participated and the Dalits deserted it. If the Dalits were allowed to continue their own agitation it would have strengthened them. During the *sathyagraha*, Gandhi came and tried his level best to get the permission from the Brahmins and from the government. But he failed and returned. Then the police IG, a British officer, settled it. But it is called as the first victory for the *sathyagraha marg* of Gandhi. My book exposes this humbug and explains what happened at the *sathyagraha*. This is my 5th book on the same subject and my 103rd book on Dalit subjects. (dalitbandu@yahoo.com).

K. Ashok Vardhan Shetty (shetty25@hotmail.com): Twenty-one years after the worst industrial disaster in history in Bhopal, in which over 20,000 people died and 120,000 are still ill and with the Supreme Court negotiating a measly settlement of \$470 million which works out to just \$500 per survivor, just 20% of the money has been distributed till date and most persons have not received anything. Warren Anderson, CEO of Union Carbide, is a fugitive from the law, and Dow Chemicals (which took over UC) is still evading its responsibility of cleaning the contaminated site. The Bhopal saga shows all the parties involved in very poor light.

Sanjay Kr. Chaudhury, LLB 3rd Year, R.No. 05 - Dr. B.D. Hostel, BHU, Varanasi - 221 005: Lalu Prasad Yadav is a social revolutionary in Bihar but give me one example when he has directly attacked the Brahmins — the No.1 enemy of Dalit-Bahujan? All Dalit-Bahujan politicians except one or two are slaves of BSO. Lalu, Mayalam, Paswan practice superstition. Lalu's daughter's marriage was performed by a Brahmin. Rabri did sun (*chhat*) worship. Lalu takes *chandani* on his forehead. Why? Does he not know he is not Hindu? Politicians cannot bring about any social and cultural change in North India.

S.V. Humane, 12 - Rajiv Co-operative Hsg. Society, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Bombay - 400051: The Editor's comment on my article (DV Nov. 16, 2005 p.6) says:

"Brahmins have instigated many such Dalits to criticise us", and "But those who are sold to Brahminical bosses cannot e cured".

Such remarks are made in Editor's comment whenever someone criticises his "*caste identity*" theory. It appears that he is so obsessed with his theory that sometimes he dubs everyone, (not me) as bun-lickers of Brahmins or instigated by Brahmins. This does not augur well always. Now, I turn to other parts of his comment and also to the "*Miracle of Caste identity*" penned by a correspondent on page 13 of that issue. The Editor says that every caste must strengthen its roots so that "no particular caste will have the courage to bully another". How to strengthen the caste roots? It could be strengthened only by clinging to the modes of life peculiar to that caste, i.e. by following from birth to grave, the tenets, dogmas and boundaries of Hinduism which is another name for Brahminism. This peculiarity not only separates one caste from another caste but castes, in reality, thrive on these peculiarities and look down upon the other castes. The rituals and

customs of the lower castes are considered inferior to the customs of the upper castes. Hence, the divide and hate continues in favour of the strong and wealthy castes. Even the subcastes in the same caste differ in many respects from one another. The Editor does not take into consideration thousands of castes and subcastes which are distinctly different and even opposed to one another in all functions of life and living. The idea that after the roots of "caste identity" are strengthened, they would demand the due share of economic and political power hold good only to the numerically strong castes. But is this the only purpose and way to liberate the millions of hapless men and women belonging to thousands of low castes from the bondage of Brahminism? Some castes may get some nominal importance disproportionate to their numerical strength as opposed to economically strong castes. The example of Baniyas and Brahmins does not appeal in the context of *caste identity*. Because Baniyas and Brahmins adhere to the philosophy of *Varnashram Dharma* irrespective of their place of origin or region or language while all other castes are mostly localised to their region of origin speaking the common language of that region and have nearly no connections in other region. These local castes of that region compete with one another to identify themselves with the advanced and developed upper castes like Baniyas and Brahmins and in turn are profited by securing some crumbs of political and economic power. The Marathas in Maharashtra and Yadavas in UP and Bihar gained considerable strength through their *caste identity* but their minds are governed by BSO. Hence culturally they are like slaves of Brahminism. Here *caste identity* failed to liberate them from BSO. I suppose the aim of "*caste identity*" is to liberate every caste from the draconian and devilish system of *Varnashram Dharma*. The DV correspondent's version of "*Miracle of caste identity*" has been presented as a showpiece of success of "*caste identity*" theory. The Madiga (Chamar) show of strength discovering their roots based on *Ramayana's* hero, Adi Jambhava, and the hate of Malas underscores the somewhat dubious purpose only to secure some portion of reservation which is due to them on numerical ground. Is this the aim and purpose of "*caste identity*", just to secure some portion of service or school or college reservation by Madigas as opposed to Malas? Why the Madigas could not seek their roots outside the *Ramayana*, the Brahminical scripture which upholds the *Varnashram Dharma* propounded by BSO? Why can't their personal and social roots spread and embrace the roots of Malas and Mahars and follow Babasaheb Ambedkar, the saviour

of the oppressed and suppressed humanity, and identify themselves as one Untouchable caste as they have been suffocated for over 2,000 years under the heavy, heinous and inhuman burden of BSO? To identify the oneness and unity by Madigas and Malas in Karnataka and Andhra and similarly by Chamars and Mahars in Maharashtra and Chamars and Jatavas in UP could create far greater miracle if they follow and seek new roots and nourish them in the sunlight of Babasaheb Ambedkar by experimenting inter-dining and inter-marrying in the Buddhist way, at least by those who are economically self-sufficient. The example of rusted chain links of cycle given by the Editor appears misplaced and unconnected in his theory of "*caste identity*". The chain links of cycle are thoroughly interconnected and each link is equal in strength, shape and quality. As such, rusted link if oiled properly fall in line with the chain and cycle moves on. This picture is not seen in the BSO cycle of unequal caste-ridden India. Castes are not like links of chain of cycle. Castes are the road-blocks for the upliftment and development of the lower castes and Dalits in particular. The best way to crush these road-blocks is to abandon the creators of castes which are religious scriptures and *varnashrama dharna* of immoral gods and Brahminism. Identify and root out them. By *caste identity* some castes may get some strength and much more caste pride which are not sufficient to crush BSO. If our Editor desires to crush BSO and rightly so then the liberation from BSO lies in spurning and kicking all their creations in entirety. It is in the interest of Brahmins, Baniyas and Marathas to remain and further their interests as Brahmins, Baniyas and Marathas but how is it in the interest of Madigas, Holeyas and Mahars to remain Madigas, Holeyas and Mahars for the ages to come? Keeping and strengthening the *caste identity*, will undermine the much neglected social reforms, as the entire population is reeling under the unhealthy, injurious, superstitious rites and rituals dictated by the BSO, virtually making people their slaves irrespective of castes. The priority should be given to the sweeping reforms of the social evils and so-called religious practices. The *caste identity* may wait a short while.

Miss Kuheli Dolvi, vill: Kashyabpur, PO Mohistekha, Howrah dt. - 711 303: I heard about *Dalit Voice* from Brother Akhtar Hussain of Hooghly. I am an unmarried Dalit graduate girl and also unemployed. I do private tuition. We are all SC/STs of West Bengal living below poverty line. I have three sisters. All are unmarried because of dowry system. My father works in a private firm getting only Rs. 2,000 pm. My father maintains our

family with great difficulties. I want to read your famous journal *Dalit Voice*.

S.L. Sagar, Advocate, 290-Dariba, Mainpuri -205 001: This refers to the DV Editorial of July 16, 2005, "*In defence of Brahmins*". Editor V.T. Rajshakar is a brilliant journalist but I am sorry to say that his support to Mayawati is against the Dalit interests. He does not know the truth about Mayawati. No Dalit community is with her except the Chamars. When she was the CM of UP she did everything against the interests of Dalits to please the Hindus so that she may continue in the chair. She suspended the SC/ST Act in UP during her regime. A number SC women were raped, thousands of Dalits were beaten through out UP. She did nothing. On July 9, 2005 at a Brahmin conference she gave the slogan that Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh are gods of Dalits—ignoring the 22 oaths of Babasaheb Ambedkar. A five-year old Brahmin is more dangerous than a snake, said Rahul Sanskrityan. The reality is that a Brahmin is not only a bad master but also a bad servant. Brahmins ruined many empires. The Sikh king, Ranjeet Singh, was given poison by a Brahmin, sons of Guru Gobind Singh were killed by a Brahmin, Dayanand Saraswati was poisoned by a Brahmin, Chanakya, a Brahmin, invited Sikandar to destroy the empire of Mahapadma Nand, Mohamad Bin Kasim was invited by a Brahmin *fakir*, Range Raghav invited Khilji to attack Raja Ratan Singh of Chittor and a Brahmin commander of Jaichand invited a Muslim invador to attack on Kanauj. All these Brahmins were servants. How can the Editor say that the Brahmin is a bad master but a very bad servant? Brahmins are very cunning people. They come to Mayawati only to get the votes of Chamars. They know they have no future in both the Brahmin *jati* parties — Congress and BJP. After becoming MLAs with Chamar votes they will desert Mayawati as we have seen twice in UP. When Mayawati embraced Brahmins on July 9, 2005, she disobeyed even the final words of Babasaheb, "I will not die a Hindu". Our Editor is admiring a wrong person. Mayawati is committing a crime against Dalit society.

D.V. Meshram, at/PO: Mohali, tah: Dhanora, Gadchiroli dt. - 442 606: This refers to your correspondent's report, "*Mammohan Singh & corruption*" (DV Nov. 16, 2005 p.5), who called him a "capitalist-roader". The former Finance Minister under P.V. Narasinha Rao is following his ex-boss. In India, a word has many meanings. The concept of *avatar* (incarnation) is well known. There was an *avatar* of Narasimha who introduced the new economic policy of LPG in 1993. Narasimha Rao and Mammohan Singh are the heroes of this policy. After the

death of P.V. Mammohan Singh is roaring with full force. He may be "honest" but his *avatar* is pushing the masses to deeper and deeper corruption.

Shreemath Jena, QtNo. 407, RRL Colony, Bhubaneswar - 751 013: A state-level conference against the inclusion of Kaibarta, Keouta, Dhibar, Radhi, Niari, Tiar, Ghani touchable castes (OBCs) in the SC list of Orissa was held here on Nov.27. Bhoja Raj Loha, chief engineer of the state govt. and a noted Dalit intellectual, presided. Mohan Jena, MP and a life-member of DV, addressed the gathering. About 2,000 Dalits were present. Mihir Sethi, Lecturer, Prof. B.K. Mallick of Utkal University, former MLA Tapas Das, Laxman Jena and Duryadhan Jena (both leaders of Central and State Govt. Employees Association) spoke. Reservations are meant only for the Untouchables but the courts are manipulating. Initially the Diwar caste was included in 1950 to the SC list. Diwars are not from Orissa. In 1980, some OBCs like the Kaibarta, Dhibar, Keuta went to the Orissa High Court. The then Chief Justice, Ranganath Mishra, gave a confusing judgement in 1980 stating that Diwar is synonymous to the Kaibarta. Dhibar, Keuta caste. This High Court judgement was against the recommendation of the National Commission for SC. Other OBC subcastes like Radhi, Niari, Tiarui, Ghani also demanded inclusion in the SC list. They claim Khetriya, the former ruling class status. Financially they are better off. Because of fake caste certificates no atrocity case is filed against them as they call themselves SC. (jena_trl@yahoo.co.in).

In many states, touchable castes are included under the SC list. Political parties demand such inclusions to increase the strength of their vote bank. As a result the already neglected SCs are further cheated by such inclusions. The permanent solution is every state should hold caste-wise census to verify the strength of each caste and even subcaste and then give reservation in proportion to the population of each caste or subcaste — EDITOR

Subhash Chand Musafir, IT Officer, NIC Ltd., DO Palampur, HP - 176 061: This refers to your reporter's "*Sex bomb finished Kerala BC leader*" (DV Oct. 16, 2005p. 13) and "*Brahminical sex bomb to finish Dalit & Muslim leadership*" (Oct. 16, 2005 p. 19). The Brahmins are the "Jews of India" as stated by our Editor. They gift their women and their virginity to kill their enemies (Muslims) as per the *Zionist Arthashastra*. The Brahmins say everything is fair in love and war. They are fighting us to defeat us (indigenous people) at every stage. For them there is no question of morality, values or dignity. Their main goal is to win at any cost. The *vaidik mantra*

The State gen. secretary of BDSA, Brother T.R. Nial, organised a second State Dalit Sahitya Sammelan at Nalco, Damanjodi (Orissa) on 30.10.05 in collaboration with the SC/ST employees welfare association, Nalco, and invited two Brahmins as chief guests. RSS girl students sang *Vande Utkala Janani*. One guest Swain ridiculed Dalit Sahitya. Chief guest Sukla, a writer, spoke on Saint Achyutanand Das, Yashobanda Das, Jagannath Das, Jannath Sanskriti etc. for more an hour. He uttered not even the names of Dr. Ambedkar, Mahatma Jotirao, Periyar. Eight educated Dalit leaders including K.M. Tanti countered the Brahmin speakers. Why our Dalit brothers should invite our enemies? We need an apology from T.R. Nial.

Dharmannand V. Meshram, at/PO: Mohali, tah. Dhanora. Gadechiroli dt. - 442 606: I read your famous history-making book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation*, (2004, Books for Change, Bangalore). No doubt, the book and your theory is excellent and extraordinary. You have proved it with various examples and experiences in and outside India. "*Caste identity*" is the urgent need of the time. The upper caste elites pretend not believing in caste but the reality is different. They only try to show their "modernity" to hide their real caste **identity**. But the fact is the caste can never be hidden. Your research that today's castes are not castes but tribal identities is true. Caste is our tribal identity. There were so many tribal units in ancient India. They were not part of the Hindu caste system but maintaining their separate but equal **identities**. This theory must be propagated all over India. Or else, the Hindu terrorists would swallow all of us. Our "low caste" Hindus, meaning Bahujans, are not aware of this. This is the problem. Under the caste system the Bahujans are called "low castes" but in the past they were great rulers with independent "**ethnic identity**". But they have forgotten their great past. When I was reading this book I found a small error on p.79. The right Hindi word is not "Bhagyadhari". But "*Bhagidar*" meaning equal sharing and caring.

Umakanta Mahanta, AZAD, Dangapal, Kankadahad po/via, Dhenkanal - 759 028: I met you at your Bangalore office and discussed with you regarding Dalit situation in Orissa. I am happy that I am getting *Dalit Voice* regularly (complimentary) and getting vast knowledge on Dalit movement across the globe. You are the only Editor who spent the entire life for the sake of Dalits. I salute you for your mission. I am working for the extinct Scheduled Tribe called Mankadia (nomadic) since 3 months and running a non-formal education centre. We are keen to save this tribe. We appeal to all DV readers

to support our work. Mankadias are monkey-catchers. They are 80 families. They migrate from place to place. Their population is 566. They have no land or assets. They are living in unhygienic 4-feet cottages, all illiterate.

Biral Sen Nag, Secretary, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bihar Abhijan, Singjhan, Nuapada, Orissa: Our organisation is playing a vital role in creating awareness among Dalits. Last month an upper caste man threw human shit on the statue of Babasahab here. The police arrested the accused. **A.N. Das**, o/o the Betnoti Forest Range Office, at/PO: Betnoti, Mayurbhanj dt. - 757 025: Your exemplary philosophy and "*caste identity*" thesis can liberate us from Brahminism. After reading your literature I have started hating the *Puranas*, Hindu rituals and gods. Dr. Ashok Kumar Bhoiyar has become our hero.

Matial Mandal, 942 - Green Park, GT Road, Bandel, PO Sahaganj, Hooghly dt. - 712 104: The upper castes (Hindus) comprising just about 15% of Bengal have misled the Dalit Bahujans (90%) by injecting the poison of Hinduism. The situation further worsened during the *Manuwardi* marxist rule. W. Bengal has thus become a state of social, economic and political torture of the Dalit Bahujans for want of an effective leadership. During the days of Lakshan Sen and Ballal Sen of the Sen dynasty (1905-1202) the Untouchable Chandals (Namasudra from 1911) were expelled from Bengal and driven away by force to the seawater-bound low deltas of the Bay of Bengal at the mouth of the river Ganga to die without food and water as they had revolted against the crude and ignominious Sen rulers. For hundreds of years they had fought man-eaters of land and water of the Sundarbans for survival. Finally they settled on those deltas which had been later named as the districts of Bakarganj (Barisal) Khulna, Faridpur, Jessore, Maymensing, Rangpur etc. of East Bengal. To escape from the social and religious torture of the upper castes, most of the Chandals embraced Islam during the Mughal Empire. That is why the Muslim population of many districts of East Bengal is more than the Hindus as per the 1941 census. Upper castes were responsible for the creation of East Pakistan. Right from the middle of 19th century Dalit movement gained momentum in E. Bengal under the two Chandal gurus — Harichand Thakur (1812-1878) and his son Guruchand Thakur (1864-1936) of Orakandi in Faridpur district. Both of them fought Hinduism. They established nearly 1,500 schools to educate the Untouchables with the support of Dr. Meed, an Australian. After the death of Guruchand Thakur, Dalit movement in East Bengal progressed under the

leadership of Jogendra Nath Mondal, another Chandal leader of Barisal dt. and reached its climax in 1946 when Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar was elected to the Constituent Assembly of India in spite of the stiff opposition from the upper castes. Then they entered into a conspiracy with the Muslim leaders to mislead the Chandal supremo. As a result the Hindu-majority districts like Barisal, Khulna, Faridpur and Jessore were awarded to Pakistan during the partition (1947) and J.N. Mandal became the Law Minister of Pakistan. Thus the upper castes succeeded to punish the Dalits of Bengal for supporting Babasahab (DV July 16, 2005 p. 18). If the Dait supremo had not fallen into the trap in 1947, the map of E. Pakistan or the present Bangladesh would have been different because according to the accepted policy of partition, Hindu and Muslim-majority districts should have been automatically included in India and Pakistan respectively. This serious mistake of the Dait supremo seriously affected the Chandal (Dait) movement of Bengal. If the Dait supremo had left Pakistan immediately after partition and asked all Dalits to follow him, the Dait movement of Bengal would have been different. East Pakistan refugees would not have faced acute problems for their settlement in India which they are still facing (DV July 16, 2005 p. 18). Since this 1947 debacle, the upper castes have been using Dalits of West Bengal as their slaves. There is no proper SC/ST/BC leader. That in the Lok Sabha election (2004) Bahujan Samaj Party bagged only 0.9% votes speaks of our helplessness.

Brother Matilal, though a new member of DV, has proved to be a conscious and energetic student of Ambedkarism. When he is so worried about the enslavement of Namasudras (Chondalis) what he should do is to help instill their ethnic identity feeling in his jati people. Once his people become conscious of their identity, all other problems will be automatically solved. We suggest that he should help us to organise a DV workshop in Calcutta. For long we have been looking for a right person to do this great work. Our Dait brothers have assured financial support. What Brother Matilal should do is to take up the organisational work. One workshop in Calcutta will send the signal to the entire Namasudras and there will be a chain reaction — EDITOR.

Dr. V.D. Chandanshive. Cottage Vaishali, Shahu Nagar, Nanded - 431 605: Happy to read the Dec. 1, 2005 DV Editorial revealing your "shift from social to economic problems" of Bahujans. Your concept of caste-based budget will send shivers down the spines of *manuvadis*. I know that "media centre" is your dream and I would

gladly become a part of it and strive to contribute for its realization as it is very urgently needed. I will contact Brother Dr. Mahure for this. We need to start a DV Debate on the 22 Pledges given by Babasahab to Buddhist converts on Oct. 14, 1956. They are capable of bringing about cultural change among the *hinduised* (enslaved) Bahujans. Some concrete work is being done on this by Arvind Sontakke who is a DV family member at Aurangabad.

N.G. Das, 17 - Dattabad Road, Salt Lake, Calcutta - 700 064: I was out of station for long time and as such could not go through the DV copies. As I started reading the back issues I found you got back your impounded passport after 20 years and went to London to receive the International Award for your renowned book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation*. I cannot express my joy in a word or two. The truth at last has triumphed over the untruth. You are free to go outside and disclose the Hindu atrocities inside India.

A.K. Biswas, IRS (retd.), BK-3, Sector-II, Salt Lake, Calcutta - 700091: I came to know about your shock on the sudden demise of Dr. A.R. Biswas on 10.6.2005 (which information did not reach you until Sept.05). Since I enjoyed the love and affection of Dr. Biswas and was in constant touch with him for the last several years I am sending a write-up on the life and achievements of Dr. A.R. Biswas. Dr. Anil Ranjan Biswas, MA, LLM, Ph.D., D.Litt (honry), a great scholar, a prolific writer in English and Bengali, a philosopher, an authority on law and above all a great social thinker, died on June 10, 2005. Dr. Biswas, an old family member of DV authored over 65 books on different subjects: literature, social justice, law, history and autobiography. He also did some excellent translations — four in Bengali from English and one in English from Bengali. Included in his creations are a number of research-oriented works like (1) *Bangla O Bangalier Itihas* (History of Bengal and the Bangalees, 1996), (2) *Bish Sataker Bangla Sahitya* (Bengali Literature of the 20th century, 1952), (3) *History of Indian Freedom Movement* (1990) and (4) *A Phenomenon Named Ambedkar* (1998). He was the pioneer in introducing science and mathematics into literature. In other words, it was he who made chemistry, physics and mathematics the subject matter of literature for the first time. The important books in this series are: (1) *The Metrics of Legal Philosophy* (1971), (2) *A Spiritual Calculus* (1977), (3) *Squaring the Circle* (1985), (4) *Continuum becomes Calcutta* (1991), (5) *Bangla Chhando-Bijnan* (1992 in Bengali), (6) *Poet-i-Metrika* (1998) and (7) *The Poetic Experience of Science* (2001).

His books on social science are the most important and a must read for the Dalits for their liberation movement. The most valuable books in this series are: (1) *From Justice to Welfare* (1985), (2) *Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Constitutional Reservation* as the cure all for casteism (1991), (3) *On the Reservation for Backward Classes* (1992), (4) *Democracy for All* (1996), (5) *Reservation: Legal Perspective* (1998) and (6) *Dalits After Partition* (2001). A repository of vast knowledge and wisdom, Dr. A.R. Biswas was a guide and adviser to many Dalit leaders and organisations. Whosoever approached him for any advice, suggestion or solution of problems did invariably return happily with a solution or way out. He had a very big personal library with a collection of over 10,000 books, each one of which he could boast of reading at least once and many of them time and again. It bears ample testimony of his studies. He had a photographic memory and he

could recollect incidents, names and dates, titles of books and their authors, quotations etc. with precision. A simply person, Dr. Biswas used to lead a very simple and frugal life. Since his retirement from Bengal Civil Service (Administrative) in 1974 his only pastime was pursuit of knowledge and creative writings. He was the editor-in-chief of two quarterly magazines — *Lakshi* in Bengali and *Poemetrics* in English. The English journal was later made half-yearly and the publication continued till the end of 2004. The Bengali quarterly

was, however, discontinued around the year 1997-98. He could perhaps visualise that the end was fast approaching which prompted him to fulfill his cherished dream of founding a trust. On May 16, 2005, Oneil Biswas Research Institute was founded by him with the primary object of running a library and a research centre. He donated Rs. 1 lakh, all his books and the ground floor of his house at 18, Co-operative Road, Calcutta - 700 070 to the trust. Dr. Biswas did not get any recognition worth his name and fame barring a few awards and medals like (a) Anant Nath Deb Gold Medal, (b) Ananda Ram Barua Medal, (c) Griffith Memorial Award, (d) Adwaita Malia Barman Smriti Puraskar and (e) International man of the millennium gold medal. The sudden death of Dr. A.R. Biswas came as a great shock

to all his followers, admirers, specially the Dalits in general. His departure has caused irreparable loss to the society and crated a big vacuum which would remain unfilled for what length of time nobody knows.

Brother A.R. Biswas joined the DV family in 1990 and used to meet us whenever we visited Calcutta. He loved DV and was one of our greatest admirers. Veterans like him are disappearing but the younger ones are not filling the void. Today's Dalits run after power and position which intellectuals like Dr. A.R. Biswas avoided. The scene is depressing —

EDITOR.

Madhu Chandra, Flat No.86, DDA Flats, Pocket-6, Sector-12, Dwarka, Delhi - 110 075: "Caste identity" is now well established and strictly followed even within the law enforcement agency of the govt. namely the police. Here is a *Times of India* report:

Udupi function on Feb.5

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Dalits, Backwards, Muslims and Christians have decided to invite former Dy. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to release the Kannada biography of V.T. Rajshekar at Udupi, coastal Karnataka, on Feb.5 (Sunday). The book authored by a noted Dalit writer, Rajendra, was recently released at Mangalore on Dec.4, 2005. But Udupi being the native place of the Editor of *Dalit Voice*, we wanted to honour him separately. In the afternoon, there will be a discussion on his international award-winning book, *Caste—A Nation Within the Nation*.

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the state capital and other places, police messes are dotted with caste kitchens. And this practice has been going on for long from the days of the British rule. Initially, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar was surprised to hear about the caste kitchens. "I am hearing about it for the first time. It is surprising and shocking. I will look into it", he said recently. The CM acted swiftly. First he sought a reply from the police dept. to check veracity of the report. He learnt that the caste kitchens had been going on in most of the police lines of the state right from the pre-independence period. (New Delhi, Dec.29, 2005).

The CM may ban the "caste kitchen" but we doubt if he can implement it. Can identity be banned? Even among Brahmins, the different jatis do not interline, not to speak of inter-marriage —

EDITOR.

Perpetual conflict in S. Asia until Hindus stop persecuting Bahujans

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I have read Dr. (Mrs.) Ajeet Jawed's book on Jinnah but hesitated to comment because my understanding of Jinnah is very different from her. This is not unexpected because I judge him with a different yardstick. However, we both see him as a leader with clear vision, great integrity, sterling character and exemplary steadfastness.

There were two very distinct phases of his political life: (1) in which he was looking after the interest of Muslims during a period of political and social reform with agenda being set by the

British Raj; (2) period of constitutional reform in which the agenda was set primarily by Hindu bigots like M.K. Gandhi. That he was not a bigot in either of those phases is conceded by all. But that does not make him secular or Indian Nationalist as Dr. Jawed concluded. His politics was determined by the political focus and agenda of the time. This has to be case with every successful politician. And he was more than a politician; he was statesman who set precedents that guide peoples in the entire region including those he did not claim or try to lead — the Sikhs and Dalits.

Hindu bigots: Most of the book is devoted to wondering what he **could do** as a leader of secular India if Hindu bigots had embraced him rather than spurn him. But Hindu bigots could not have embraced him except in the manner in which L.K. Advani did. He also praised Jinnah for being secular and the outcry of bigots in the BJP — who outnumber those clever with words by 100 to 1 — was indeed spectacular. In her eagerness to make the same point L.K. Advani made during his visit to Pakistan, she ignores what he **did do** as a leader of the Muslims of South Asia and **sought to do** for other minorities including the Sikhs and Dalits.

I see that a concerted effort is being made by Indian scholars to rehabilitate Jinnah to assimilate Muslims in a manner similar to that used by the Brahmin for assimilating native Bahujans into the Hindu fold.

The Brahmin embraced the gods of the native peoples but on their terms; they made them the children of lesser gods — Untouchables in their own land. What is an offer to the Muslims, Christians, Dalits and Sikhs is the same status and fate.

Distorting history: India is not just politically Machiavellian; it is socially Machiavellian as well. India is continuously trying to rewrite and distort history in order to assimilate those it can and liquidate those it cannot. Jinnah took a long time discovering that truth.

He was not alone; the Muslims of British India took even longer. India has not abandoned its quest. Perpetual strife and conflict is the fate of entire South Asia until India abandons its quest to absorb/liquidate other identities. That it has sharpened the Muslim identity of Bangladesh by trying to impose secularism on that hapless country should have taught India a lesson. But India refuses to see and learn. It is trying its subversive methods against Pakistan as well and the reaction is even stronger. Even if India wins a battle or two that it has with American blessing and help, it is bound to lose the war.

Hinduism is not a faith; it does not seek converts or respect the identity of other peoples; it subverts other identities and its embrace is deadly. Islam, on the other hand, offers converts equality and honour, the embrace of Islam is socially uplifting.

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Dalit scholar looks at anti-human features of Hinduism

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Introduction:

By his origin alone a Brahmana (Brahmin) is a deity even for the gods, and (his teaching is) authoritative for men, because the Veda is the foundation for that (*Manusmriti*, XI, 85).

Hinduism is so ancient that its followers claim it to be eternal (*sanatan*). The "infalible" Vedas assert the creation of a divine social order based on *varna* system, which led to the formation of castes and hundreds of subcastes in India. At the roots of the Hindu social system lies a *dharma* as prescribed in the *Manusmriti*: God, the ultimate reality, could be attained only by unquestioned service (*karma*) to the Brahmins, while they lead the quest of the Brahman by reading and reciting the Vedas.

SHUDDRAS RELIGIOUSLY HUMILIATED

The Brahmin men, thereby, codified this in the *Purusha Sukta* of the *Rig Veda* which reveals the *Chaturvarna* comprising 1. The Brahmins (who originated from Brahma's mouth, and thereby, are his mouthpieces) 2. The Kshatriya, who ruled and fought on the divine advice of their Brahmin masters, 3. Vaishya, who formed the trading community and 4. *shudra*, the craftsmen, potters and farmers. Those who did not belong to any of these *varnas* were the *ati-shudras*, the Untouchable outcasts. (*Shudra*=low, *ati-Shudra* =most low). Brahminism is a confluence of the three twice-born *varnas*, headed by the Brahmins, who have religiously humiliated the *shudra*, the *ati-shudras*, tribal communities, Christian and Muslim minorities.

Few of them, like the leftists and feminists are Brahmin by birth, but may not be Brahminical in ideology and practice. (The word Brahminism refers to the upper-caste people who represent the Vedic hegemony)

There have always been various other deities and forms of worship in India which, according to the non-Brahmin scholars, have been co-opted and appropriated by Brahmanists. These variations, they say, are distinct and cannot be interpreted as different manifestations of the Brahman.

KILLING OF SHUDDRA SHAMBUKA

"Hindus may be tolerant, not Hinduism either socially or intellectually". (Nath, Ramendra)

The Vedas and other Hindu scriptures lack even oblique

The essay was written as part of the interdisciplinary course from the Dept. of Philosophy, Toronto. Though not an exhaustive piece of work, the essay attempts to present an argument against the notions that have been popularised over centuries about Hinduism, especially in the West. Following were some of the issues discussed in the class with regard to what Hinduism has given to the world. The author got an A+ in the course.

emphasis on humanitarian values like equality, fraternity and compassion toward all human beings. Obsessive importance is given to following one's *dharma* based on *karma*, which is in turn based on one's birth, not capacities. The best *punya* (good deed), according to the *Manusmriti*, is to donate generously to a Brahmin (not to the poor) and the worst kind

of *paap* (sin) is to hurt a Brahmin.

Ram, the hero of the "sacred epic" *Ramayana*, and supposedly incarnation of God Vishnu, kills Shambuka, a *shudra*, who had taken to ascetic practices in search of the ultimate reality. He (Ram) was taught his *dharma* (duty) by the sons of the Brahman (the Brahmins) to persecute the one who disobeyed the Divine Law. Dronacharya, the Brahmin Guru in *Mahabharat*, demands Ekavya (a *shudra*) his thumb as *guru-dakshina* (fees of the teacher) because he could not let a *shudra* excel. Arjuna, a Kshatriya and god Krishna's friend, in archery.

The influence of these Vedic principles, law books and "sacred scriptures" has reduced Dalits (Untouchables) and women to subhuman status, in spite of the Constitutional protection.

During the pre-colonial period, untouchability, *sati* (widow-burning), child marriages and *Devadasi* (temple prostitution) were on a historic high.

GANDHI'S LIP SYMPATHY

While M.K.Gandhi paid only lip service to the cause of untouchability, other crusaders like Jyotirao Phule, Peryar and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar paved the way to the emancipation of the downtrodden by securing Indian women and the Dalits constitutional rights and reservations.

Untouchability: The outcasts were scavengers of the social order for generations and lived outside the village boundaries. Untouchability, under the pretext of purity, is as

samratan as is Brahmanism. Inter-dining and inter-caste marriages were strictly prevented as divine will. The Untouchables could not use water from the *ghats* and wells of the twice-born. These restrictions are followed in villages even in this century.

Its impact is very severe because masses of people remain enslaved in this vicious system physically, mentally and spiritually as part of obedience to god's commandments for their wrong deeds in the past birth. *Manusmriti* prescribes several brutal punishments for those who break these laws of *karma* and purity. Caste discrimination takes different subtle forms in cities.

HINDUISM PROHIBITED EDUCATION

Let the three twice-born castes (*varna*), discharging their (prescribed) duties, study (the *Veda*); but among them the Brahmana (alone) shall teach it, not the other two: that is an established rule. (*Manusmriti*, X. 1)

All over the world, religions worked for mass education, except Hinduism, which worked to restrict social mobility. (Ghose, *Sagarika*).

Vedas and *shastras* reserved the right to education to the Brahmin men. More than 50 years after India's "independence", only a tiny percentage of Dalits are literate.

Most of them live in incredible conditions in the villages. Syllabi in schools and universities is so designed that it gives little or no space to understand the real struggles and problems in the society.

Dalits and tribals have lost their cultural and religious identities in the course of compulsory Brahmanism in schools and media.

Women:

A woman is forever either the daughter, wife or mother of a man; men are to revere women in household settings (*Fisher*, Mary Pat, 88)

BRAHMINS PERSECUTE PHULE

It was a *shudra* couple, Jyotirao and Savitri Phule, who started the first ever girls school in India, especially for the Untouchable girls during the British colonial rule. Brahmins harassed them for breaking the "sacred" Hindu law.

While Gandhi fought for political freedom mobilising men and women from all communities, he did not oppose the *Varna-Vastha* and supported the Sati-Savitri and Sita images of Hindu women.

Dr. Ambedkar had to resign as Law Minister to get the Hindu Code Bill passed which empowered women by securing them equal property rights and right to divorce besides other. The Brahminical forces condemned such reforms because it was against the Hindu vedic laws. **Dalit women lie at the lower-most rung of the social ladder. The *Devadasi* tradition of child prostitution in temples continues in some parts of the country. Most urban prostitutes come from Dalit communities.**

FALL OF WOMEN UNDER HINDUISM

Besides this, Hindu women remain trapped in the Sita-Savitri ideal of eternal self-sacrifice and service to men, especially husbands. Rape and violence on Dalit women (Hindu, Christian, Muslim and Buddhist) go unreported. Inter-caste marriages are rare. It is not uncommon to kill those who marry against the *shastras* (Hindu laws) when one of the parties is a Dalit.

Women's literacy is stunningly low; women's employment does not

always render them equal status because they have to remain subordinate to men as part of the Divine Hindu order. Besides dowry deaths, female foeticide has become like a norm in India, among educated middle-class Hindus, in spite of the law against sex determination. Ironically, doctors use godly code words like *Jai Shree Ram* if it is a boy and *Jai Mata di* (victory be to the Goddess) if it is a girl. Customs like *doodh-piti* (drowning baby-girls in a pot of milk) continue in some parts of India.

The root cause is not only patriarchy, which is universal, but a deeply rooted religious belief (Hindu), which bestows spiritual bliss to the ones who are blessed with sons because it is a son who traditionally gives *agni* (fire) on one's death that leads to one's *moksha*.

WHEN BRAHMINS ATE BEEF

Ahimsa (non-violence):

Svayambhu (the self-existent almighty god) himself created animals for the sake of sacrifices and a Brahmin may eat flesh of animals consecrated with Vedic mantras. (*Manusmriti*, V, 39,36).

There are ample evidences in the Vedas and other scriptures, which indicate that Brahmins have been meat-eaters, ate even beef and drank seven kinds of wine. The *Ashwamedha Yajna* demanded a number of horses for sacrifice. The "supreme queen" had to do intercourse with the royal horse a night before the *Yajna* after which the horse was set free as a royal symbol of power expansion.

It could have been by the advent of Buddhism in India that the Brahmins took to vegetarianism. The outcastes were condemned to eat meat of dead animals. The

sacred scriptures are full of brutalities against animals and human beings. Even at a symbolical level, one cannot doubtlessly assert that the Hindu gods represented goodness.

Hospitality: *Aithi Devo Bhava* (a guest is god):

BRAHMIN DOMINATION IS TOTAL

Unfortunately, not every person who visits a Brahmin is defined as guest. A Kshatriya, Vaisya and a *shudra* at a Brahmin's door are not *aithi* (guests), according to the Hindu *shastra* (Law).

But a Kshatriya (who comes) to the house of a Brahman is not called a guest (*aithi*), nor a Vaisya, nor a *sudra*. (*Manusmriti*, III, 110)

Brahmins enjoy exclusive privilege in every aspect of life to date.

Political Economy:

Whatever exists in the world is the property of the Brahmana (Brahmin); on account of the excellence of his origin. The Brahmanais, indeed, entitled to all. (*Manusmriti*, I, 100)

Brahminical scholarship legitimised leisure, *mantra*, *puja*, *tapasya* and soothsaying and defied all economic theories including feminist economic theory. (Ilalah, Kancha). Brahminical hegemony pervades through every aspect of Indian societies.

Politics in India is religion and caste-based. Brahminical forces have invariably controlled the major political parties in power. The Dalits merely try to lobby and their leaders mostly fail to address their issues in the post-Ambedkarite era. Major educational, health and commercial institutions are owned and controlled by upper castes. Dalits are systematically excluded from being part of development programmes.

Christian and Muslim minorities are exploited invoking the heroic deeds of Ram and Krishna who symbolise violent coercion.

Hinduism is deemed synonymous to Indian nationalism. In villages, these minorities are treated as untouchable outcastes who would pollute their *dharma* (Hindu). Old town planning tells a lot about the Hindu caste system. Brahmins reserved the area lining rivers, building temples on the *ghats* and declaring them sacred, in other words reserved exclusively for the pure ones. Dalits, Muslims and later on Christians lived out of the limits of the *chaturvarna* (the four-tier system).

WHITE WOMAN AS TEMPLE PRIEST

Elite Brahmanism, on the other hand, has been successful in India and abroad projecting a liberal, accommodating, democratic image. They go to the extent of refusing the *Manusmriti* as part of Vedic Hinduism, which has been to them, until the dawn of British colonial rule, as important aspect of Hinduism as is the *Shariah* to Islam and to the Muslims.

Recently, a Western (White) woman was appointed high priest in Varanasi, the most sacred Hindu place of pilgrimage. This honour and authority was never bestowed upon any Brahmin woman scholar in the history of Hinduism.

Not to mention, non-Brahmin men and women are still not allowed to study the Vedas in Hindu religious schools. The Shankaracharyas and other religious heads take no stand against untouchability and other issues. Brahmin priests control temples, harvest gods and humiliate Dalits and women.

Upper-caste leftist, Dalit, Muslim

and Christian activists who raise their voices against this age-old system face a number of threats from the Hindu fascist quarters for whom *Dharma-yudh* (holy war) is the essence of Hinduism. Christian missionaries and innocent children were burnt to death, nuns mass raped, Dalits lynched in public, Dalit women stripped and paraded on streets.

SOCIALIST & SACRED BRAHMINS

It cannot be a coincidence that no Brahmin woman or man has faced such humiliation in the history of Brahmanist India.

In the view of many Dalit scholars liberal and fascist Hindus are two sides of the same evil-Brahmanic/Medic Hinduism.

"Dalitisation alone can effectively challenge Brahminical fascism parading in the garb of Hindutva." (Ilalah, Kancha)

Law & order: Prisons in India are occupied mostly by Dalits. It is similar to the condition of the African-Americans in the US prison industry. Dalit custodial deaths are numerous. There are evidences which indicate how the police department is ordered by the upper-caste ministers to allow the mob to do its job during communal violence. (Sharma, Rakesh)

Tsunami: The latest natural disaster brought the world together to help those who suffered tremendous losses. However, the aid that poured in from all corners of the world could not reach Dalit and Tribal communities in India, as it should have. Untouchability was evident. Fear of the Christian missionaries mobilised some politically motivated volunteers to keep the Dalit and tribal masses from being converted to Christianity. Some Dalit activists have documented the caste-based relief

work in a short documentary film, *Outside Mercy*.

CONCLUSION

Hinduism is an exceptional religion because it legitimises all kinds of divisions, discriminations, inequalities, exploitation, violence, and pornography too in its Vedas, *Puranas* and books of Divine Laws. While the Buddha, Jesus and Prophet Mohammad worked to bring about equality, peace and love, especially for poor men and all women in the society, the Hindu *rishis* perceived the ultimate reality as a divisive, discriminating power working only to protect and serve the pets of Brahmin, brutalising rest of the humanity, including all women.

Christians, Muslims and Buddhists are encouraged to read, understand, and propagate their religion and to move closer to the

ultimate reality. However, Brahminism has always banned non-Brahmins from the same and has not been tolerant to the people of their own religion, as they have been to the powerful Westerners.

BURNING OF MANU SMRITI

The low-caste Hindus have readily converted to Islam and Christianity and to Buddhism to get rid of their castes. The real impact of Hinduism on Indian social structures is nothing but casteist and sexist degradation.

December 25th is observed as *Manusmriti Dahan Diwas*, on which several Dalit and women's groups symbolically burn the Hindu law book in public, like Dr. Ambedkar, who did the same when he led the movement to annihilate caste and abolish untouchability in India.

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