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**Fundamental Rights & Emergency :**

**THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR**

# Thus Spake Ambedkar

## Fundamental Rights affected under Emergency rule

**Shri H.V. Kamath:** On a point of order. Is my Friend right in saying it is going to be accepted when it is only moved.

**Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad:** I heard a rumour that it is going to be accepted.

**Mr. Vice-President:** Nos. 791 and 792 are disallowed as verbal amendments.

(Amendment No., 793 was not moved).

**Mr. Vice-President:** Nos. 794, 795 and 799 are similar and are to be considered together. 794 is allowed to be moved.

**The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar:** With your permission I will just make one or two corrections to some words which crept into the drafting by mistake. Sir, with those corrections, my amendment will read as follows:

"That for the existing sub-clause (3) of article 25, the following clause be substituted:

'Without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Supreme Court by clause (1) and (2) of this article, Parliament may by law empower any other Court to exercise within the local limits of its jurisdiction all or any of the powers exercisable by the Supreme Court under clause (2) of this article'.

The reason for inserting these clauses (1) and (2) is because clauses (1) and (2) refer to the Supreme Court.

**The Honourable Dr. B.R. Ambedkar:** Mr. Vice-President, Sir, of the amendments that have been moved to this article I can only accept amendment No. 789 which stood in the name of Mr. Baig but which was actually moved by Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad. I accept it because it certainly improves the language of the draft. With regard to the other amendments I shall first of all take up the amendment (No. 801) moved by Mr. Tajamul Husain and the amendment (No. 802) moved by Mr. Karimuddin. Both of them are of an analogous character. The object of the amendment moved by Mr. Tajamul Husain is to delete altogether sub-clause (4) of this article and Mr. Karimuddin's amendment is to limit the language of sub-clause (4) by the introduction of the words 'in case of rebellion or invasion.'

Now, Sir, with regard to the argument that clause (4) should be deleted, I am afraid, if I may say so without any offence, that it is a very extravagant demand, a very tall order. There can be no doubt that while there are certain fundamental rights which the State must guarantee to the individual in order that the

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individual may have some security and freedom to develop his own personality, it is equally clear that in certain cases where, for instance, the State's very life is in jeopardy, those rights must be subject to a certain amount of limitation.

Normal peaceful times are quite different from times of emergency. In times of emergency the life of the State itself is in jeopardy and if the state is not able to protect itself in times of emergency, the individual himself will be found to have lost his very existence. Consequently, the superior right of the State to protect itself in times of emergency, so that it may survive that emergency and live to discharge its functions in order that the individual under the aegis of the State may develop, must be guaranteed as safely as the right of an individual. I know of no Constitution which gave fundamental rights but which gives them in such a manner as to deprive the State in times of emergency to protect itself by curtailing the rights of the individual. You raze any Constitution you like, where fundamental rights are guaranteed; you will also find that provision is made for the State to suspend these in times of emergency. So far, therefore, as the amendment to delete clause (4) is concerned, it is a matter of principle and I am afraid I cannot agree with the Mover of that amendment and I must oppose it.

Now, Sir, I will go into details. My Friend Mr. Tajamul Husain drew a very lurid picture by referring to various articles which are included in the Chapter dealing with Fundamental Rights. He said, here is a right to take water, there is a right to enter a shop, there is freedom to go to a bathing ghāt. Now, if clause (4) came into operation, he suggested that all these elementary human rights which the Fundamental part guarantees — of permitting a man to go to a well to drink water, to walk on the road, to go to a cinema or a theatre, without any let or hindrance — will also disappear. I cannot understand from where my friend Mr. Tajamul Husain got this idea. If he had referred to article 279 which relates to the power of the President to issue a proclamation of emergency, he would have found that clause (4) which permits suspension of these rights refers only to article 13 and to no other article. The only rights that would be suspended under the proclamation issued by the President under emergency are contained in article 13; all other articles and the rights guaranteed thereunder would remain intact, none of them would be affected. Consequently, the argument which he presented to the House is entirely outside the provision contained in article 279.

(To be continued)

## Peace pact with Pakistan ensures second term for Vajpayee : US manages victory for vaidiks

The staple diet of India's Hindu nazi hate-mongers is Muslim blood. Without playing football with Muslim lives, destroying their property, maligning their religion the nazis cannot survive even for a day.

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India was partitioned (1947) and Kashmir problem was created as part of this grand Brahminical conspiracy (*Why Godse Killed Gandhi?* DSA-1997). Kashmir lies at the heart of the dispute between India and Pakistan. Two of the three wars India fought against Pakistan have been over Kashmir. The Hindu nazi *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) came to power in Delhi (1999) chanting anti-Pakistan (read Muslim) hate *mantra*. Without criticising and killing Muslims, the nazis can't be happy.

**How vaidiks became rulers:** The nazis, and particularly their kernel (RSS) that controls the party, know nothing except Muslim-baiting which is the other word for Hinduism.

Hundreds of anti-Muslim riots have been stage-managed by the *vaidik*-controlled Hindu nazis to achieve their long-range plan of ruling India. They have done their job smoothly with the help of their monopoly Brahminical media. That is how *vaidiks* became the rulers of India.

How did the same Muslim-hating Hindu nazis suddenly change their tune and started singing a new song of Muslim love? The Jan. 6, 2004 Islamabad announcement at the end of India's *Vaidik Vajpayee* and Pakistan President Musharraf talks might have come as a bolt from blue to some DV family members. But to us the news did not come as a surprise. We know the "Hindu mind" and we know how it thinks. When a *vaidik* says yes, he means no. And no means yes.

**Secret American plan:** The Islamabad announcement that "history has been made" and the hysterical headlines in the Brahminical media hailing Vajpayee as a "man of peace" is part of a carefully crafted secret American plan. The big boss twisted the arms of both Vajpayee and Musharraf not only for their mutual benefit but more in the interest of America and its blue-eyed boy, Israel.

**The Islamabad accord thus ensures a second term to the wily *vaidik* and the badly needed peace to the troubled Musharraf. This is the secret.**

The Islamabad announcement does not mean the Hindu nazis have given up Muslim hating and exploiting Kashmir. Nothing will change. The Hindu does not change. He belongs to the *Santalana Dharmma*.

The only difference is the *vaidiks* came to power shouting war

slogans against Pakistan (read Muslim) and they hope to win the coming Parliament elections singing songs of peace with Pakistan.

**DV strikes discordant note:** They have their Brahminical monopoly media to manipulate the minds of the people. This media can convert a donkey into race horse and vice-versa. The coming days will witness delirious scenes of "Vajpayee, the man of peace", "making history" by ending over a half-century-long hostilities with Pakistan. And even claiming credit for Pakistan no longer insisting on referendum on Kashmir. You control the brain, you control everything else. The Brahminical media has tremendous expertise on this. DV is the only paper in India to strike a discordant note.

**All lies and damn lies. But who can question the *vaidiks*? They have squeezed the very vitality of this country and made the over 1,000 million population impotent. India has become a vast intellectual desert.**

**Chaos on opposition front:** As this is written, there is chaos in the opposition ranks. That is why they failed to give the country a convincing reason why this *Vaidik* Vajpayee govt. needs to be voted out. The leadership of the different opposition parties may be non-*vaidik* but they are all upper castes which in its race to join the *vaidik* rulers is ready to make any compromise even at the cost of the country. When self-interest overtakes the good of the society who will bother about our call? ("*Right Hindu nazis or surrender*" DV Edit Jan. 1, 2004).

The opposition parties are badly divided. Nay. This division is deliberate because there is no *vaidik* leading any opposition party. The Congress, the original Brahminical party which is the strongest opposition force, is headed by a poor Italian woman, Sonia Gandhi, hated by the *vaidiks*. Besides, the caste contradictions within the non-*vaidik* forces are too strong and too deep that they can never unite. The *vaidiks* know this weakness and exploit this to the best of their advantage.

**Advani surrenders:** Meanwhile, the discredited ex-Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, a *vaidik* crook, lying low all these years, is suddenly back to life — offering himself to lead the Congress in case the party rejects Sonia Gandhi.

There was one hope of the non-*vaidik* L.K.

Advani, No.2 in the BJP Govt., challenging the *Vaidik* Vajpayee. But the Islamabad "peace accord", has killed his chances. The energetic Sindhi Khatri who built up the party by his hysterical horror speeches against Muslims, engineering Babri Masjid, Gujarat Genocide etc. is a sad man sidelined today. He is being painted as the main impediment against "peace with Pakistan". Poor Advani sowed the seeds but it is the *Vaidik* Vajpayee who is reaping the harvest. And all that powerful party base he built to see that he became the Prime Minister is no use before the *vaidik* wicked brain power launching a peace-offensive with Pakistan.

That means there is neither opposition within the party nor without. The road is paved for the wily *vaidik* to be appointed PM for a second term.

**US war against terrorism fails:** And once Vajpayee ascends the throne again, he will resume the war against Pakistan (Muslims) and the customary blood bath. All this grand plan goes perfectly in tune with the strategies set out by the big boss America which does not want any distraction by the two nuclear powers, India and Pakistan, when it is seriously entangled in Iraq where it is half buried and Israel continues to remain boiling. And more than anything its war against terrorism (read Muslim) has been a monumental failure. (See also p.5).

**India shining or sinking:** Hindu nazis of India, having joined hands with the zionists in their anti-Muslim war under the leadership of America, are not interested in the well-being of India because they don't belong to India. They are bluffing about "India shining" while the fact is "India sinking". That is why they are indulging in all sorts of verbal acrobatics to keep themselves in power. The Islamabad accord is a part of this grand game jointly executed by the zionists who control America and India's Hindu nazis.

The elections are coming. The masses deliberately kept at starvation level can be purchased and made to vote, their mind can be manipulated. If killing Muslims in thousands can help nazis win Gujarat elections, singing peace and dancing with Muslims can certainly win Parliament elections with opposition forces remaining totally paralysed. ■

# War against ideology can't be fought with guns & bombs

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Terrorism is the new magic word mesmerising the newspaper-reading people today the world over. The war against terrorism (read Muslims) was formally launched by George Bush father when he was the President of America. It began with this first war against Iraq (1991).

President Clinton continued it and George Bush intensified it by pounding Afghanistan and then hitting Iraq. This American-led war against terrorism has assumed international dimensions. America has no other programme today. It thinks once the Muslims are taught a lesson and made to surrender, the world will be a much better place to live. The whole world is manipulated and committed to this single-point programme. In other words, the war against terrorism means war against Muslims and Islam.

At the end of so many years of fighting and killing Muslims what did the US achieve? The result is nil. The US is where it began its first step.

**Defeat in Afghanistan:** It is yet to learn that terrorism will remain as long as the US and its White Western racist partners continue to hate Muslims. At least the thinking sections of the world have come to realise this truth. But the Zionist-controlled US rulers have not learnt this yet or they don't want to learn.

Afghanistan might have been "captured" and a US-appointed puppet govt. made to rule it. But the objective of invading Afghanistan is not achieved. Osama bin Laden is neither caught nor killed. Nor the Taliban destroyed. The US itself has admitted this.

**Not only that. The US rulers are daily haunted by the fears of bin Laden launching another attack on America any day, any time. They also admit that the terrorists are bent upon the downfall of US and its allies. What does this admission mean? Does it not mean the US has failed to make even a dent on the terrorist fire-power?**

What happened in Iraq? America claimed victory in the Iraqi war and then after a prolonged fight announced "capture" of Saddam Hussein. But did America achieve peace in Iraq? Iraq has become more dangerous today.

**World's most hated country:** Did American win its war on terrorism? America may not admit its failure but its nervous actions make us feel that it is failing without saying so in so many words. President Bush popularity is simply falling and falling. The US economy

is collapsing. America now has more enemies outside. Even France and Germany are hostile to US. In the Muslim world America is the most hated country.

What does it all prove? Instead of winning the war on terrorism (read Muslims), US itself is sinking and sinking. And in turn it is creating more and more terrorists. All this America is doing to save its blue-eyed boy Israel. But did it benefit Israel? Israelis say they are spending sleepless nights. Nowhere this war on terrorism has shown any signs of hope.

**America will achieve nothing on the anti-terrorist front as long as its rulers continue to hate Muslims and Islam.**

Because terrorism which arises out of the Islamic concept of *Jihad* is a powerful religious ideology. Al-Qaeda or any other terrorist outfit has no standing army. It has no fixed headquarters. Nor confined to a territory. **Basic flaw in US war:** An ideology can be fought only by a more powerful counter-ideology. But the US is using guns, bombs, tanks and planes to fight an ideology. This is the basic flaw in the American war against terrorism.

If America and its Zionist backers had a superior ideology they could have made some progress. But they have none. Not only they are racists and hence hate-mongers but more than that their Western civilisation is totally bankrupt — devoid of human values.

Their sole symbol is sex and dollar. Drink, dance, cheat. Led by such base animal instincts, the West finally arrived at market-driven economy and globalisation.

Time-tested human values had no role in such a scheme of things. But Islam gives the highest importance to human values, respect for family, women, elders, society — brotherhood.

**US will fail:** So a physical, armed fight against an ideology in the name of terrorism will not take America anywhere. To repeat: An ideology can be fought by a superior and a more powerful ideology. Hence this war against terrorism (Muslims) will meet with disaster. And the first victim of this disaster will be America itself.

The American people may be innocent. They are kept in dark about the intentions of its rulers. The media is tightly controlled by its pro-Zionist owners. We are sure the Americans will realise this evil intentions of their rulers and reverse the situation by kicking out George Bush. (See p. 24: *Honest Zionist agenda*).

# Hegde: Elegy on Karnataka's most notorious vaidik leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Ramakrishna Hegde, Karnataka's most notorious *vaidik* leader and a master crook with a "socialist face", died here on Jan.12. One Hegde may be dead but he has given birth to hundreds of more notorious *vaidik* journalists, leaders and pleaders to carry on his disruptive mission.

The only chief minister of Karnataka to be dismissed for corruption (1988), he played havoc in Karnataka politics and even dabbled in "national" politics which George Fernandes cut short.

**Dismissed for corruption:** He was dismissed as Chief Minister in the famous telephone tapping case and our Editor, V.T. Rajshekar's office-cum-residence telephone in Bangalore was on the top of the list of 51 telephones. It was then we wrote our Editorial of Sept. 1, 1988: "*Hegde: Good riddance to bad rubbish.*"

The then Union Communication Minister read out in Parliament the names and numbers of the tapped phones. And within a day the head of the Karnataka's most communal and corrupt chief minister rolled down.

But to the Karnataka's Brahminical toilet papers Hegde was an "icon" and a "national leader". This is because he was a dedicated *vaidik*. India's toilet

papers covered up the ugly face of every *vaidik* leader — be it P. V. Narasimha Rao, Jayalalita, EMS Namboodiripad.

**Cause of all DV troubles:** Hegde as CM filed four criminal cases against our Editor including the state's first sedition case. When the Chandigarh police came to Bangalore to arrest our Editor (1986) under TADA, he instructed the local police to expedite his exit as early as possible. But the same Hegde defended his *jatwala*, B.V. Karanth, who set on fire a girl friend at Bhopal.

He even asked the local *vaidik* journalists to put out false reports against our Editor with a view to forcing the closure of DV itself. But nothing happened. Later, he instructed the local police to manage the impounding of our Editor's passport.

*Dalit Voice*, however, converted all these problems into god-sent opportunities. DV came out with flying colours but Hegde got dismissed with several judicial commissions convicting him for corruption. The Karnataka High court too convicted him and this conviction was upheld by the Supreme court.

R.K. Hegde's predatory expeditions are too long to be listed in this short report. (DV Edit June 1, 1988: "*R.K. Hegde & the blasted belief system*").

## Pulayas built Padmanabha Temple

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** What are today called as "Hindu temples" are indeed not Hindu. They were built by the indigenous people of India who were not Hindu. The Brahmins never built rock temples.

The famed Puri, Tirupati, Madurai, Sabarimalai temples belonged to the non-Hindu. The *vaidiks* usurped them when they started earning huge revenues. Please read our just published bok, *Counter-Revolution (DSA-2004)*:-

As a Pariah found at Melkote the image of Celvapillai, as a Savara was originally in possession of the sacred stone of Jagannatha, so also in the worship of Padmanabha in Trivandrum intimately connected with a Pulayan. Once a Pulacci or Pulaya woman, who was living with her husband in the Anantakadu

jungle, suddenly heard the cry of a baby. She rushed to the spot and saw, to her surprise, a beautiful child lying on the ground, protected by a cobra. She had compassion on it, and nursed it like her own child. The appearance of a cobra intimidated to her the divine origin of the infant. This belief proved true, for the child was an incarnation of Vishnu. As soon as the Raja of Travancore heard of this wonderful event, he built a shrine on the spot where the baby had been found, and dedicated it to Padmanabha. This is the origin of the Padmanabha temple at Trivandrum. The Pulayar round Trivandrum assert to this day that in former times a Pulaya King ruled and had his castle not far from the present capital of Travancore.

(Gustav Oppert, *The Dravidas*, AES, New Delhi, 1898)

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We have the history of Kerala. But that history is manufactured by the *Manuvadis*. Historically the Bahujans in Kerala are linked to *Cherala* (Cheranadu or Cheradesam) which had been renamed Kerala by the Aryan *Manuvadis*. *Cherala* was the motherland of the Bahujans. It had a Dravidian-Buddhist tradition which was brutally destroyed by the Hindus (Aryans). To hide the truth they fabricated a story that Brahmin Parasuram created Kerala by reclaiming land from the sea by throwing an axe. What really happened was that Parasuram started the process of Aryanisation and converted *Cherala* into Kerala. In that sense he was the creator of Kerala which became the citadel of *Manuvadis* and a "lunatic asylum", as described by Swami Vivekananda. No wonder, to our Hindu historians it is a *Dharma Raiya*. But *Kera* is the sanskritised form of *Chera*, a Tamil-Malayalam term.

**Our heroes:** The original inhabitants of *Cherala* like the Ezhavas, Pulayas and others were enslaved under the yoke of casteism (Hindus) and they lost their *identity*. It was from this age-long slavery and subjugation that Sri Narayana Guru, Vaikunda Swamikal, Ayyankali, Pandit Karuppan, Kumaran Asan, Poykayil Kumara Gurudevan and Pampadi John Joseph liberated the Bahujans. But even after this emancipation the Bahujans have not regained their lost *identity*. They are still enjoying their slavery. This should be ended through a cultural revolution by way of reconstructing the history of *Cherala*. Kerala is still ruled by the Keralites the followers of Parasuram. The Bahujans are not Keralites, they are *Cheralites*. They should rule the state of *Cherala*, the motherland of Malayalees. We have to initiate a cultural revolution as a precondition for political revolution.

**Lost identity:** We speak of a "casteless society". But the wonder is even the *Manuvadis*, the creators of caste system, want such a casteless society. Ours is a society in which the original inhabitants belonging to different ethnic *identities* were forcibly made castes under casteism. So to the Dalit Bahujans, a casteless society is a society with castes and at the same time a society without casteism or caste inhibitions. The original inhabitants should regain their *ethnic identity* and only that *identity* can enable them to be the rules of this country. Our Editor is perfectly right.

**Communism killed identity:** The second half of the 19th century witnessed a social revolution initiated by Sri Narayana Guru and other revolutionaries. This social revolution should have taken a political turn.

Unfortunately the very same Brahminical Social Order (BSO) from which the Bahujans attained social freedom, initiated a counter-revolution and the politicisation of the Bahujans was cunningly aborted. Both the left and right political parties used the Bahujans as their vote banks. They were misguided by the false slogans of socialism and communism. The great Brahmin communist leader, EMS Namboodirpad, played a decisive role in the deplotticisation of the Bahujans. He misinterpreted marxism in favour of the *manuvadis*. Sri Narayana Guru and others were depicted as caste leaders and their movements as communal movements. Consequently the Bahujans ran after the so-called communist revolution which destroyed their *ethnic identity*. The Bahujan politics should have been initiated as a corollary to the social revolution led by the great leaders of the past. In other words, the past and the present should be linked with the golden bridge of Bahujan politics for a better future.

Freedom at midnight was the freedom of the *manuvadis*. The freedom of the Bahujans would come on a fine morning, not at midnight. What really happened at midnight was the tragedy of transfer of power from the British to the *manuvadis* and the comedy of Indian democracy became tragedy for the Bahujans. That power should be transferred to the Dalit Bahujans who really deserve it.

**Main hurdle:** In North India, the SC/STs are numerically strong. That is how they can form the base of politics as a single social entity. But Kerala is quite different from the North. Here we need a political base which should come out of a harmonious blending of the SC/ST/BC and the minorities. The achievement of such a blending would be the main hurdle as well as the grand success of Bahujan politics in Kerala.

India is said to be the land of *Advaita*. But Adi Shankara of Kerala misinterpreted it in favour of the BSO. We have an *Anthyassankara* (EMS) to misinterpret marxism in favour of the *manuvadis*. He could bring Karl Marx to the level of Manu through his Kerala brand communism. In fact, he converted marxism into a first class *Manu Smriti*. That should be burnt not at Bombay but in Kerala itself. Nevertheless we are fortunate to have the essence of *Advaita* and marxism in Ambedkarism, the great political theory of Bahujan liberation. It is this path of liberation that Kanshi Ram and Mayawati have cleared for us. Let the *Cheralites* move through this path and enter the temple of political power.

(Editor's Note on p. 9)

# Unity of Dalits, Ezhavas & poor Muslims

*We are planning a one-day "Heart-searching session for Kerala Dalits" as announced in DV of Jan. 1, 2004 p.23. This will be at Cochin. We want Brother Jayprakash, one of our senior DV family members from Kerala, to assist us in convening such a session. Kerala Dalits are torn into innumerable political parties, factions, subcaste associations etc. Too much of confusion.*

*At the same time they are also fast getting hinduised.*

*The rush to Sabarimala is increasing. Brahmins and Nairs rarely go there. Like those flies flocking round the burning lamp and dying, our people are being fried alive. The Hindu nazis have manufactured a fisherwoman Mata to promote Hindu-Muslim clashes. Instead of joining with Dalits, the Ezhavas are going behind **manuwadi** marxists. Both the Syrian Antony and the Nair stooge Karunakaran are wing with each other to push Kerala into nazi fold. Dalit Christians are*

*disturbed. The leader of the poor, revolutionary Muslims, Abdul Nasser Madani, is rotting in Coimbatore jail for several years without any charges. Kerala is ripe for a nazi take over. So, in this crucial junction, the only people who can save Kerala are the Dalits. Hence the importance of the Cochin "heart-searching meet". We want Jayprakash to prepare the blueprint for such a meet — **EDITOR.***

## Political Sociology of

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Assertion

PRAKASH LOUIS

India's Brahminical rulers, who practice the worst form of racism in the world, were shocked when the Untouchables of India took their case to Durban (2001) and exposed their best kept secret at the international level.

The rulers used the entire state power and their Brahminical monopoly media to deny the charges but the world refused to believe their lies. The author, who has done considerable spade work to facilitate the Dalit case to go to Durban, exposes one after the other frauds who tried to hide the Indian brand of apartheid.

He rebuts fake social scientists like Andre Batelle who questioned the Dalit argument equating casteism with racism. The author says casteism is more horrendous than racism. He also exposes India's Attorney-General, Soti Sorabjee, who defended racism and found fault with Dalits for going to Durban.

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## Editor's latest book release on Feb.22

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** Our Editor, V.T. Rajshekar's latest book, *Weapons to Fight Counter-Revolution*, (DSA-2004) will be released here on Feb.22, 2004 (Sunday) at the Senate Hall, Central College, Bangalore University, near the Mysore Bank Circle.

It will be a day-long function in which Karnataka's top writers, Dalit, Backward, Muslim, Christian leaders will participate. Brother Sridhar, the editor of the *Agni*, a powerful Kannada weekly, heading the state-wide platform of Bahujan writers called *Janamata*, will release the book. The young swamiji of the Chitradurga Murugharajendra Mutt will be the chief guest. The Editor will be present. The morning session will be devoted to the book release function and connected speeches. Afternoon will have a seminar on the book in which prominent writers of the state will participate. *Janamata* wants to make it a historic occasion to mobilise all the Bahujan scholars.

*Dalit Voice* family members in Karnataka and adjoining areas should consider this as an invitation to the function.

(See! also p.7)

## All those who fight Brahmins are bound to be friends of Dalits

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As part of the interesting Debate, "*Who is the enemy of Dalits*", I am writing my thoughts. I think the heading itself is wrong. It should have been "Who are the enemies of Dalits?" Because Dalits have many enemies.

There are four major Untouchable subcastes in Maharashtra — Mahar, Maang or Matang, Chambhar and Dhor. Bhangi Mehetar, Madiga etc. are migrants from other states. Chambhar, Maang and Dhor do not call themselves Dalits. So, the word Dalit is attached only to the Mahars (Budhnists and Ambedkarites).

(1) Chamars hate Mahars. Devrukkar, a Chamar, had tried to disturb the meeting of Dr. Ambedkar at the Maratha Mandir in Bombay. Another Chamar contested in the first parliament election against Dr. Ambedkar on Congress ticket and defeated him. Jagjivan Ram was with the original brahminical party, Congress, throughout his life and enjoyed ministerial posts and Hindu insults till his death. All Chamars support the Congress. They shifted to Shiv Sena-BJP when the Mahars (RPI) started aligning with the Congress.

**Born enemies:** The *Vaidiks* have always engineered enmity between Mahars and Mangs. Mahadeo Shastri Joshi says Mahars and Maangs are born enemies.

Our Editor has repeatedly written about the Law of the Contradictions which says the enemy's enemy is our friend. Then how should we (Mahars) treat the enemy's honest slaves? Are they our brothers, friends or comrades?

(2) Tribals are our cousins. But do they think so? They do not treat us as equals. (3) Dhanagars (shepherds) have been added to the nomadic tribes category. They own more lands compared to Mahars. How can they be our brothers? Dhanagars think themselves pseudo-Maratha, linking themselves with Holkars. They worship Brahminical gods and goddesses.

(4) In Maharashtra, BCs are called OBC (Other Backward Classes). Here they are super Hindus. Many of them are richer than the ruling Marathas. For example, Sonars (goldsmiths) call themselves Devadnya Brahmins. Often they are leaders in communal riots. Descendants of Mahatma Phule have started calling themselves Marathas. They are unpaid soldiers of Brahmins. How can they be our cousins?

The Editor has written "BCs have not produced a single liberator and saviour of all-India influence like Babasaheb". But elsewhere the Editor says:

"Budha, Kabir, Phule, Shahu Maharaj were BCs. Babasaheb himself was the product of three BC movements".

But tell me who has stopped them from following the ideals of Shahu, Phule, Kabir or Budha? Who has stopped them to walk on the path shown by them? How can we consider BCs as our brothers?

**Marathas as friends:** (5) Our Editor knows much better about the ruling *shudras* all-over India. The Marathas are far better than our cousins (SC/ST/BC). Vitthal Ramji Shinde, a Maratha, has written in his book, *Bharitiya Asprashyatecha Prashna*, that Mahars and Marathas are cousins to create social equality. Karmveer Bhaurao Patil, another Maratha, started an education society (Rayat Education Society). He opened boarding schools for the poor. So many, BC, Untouchable and poor Bahujan students could get education through those schools and colleges. I am also a product of one such school and boarding. Y.B. Chavan, a famous Maratha leader, gave reservations to the Untouchables converted to Buddhism. Prof. M.M. Deshmukh was the first to expose Swarni Ramdas, a Brahmin saint, as a traitor. Dr. A.H. Salunke exposed how *vaidiks* killed great Bahujan saint, Tukaram, and spread rumours that he (Tukaram) went to the heavens directly with body. Sharad Patil resigned from the Communist Party protesting Brahminical dominance and formed his Phule-Ambedkarvadi Communist Party. So many Marathas are in the movement and attacking Brahminism. They are really honest in their thinking. If the Enemy's enemy is our friend then such honest workers are definitely our friends.

**Christians, Muslims & Sikhs:** Their only mistake is their craze for power and pride. Sharad Pawar, a Maratha strongman, broke away from the Congress. He had a chance to be the Prime Minister of India but he prostrated before P.V. Narasimha Rao.

(6) Christians are the last to leave Hinduism and enter Christianity. That is how the caste system is still continuing. Missionaries have built separate churches for different subcastes. Dalit Christians are poor but

more orthodox and stubborn. Many Christians are blood relatives of Ambedkarites. But in thinking, both are poles apart.

Most of the Indian Muslims are from BCs and Untouchables. They are now at the receiving end. Dalits need them to fight Brahminism. But do they like Dalits? I have some doubts.

Sikhs believe in Hindu gods like Rama, Krishna, Brahma. Caste system is still prevalent among Sikhs. The programme of *hinduising* the Sikhs has already

## Dalit movement will not march without SC-BC unity

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On the occasion of "Jai Bhim Mela" held at Bhillai some Budhist workers distributed pamphlets of "22 Pledges" prescribed by Dr. Ambedkar. A BJP leader criticised these workers for this. One Mahar family called a Christian missionary to his home. Some Budhist (Mahar) worker complained against the Christian missionary to the same BJP leader who brought police and threatened the Christian missionary. Our Budhist workers are playing mischief against their own caste brothers.

In Mahasamund (Chhattisgarh), four tractors and Christian religious books kept in a house was set on fire on Oct. 1, 2003 by some Hindu nazi workers led by Dr. Vimal Chopra. Four sweepers were arrested. The Hindu nazis honoured these sweepers.

But Chandrabhan Prasad wants to punish these Dalit sweepers but excuse the criminal Hindu nazis who instigated them. When CBP asks:

"How can you fight Bush if he sends his army to kill Dalits of India unless you defeat his army. White or Black?" (DV Oct. 1, 2003 p. 17).

**Discard *vaidik* gods:** CBP perhaps does not know the unthinking BCs are the army of upper castes. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar has said if you want to destroy the caste system cut its roots, hit on the head of the snake and not its tail. Who is right, Dr. Ambedkar or CBP?

CBP says:

"If at all you wish to punish Brahmin, you have to punish the *shudra* first". (DV Oct. 1, 2003 p. 17).

Where are the *shudras* among today's Hindus? All those *shudras*, who were brought into the fourth *varna*, had been wiped out by the Brahmins. They created a good out of Krishna to deceive the BCs. How could a

started. Many Sikhs believe themselves as part of Hinduism.

All Untouchables are brothers but there is a great deal of rivalry between different subcastes. In Maharashtra, the Untouchables are divided into Budhists (Dalits) and non-Budhist (Hindu). *Vaidiks* have targeted Budhists but woo others.

*Vaidiks* no doubt are our Enemy No. 1. So all those who oppose *vaidiks* and fight them are bound to be our friends. ■

god take birth in lower (Yadava) caste? To fool the entire BCs and Dalits, the Brahmins manufactured two cock and bull stories, the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*. Only when the Dalits and BCs discard these two *vaidik*-created gods, Rama and Krishna, the *Hindutva* movement will die a natural death.

The need is to create awareness among Dalits and BCs — not to make them fight each other. Stoooges among Dalits and BCs may support the Hindu nazi movement but without the unity of Dalits and BCs, Ambedkarite movement will never succeed. Some individuals among Dalits and BCs may commit atrocities on each other. Both should be punished by the court of law. But the truth is Dalits and BCs are the principal persecuted nationalities denied human rights by the Brahminical society and hence they are not the enemy of each other. ■

### CBP is wrong

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Chandrabhan Prasad is totally wrong in saying that the BCs are the enemy of Dalits. The BCs are good friends of Dalits. Only the Brahmins are the real enemy. Dr. Ambedkar is the product of the struggle of many BC leaders like Chatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Periyar E. V. Ramaswami etc.

I am a Chamar Govt. employee from Eastern UP. I am impressed by the "*caste identity*" thesis of our Editor. Chamar is the single largest Dalit group, almost one-third of the total SC population in UP. Chamars are in Northern India. Southern Chamars go by the name of Madiga. Kanshi Ram, Sister Mayawati are also Chamars. ■

# SC-BC unity is must to gain power

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Unity of all the oppressed is the aim of self-rule. Where do we stand to achieve such a self-rule? What is the hindrance under the present system of democracy where it is one man, one vote, one value. The majority ought to get power.

I have had one unique experience for any sort of unity among the have-nots in a village called Nunnur, 50 kms from Bangalore. It was a govt. scheme to provide free house-sites of 5 cents to the site-less families. The aim was to recognise the citizenship of every family. The second aim was to break the caste barrier in villages by mixing all deserving castes.

In Nunnur, about 10 Holeya (Dalit) families were identified for house-sites. There was no govt. land. Hence it was imperative to acquire suitable private land to form house-sites. There was this man, Thimmiah, a Holeya, who was a bonded labour. All his sons were also landed labourers under the same landlord. Thimmaiah was against the scheme as it wanted to include the touchable Dalits.

The other Untouchable leaders of the village also felt the same and the whole noble scheme fell through.

## Michael Jackson embraces Islam

Famous pop singer Michael Jackson embraced Islam and became a member of the Black Muslim organisation, the Nation of Islam, led by Louis Farrakhan on Dec.17, 2003, according to reports. He is projecting himself as Jacko X. His brother Jermain Jackson had brought Farrakhan's chief of staff Leonard Muhammad into Jackson's inner-circle. According to Fox, Jermaine Jackson, another ex-member of the Jackson five family group, converted to Islam in 1989. Jackson has recently been formally charged with child molestation. (*Radiance* Dec.28, 2003 - Jan.3, 2004).

## B.D. Mahay visit to Punjab

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I will be in India from Feb.15 till March and would like to meet Indian Ambedkarites (activists), especially friends whom I missed last year. My contact in India would be: Kothi No. 618 - Urban Estate, Phagwara, Punjab, Ph: 18226 -27 02 13.

*Brother B.D. Mahay is our family member from UK. Brother Gurnam Singh Muktsar, a noted Ambedkarite intellectual and Dalit leader from Punjab, will meet Mahay on our behalf — EDITOR.*

During the recent Kargil skirmish, I was at Jodhpur for six months. A life-size statue of Manu, the Brahmin lawgiver, was installed at the premises of the High Court of Rajasthan in Jaipur. I was shocked. Himachal Pradesh had a town, Manali, named after Manu. There is a temple of Manu where an annual fair is held. Again I was shocked as I was brought up in the Ambedkar school of thought.

Yet, I see the need for unity of SC-BC. The arithmetic of gaining political power has to be taught. The caste-class unity of all poor with Dalits and minorities will tilt the balance of power in favour of the have-nots.

It is a bogus thought to portray that Brahmins having come from the head that directs the arms (Kshatriyas) and legs (*shudras*) in a Hindu body. It is very simple that every one having arms and legs also have an independent brain which is capable of thinking and commanding. Brahminism creates hatred among the different SC/ST/BC castes. This hatred will automatically vanish with equal opportunity for educational and economic development. Hence the need for unity of SC/BC/minorities and Tribals is all the more urgent.

## Man who coined *Jai Bhim* neglected

**Nagpur:** A large number of Buddha followers who chant "Jai Bhim", while greeting one another, are neglecting the man who coined this phrase in his centenary year that began on Jan.5

Babu Hardas — the great pioneer — and a neglected leader, who was nicknamed "LN" coined "Jai Bhim" way back on Sept.7, 1931. He had given a final warning to the British Raj during the second Round Table Conference that Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was the sole leader of Dalits in the country.

Babu Hardas was born in 1904 in Kamptee. Since childhood, he took up the cause of Untouchables and highlighted the problems faced by the Dalits through a popular magazine, *Mcharatta*.

However, no documentary evidence is found today to corroborate his great deeds.

(*Lokmat Times*, Jan.6, 2004).

▶ **Amarjit Singh**, 44 - Gowan Road, Willesden, London, NW10 2SH, UK: Why should the educated Dalits want to bring about a change? They do not need to. Change will be brought about by the people who need it. Muslims, Christians and Sikhs have not forgotten their commitment. Only the rich Muslims, Christians and Sikhs fall into this category. Only the section of these groups who need change will bring it about. If there is a "sunset", as you claim, then this is one of a temporary nature. Things have moved on in the last 50 years. Who knows what the next 50 will bring. A system which took nearly a 1,000 years to come into existence will not go away in 20 or 30. If "Marx failed in Hindu India", as you claim, (or more correctly the upper caste marxists failed in Hindu India - deliberately) then he was not a total success elsewhere either. But he can never be ignored. Neither can Dr. Ambedkar in India. Both will not go away in India. Marx or marxism refuses to die down in the West as well. It is too early to draw conclusions. Contradictions can be smoothed over only temporary. Over a long period they will come up. This is the eternal law, looked at from a marxist viewpoint or Ambedkarite viewpoint. History does not move in a straight line but in a zig zag fashion. Like the universe itself, history too is queerer than we think it is. Whatever happens, you have been assured a place in Dalit history. You need not be sad.

▶ **Advocate Ahmad Ali Sheikh**, 51/F - Johnson Road, Dhaka - 1100: Your role to emancipate the Backward Castes has encouraged me a lot. Actually I am grateful to you. ANGO we have set up. *Confidence* through its project movement for love care and justice is destined (a) to develop creative thinking and adaptive practices, (b) helps them to attain self-reliance, (3) provides them shelters, medical facilities and education, (d) wed-locks the orphan damsels, (e) trains the orphans, widows and other poor up in professions, vocations, trades, (f) arranges eye camps, (g) resists women oppression, (h) prevents drug and narcotic abuse, (i) eliminates crimes, (j) encourages freedom of thought and defend the public right, (k) ensures supply of safe drinking water of underprivileged people. *Confidence* has also its all-extensive legal-aid program and economic development pursuit. We need your support.

▶ **Dr. Dorothy Anne Masters**, Anthropologist, c/o 28 - Bridge Road, Woolston, Southampton, SO19 7GQ, UK: Lindsey Hilsum of the Channel-4, 124 - Horsesherry Road, London, SW1P2TX, in a report on Monrovia on Aug. 11, 2003 referred to Charles Taylor as a *pariah*. I do not

know if he knows that the word *pariah* refers to 160 million people in India (three times the population of the UK) who are insulted daily who are humiliated and relegated to the dregs of society and who are considered so vile that it is forbidden to even touch them. They are *pariahs* or the Untouchables of India. My daughter is married to a Brahmin. I have lived in India for 15 years and I have watched with mounting abhorrence the terrible treatment by Indians to Indians in this god-forsaken place. The systematic persecution of *pariahs* began some 5,000 years ago and is still practiced by Hindus who have the authority of their bible (*Bhagvad Gita*), which gives these *pariahs* the lowest place in society.

"Animals, drums, illiterates, low castes and women are worthy to be beaten..." (*Manu Smriti* - another book of Hindu scriptures).

The *pariahs* perform all the menial tasks which the upper castes will not touch. They are to clean lavatories, remove night soil and the carcasses of dead animals, scavenge and sweep the streets. Hinduism divides society into 4 castes:

- (1) The Brahmins - The highest caste.
- (2) The Kshatriyas - the warrior caste.
- (3) The Vaisyas - the merchant caste and
- (4) the Sudras - the working caste (the lowest of the four).

Outside this demarcation which follows hereditary lines comes the Pariahs or Untouchables. Nowadays the *pariahs* or Untouchables call themselves Dalits. The *pariahs* occupy hovels just outside the villages of the upper castes. They eke out a bare existence. They have separate wells and even separate churches. These churches are called "trouser churches" to prevent "*pariahs* and others from touching each other". These "trouser churches" were the brainchild of an Italian Jesuit, Roberto de Nobili (1577-1656). So deep is the caste system buried in the Hindu psyche that it affects even foreigners in India. V.T. Rajshekar, Editor of *Dalit Voice*, writes of how Mother Theresa (yes the famous Mother Theresa) refused to meet certain Christians because they were Untouchables. The disabilities suffered by the *pariahs* are discussed in the book, *The Untouchables of India*, by Robert Deliege. William Dalrymple on p.115 of his book, *Age of Kali*, says:

"... at it's worst (the caste system) is a form of divinely ordained serfdom; it can also be reassuring protection against anarchy."

The truth is far from being divinely ordained. It was a cunning scheme dreamed up by the Brahmins to get someone to do the unsavoury jobs that required doing, while reserving for themselves the role of guardian as in Plato's *Republic*. The Pariahs have come round to the

view that this is a gigantic fraud perpetrated on them. What could be reassuring about 160 million *pariahs* cowed and humiliated every day of their lives while the Brahmins have the best of everything in society. Their silence must not be mistaken for acceptance of the status quo. Listen to the speeches of Kanshi Ram and Laloo Prasad of Bihar. And because Hindus consider themselves exclusive and superior, they are hated all over the world: in Fiji, in Guyana, in Uganda, Kenya, Trinidad, Great Britain, South Africa — wherever they go. In 1953, in Guyana violent clashes erupted between Hindus and the indigenous people reducing their capital city, Georgetown, to charred rubble. And again in South Africa in 1949, tension between Hindus and the indigenous people led to hundreds being slaughtered. The trouble as always was with their religion. Implicit in all the clashes was the caste system. Gandhi is always portrayed in history as a man who stood for the abolition of the caste system. Nothing can be farther from the truth. He was no friend of the Untouchables although he called them "the children of god". This is what Vikram Seth says in his book, *A Suitable Boy* (Phoenix), on p. 1039:

According to Gandhi: "... a cobler should remain a cobbler, as sweeper a sweeper, that according to me is Hinduism.

**Roopali Rokade**, C/8/6 - Kumar Samruddhi, Tingrenagar Road, Vishranwadi, Pune - 411 005: The birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule (Jan.3) was celebrated in Maharashtra as women's liberation day. She opened the first ever school for Untouchable girls in MS in 1852 and faced severe humiliation for "stepping beyond the threshold" to educate women. Jyotiba Phule, her husband and social reformer, and she struggled throughout their lives for the cause of widow remarriage and women's education. Ironically, many schools and colleges (especially girls) in Maharashtra worship some abstract goddess Saraswati on special occasion.

**M. Vijay Kumar**, H.No. 5-12-337/1, Priyadarshini Colony, Nalgonda - 508 001: I am very much impressed by your writings though I have not read all your books. My primary doubt is why the history of Dalits or true Indians is not highlighted by historians. Naturally the *manuvadi* media won't do this but why the Dalit intellectuals are not aware of these facts? Why they are not highlighting this? These truths are not known by common Dalit who is in village, and a common university student studying history. Then what about poor Dalits who will take this good news to them? Please clear my doubt. I am a student at Kakatiya University doing PG in science (microbiology).

*The Brahminical ruling class bid to corrupt and co-opt "educated" Dalits has made them betray their father, Dr. Ambedkar. Instead of following his "Three Commandments" — Educate, Agitate, Organise — and becoming lions and tigers they used the reservation facilities to seek personal gains and thereby played into the hands of the Enemy and became pigs and lambs. Our "educated" (reserved) Brothers should have been our guide to action to further the revolution launched by Babasaheb. Instead, they became part of the counter-revolution. They betrayed Babasaheb and also the community — EDITOR.*

**P.K. Mandal**, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, K. Patan, Bundi dt. Rajasthan - 323 601: I am a Dalit from Bengal now working here. I have come across your magazine and liked it very much. In Bengal, we do not experience much untouchability though it is there in hundred different ways. My boyhood friends very much resent that we Dalits get good jobs though being "less intelligent" than them. But they don't practice untouchability against us. It is also the case in Delhi or in other parts of Rajasthan. However, I would like to know the situation prevailing in your area. Some years back, I read in newspaper that certain Hindu forced an SC boy to eat human excreta in Kerala. Of all places in Kerala? I also think Brahminism down from *ipanishtadic* days is not an one-dimensional concept. I value your opinion.

*Untouchability is not only physical but more so mental. In cities physical racism is not there because of the urban anonymity. But that doesn't mean there is no untouchability. More educated, the Hindus become more caste conscious. Formerly they used to kill us through physical violence, now they torture us and resort to slow killing. Mental torture is more serious than instant death. The Hindus never change. They only improve their technic of exploitation. The latest technic is killing us by "loving" us. Gandhi was the father of this *Haitijan* humbug — EDITOR.*

**Tikesh Makwana**, 23 - Pratapnagar Society, Rajpur, Ahmedabad - 380 021: Three cheers to *Dalit Voice* and to you in particular for completing the long span of 23 years without a single break. A historic achievement indeed. The name of DV will be certainly written in glorious and golden letters in the annals of Indian journalism. Last fortnight, I raised a question at a meeting while debating the Dalit literature. Some critics say the Dalit literature does not fall within the "mainstream literature". When 85% of our population is Dalit, downrighted and "minorities", they only constitute the "mainstream". The remaining 15% of the upper castes

(Hindu) are outside this "mainstream". They were silenced. This is also the case with DV. Certainly DV itself is the mainstream journalism. Hope it would reach the maximum Dalits. Wish DV the brightest future.

*Brother Tikesh is a new-comer into the DV family. He came only 10 years ago. But our association with Gujarat is as old as 1981 when we launched DV. It was during this period the Patel, Brahmin and other upper castes launched India's first "caste war" against Dalits. The Dalit Panthers of Gujarat then headed by Ramesh Chandra Parmar contacted us and we rushed to Ahmedabad, addressed several meetings, met Muslims and asked them to extend every support. DV made history in Gujarat and we had several hundred subscribers. Soon the upper castes managed to neutralise the Dalits and gradually turned them against Muslims. The upper castes deceived the Dalits and gradually hindered (enslaved) them. Several anti-Muslim riots followed. Gujarat Dalit leaders, who were with us, joined the Hindu nazis and DV circulation started falling. Today, Gujarat is one of our weakest states. Whenever DV is strong the Hindu nazis are weak. In Gujarat, DV is weak and hence the rise of Modi, Togadia and such other poisonous creatures. We want to hold a 2-day workshop for senior Dalit members of the DV family in Gujarat. Brother Tikesh will have to play a key role — EDITOR.*

**Gurnam Singh Muktsar.** 2 - Bhagat Singh Nagar, Behind Bus Stand, Muktsar - 152 026: On Dec. 18, I left for Bombay where my book, *Bhauri Lok Neech Kewen Bane*, received the award. I left for Hyderabad where under the presidency of Borker BAMCEF national convention was held. For three days I attended it. For one day, I visited Nanded to see the history of Sikh revolution led by Guru Govind Singh in his last days. Next day, reached Aurangabad to see the Milind College built by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Another function of BAMCEF under the presidency of Gangawane had its session there on Dec. 26 and 27. I attended that too. I visited the Dr. Ambedkar University and College of Arts where Babasaheb resided in a *Gumbad* of the college. His clothes, chairs, bed, walking stick, photographs are kept on display. I also saw a large *peepal* tree which was

### Dalit Voice Editor's book as text in American university

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Your book, *Dalit — The Black Untouchables of India* (Clarity Press, 1987), has gone into third print. There are only 31 copies of the book in stock which I will send you. I will investigate to see if we are able to do another printing. You have to be congratulated for holding the course. It may interest you to know that this book was used as a text at Binghamton University, New York State, last year. (clarity@islandnet.com).

planted by Babasaheb and the stone was laid in 1951. In every room, class room, I found statues and photos of Budha, Babasaheb, Phule and Kabir. Students and teachers greeted me saying *Jai Bhim*. Then I went to the Ajanta caves where I found great memories of Budha. In one corner *trishuls* were stored. This is the mischief of Hindu nazis. At Ellora, I found Budha wearing a cross-thread. His statues are *hinduised*. Some caves are used by leather workers who create a very bad smell there. Before April 14, I will launch the Dalit Chintna Sahitya Manch (DV Jan. 16, 2004 p. 15). I am in contact with our people. When we gettogether for that purpose, in some part of Punjab, we will have a DV workshop also.

**Premji.** J-2, Doctors Qtrs., Maharaniipeta, Visakhapatnam - 530 002: I was a DV family member for a decade (1986 to 1996) but discontinued it from 1996 to 2002 due to personal reasons. Again from 2003,

I have rejoined the DV. I find lot of changes in DV. Many great people are contributing articles with authority. Recent articles by a thoracic surgeon and a paediatric surgeon are very encouraging. I suggest you to start a page for health for the benefit of DV family. Doctors from various specialties should form a panel and give answers to the questions raised in DV. I suggest the name *Jeevaka* for this column as he was a great surgeon during Budha's time and a physician to Budha.

**A. Xavier,** Dept. of English, St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Dindigul - 624 001: Please take all steps to hold a "Conclave of 100 best brains" as planned by you earlier. Let us start this forum. It should be the lighthouse for all Dalit movements. Your Editorial of Jan. 1, 2003, "*Soft Hinduva*", is excellent. I read it thrice.

**Asgar Ali,** Gen. Secretary, RPI, Karnataka Unit, MF 5/ 2 - E Block, Nandini Layout, Bangalore - 560 096: This refers to Bhim Sena leader Shyam Sunder predicting "*Zionist plot to dominate the world*" 32 years ago (DV Oct. 16, 2001 p. 11). I am from Gulbarga and spent all my childhood days there when it had no city bus service. Six passenger trains used to pass through Gulbarga. Now there are about 30. Electricity was mostly generated by MSK Mills and a tiny powerhouse used to generate electricity only up to 12 midnight. There used to be only 6 private cares. Hindu-Muslim unity was good. I remember the greatest leader of Gulbarga, Janab B.

Shyam Sunder, clad in *sherwani* and black Rampuri topi. He used to speak fluent Urdu which was the only language spoken there. He promoted Dalit-Muslim unity. I also remember the way he made bonfire of Hindu gods (photos) near the Teerandaz theatre, Jagat, in a Dalit colony in the late 50s. This tank road is named after B. Shyam Sunder. He was very witty, intelligent, sober and above all a man of character. I have seen him riding *tongas*. He used to chew pan, just like a Nawab of Hyderabad. Shyam Sunder was close to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. I know Shivram Moga, now national vice president of RPI of Gulbarga, was the closest associate of Shyam Sunder. I remember Shyam Sunder telling us that all the Brahmins, particularly the Saraswat Brahmins, were originally from the seventh race of Jews settled in India's west coast. What all he predicted came true. He had said: 1. The Aryans are invaders of India, (2) all the best brains of the communist movement were Jews, (3) the UNO helped spread of Jewish state in the heart of Arab land, (4) the 1967 war of aggression of Israel has annexed the area 3 times its former size and displaced over 1.5 million Arabs supported by an Anglo-American conspiracy, (5) President Nasser was a stooge of the West and (6) the Arabs were complacent and disunited.

**Gopal Shetty**, "Aradhana", Indrani Temple Road, Udupi - 576 102: DV has become an elixir for my enlightenment. Some original thinkers contribute their precious ideas and thus enrich the dignity of the magazine. Needless to say that your writings are panacea for those who are intellectually degenerated and tarnished with moral degradation under the tentacles of our priestly class. But it is really a tragi-comedy that they are still lying in deep slumber.

**Pradip Sethi**, Alhamraia, Puri - 752 002: Referring to the Editor's note to the Letter of Shreemath Jena (DV Dec:1, 2003 p.17) and other remarks regarding DV workshop, we support the nature, intention and tactics of our Editor to select the best brains through such a workshop to carry the movement. Congratulations. Yes. Selecting a group of small but committed leaders is the need of the hour. Our movement needs more lieutenants as we lack it. From Babasahab to DV or BSP speaks these facts. Look at the results of the latest Assembly elections and BJP's performance. We can't ignore the Hindu nazi group leadership formula. It is a group leadership based on human psychology and idea of responsibility-sharing. So it is crucial in the changing socio-political situation for us to come out from our drawing room to share the responsibility to strengthen our chain of strength. Selecting Orissa as the next

experimental centre by our Editor is interesting. The caste composition of Orissa is:

Dalit-Tribal population is about 40%. Upper castes (Brahmin, Kayasth etc.) is at best 8%.

But the real head ache for us is there is no Backward Caste awareness against Brahminism. And the greatest danger lies in the Tribals getting fast Brahminised. And to confuse the whole thing some *manuwardi* marxists are controlling some NGOs which in turn control Dalit organisations. In short, the rulers are trying to take control of the opposition seat also. So, in this background selecting DV family members, taking ones conceptual clarity, organizational skill in Orissa's context is important. The matured psychologist, like the Editor of DV, who knows Dalits better with the support of senior members like B.K. Nag, K.M. Tanti, P.K. Jena and others can do that task. The director and founder of NISWAS, Dr. R.K. Nayak, IAS (Retd), has agreed to provide his institution for this purpose. However, everything depends upon the outcome of the DV readers workshop of Lucknow.

*All attention is now concentrated on the Lucknow DV workshop (Jan.23 and 24). After that we will take up the Orissa one. Meanwhile the core group may identify the senior-most members of DV and hold a preliminary meeting at Brother R.K. Nayak's Institute (NISWAS) and also report on its suitability. We also need a socio-cultural-political situation report on Orissa. What are the tricks adopted by the tiny Patnalkis (Kayasths) to keep themselves as rulers? What are the caste contradictions between Brahmins and Patnalkis? — EDITOR.*

**S.P. Singh**, Taktiapar, Danapur, PO Digha, Patna - 800 012: Your Editorial of Dec.16, 2003: "*Language imperialism of upper caste rulers which slaves cannot see through*", is a complete examination of the overall problem of our slavery. This Editorial should be read, understood and preserved as a bible, as well as a constitution for the solution of all our problems. The very concept of SC/ST/BC/minority unity and political power cannot materialise unless we get proper education. And no education is possible without the help of this universal language. Side by side with our education through English, we have to pay attention to mathematics. We cannot get into any education of higher sciences and technology without the help of maths. Please set up a committee of your own at Bangalore to examine the syllabus prescribed by CBSE. It is all confusing. Our children as well as teachers cannot go through it properly. What we could not understand as a BA student in maths is now being taught in class IX and X. Dishonest upper

caste people get their children succeed through underhand means. Ranjit episode in Bihar and all over India is one example. I shall be writing articles on learning English and maths regularly. I shall get them published in a book form. You may publish it in DV. Education first, organisation next, political power will be the last result. You deserve my thanks for this very good article.

**Sher Singh**, ex-IAS, Flat No. 32, 247/1 - Minno Park, Alipore, Calcutta - 700 027: CNBC reports that the number of persons employed in India fell from 282 lakhs to 273 lakhs during the last five years quoting the report published by the Govt. of India. This comes to 3.19% less in employment figures for the country. To this must be added the total debt burden of the country which comes to Rs. 11 lakh crores in 2001. West Bengal's debt burden stood at Rs. 70,000 crores in 2002 and is paying Rs. 7,500 crores as interest per year out of its almost bankrupt treasury. God save the country folks.

*But the Vajpayee Govt. is giving full page ads in the press announcing "India Shining". But Brother Sher Singh says "India sinking" — EDITOR.*

**R.A. Diwaker**, Social worker, Indiranagar - Jaitipur road, Ghatampur, Kanpur - 209 206: George Bush is the biggest terrorist and also promoter of terrorism. He killed thousands and thousands innocent Afghans in the pretext of catching or killing Osama bin Laden. But where is bin Laden now? Saddam Hussein attacked Iran with the support and guidance of USA. Then why Bush attacked Iraq? Why this sudden hatred for Saddam? Saddam is popular in Iraq and he is a "secular" person. Bush did not find the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. But he killed hundreds of innocent Iraqi people. He violated the UN mandate. So you are right in accusing Bush as the world's greatest terrorist.

**M.A. Khan**, TC 43/211, Kamaleswaram, Manacaud, Trivandrum - 695 009: In DV Dec. 16, 2003 p.15 Letters column, one Brother Mohammed from Malappuram dt. of Kerala has informed his inability to pay for the subscription of *Dalit Voice* as he is a poor. Your remarks below the Letter recommends somebody supporting him for paying the subscription. Please arrange to send DV to Muhammed and I will pay for it.

**Abdul Rahman**, Central Jail Hospital, Coimbatore - 641 018: I am proud of you — a hero of "*Persecuted Nationalities Denied Human Rights*". Woman was the first human being that tasted bondage. Woman was a slave before the slave existed. In India, there are 9,000 dowry deaths every year. So it is time to act for their welfare. Give coverage in DV about gender discrimination, unfair and unjust acts practised against

them. Kindly guide them to achieve their mission. I am receiving DV regularly through my advocate.

**Dr. P.C. Ray**, A-76, Shalimar Garden-II, Sahibabad - 201 005: The 117th birth anniversary of Mahendra Nath Karan (1886-1928) was observed here on Dec. 14, 2003. He was a pioneering writer of Bahujan literature from Bengal. Ranjit Kumar Mandal, a noted writer and social worker from Kochbhar, West Bengal, spoke on the life and writings of Ambika Charan Chaudhuri, recipient of the Mahendra Nath Karan prize-2003. Dr. P.C. Ray, president of Delhi Poundra Sangha, spoke about the trends in Bahujan literature in Bengali language. Jagadish Mandal, president of All-India Rajvanshi Forum, threw light on the problems and solutions of development of Bahujan people in Bengal. Dr. A.K. Mondal, professor of Maulana Azad Medical College, Dr. Panna Lal, Prof. of the same college, D.N. Roy, officer from Indian Airlines, and Dhritiman Ray Mandal expressed their views on various issues of Bahujan welfare.

**Dr. A.R. Biswas**, "Gairick", 18 - Co-operative Road, Calcutta - 700 070: This is my reply to S. Biswas' article: "*Dalit crooks support Brahmin claim: Indigenous origin of Aryans*" and R.K. Biswas'. "*Dr. Ambedkar never changed his opinion on Aryans*" (DV Sept. 16, 2003 p.16). On the foreign origin of the Aryans, Dr. Ambedkar's view was:

... The theory is based on nothing but pleasing assumptions and inferences based on such assumptions. ... The theory is a perversion of scientific investigation. It is not allowed to evolve out of fact. On the contrary the theory is preconceived and facts are selected to prove it.

The theory of the Aryan race is just an assumption and no more. It is based on a philological proposition put forth by Dr. Bopp in his book called *Comparative Grammar*, 1835... From this assumption are drawn two inferences: (1) Unity of race and (2) that race being the Aryan race. The argument is that if the languages are descended from a common ancestral speech then there must have existed a race whose mother tongue it was and since the mother tongue was known as the Aryan tongue the race who spoke it was the Aryan race. The existence of a separate and a distinct Aryan race is thus an inference only. From this inference is drawn another inference which is that of a common original habitat. (1) is thus an inference from an inference...

The theory of **invasion** is an invention. This invention is necessary because of a gratuitous assumption which underlies the Western theory... The third assumption is that the Aryans were a superior race. This theory has its origin in the belief that the Aryans are a European race, it is presumed to be superior to the

Asiatic races. Knowing that nothing can prove the superiority of the Aryan race better than invasion and conquest of native races, the Western writers have proceeded to invent the story of the invasion of India by the Aryans and the conquest by them of the *Dasas* and *Dasyus*. The fourth assumption is that the European races were White and had a colour prejudice against the dark races. Not one of these assumptions is borne out by facts.

The Aryan race theory is so absurd that it ought to have been dead long ago. But far from being dead the theory has a considerable hold upon the people. There are two explanations which account for this phenomenon. The first explanation is to be found in the support which the theory receives from Brahmin scholars. This is a very strange phenomenon. But the Brahmin scholar has not only no such aversion but he most willingly hanes it. The reasons are obvious. The Brahmin believes in the two-nation theory. He claims to be the representative of the Aryan race and he regards the rest of the Hindus as descendants of the non-Aryans. The theory helps him establish his kinship with the European races and share their arrogance and their superiority. (Invasion/conquest) help him maintain and justify his over lordships over the non-Brahmins. (*Writings/Speeches*, Vol. 7 pp.78-80: *Who were the Shudras*).

In other words, Dr. Ambedkar does not support the Brahmin claim that the Aryans came from outside. The Brahmins do never claim that they have been of indigenous origin. Hence the question of Dr. Ambedkar and his supporters claiming the foreign origin of the Aryans does not arise. Unfortunately S. Biswas of Calcutta with Talukdar and Sunil Das has interchanged the two claims: The Brahmin claim has been attributed to Dr. Ambedkar and his supporters whereas that of the latter to the former. This distortion of Dr. Ambedkar's text is, to use the public school language, the height of bad form. Besides, it has wrongly dubbed Dr. Ambedkar and his supporters with the nauseating title "Dalit crooks". The word "crook" means a criminal, dishonest person (the *Compact Oxford Reference Dictionary*, 2001 p. 194). It does not stand to reason how an opponent can be a criminal or dishonest person. On the other hand, S. Biswas is a criminal since he has committed a crime w/s 500 IPC for calling Dr. Ambedkar and his supporters "Dalit crooks" by way of distortion of Dr. Ambedkar's text i.e. by falsehood. In 1861, Max Muller spoke in his *Science of Language* (pp.211-2) of an Aryan race, an Aryan family. However, at the 8th International Congress of the Orientalists (1892), he repudiated this and pointed out:

We must remember that when we say Aryans we predicate nothing but language, we say nothing about skulls, or hair or eyes or skin. The blue eyes and the noble people of the Aryas are pure invention.

By the nineties of the 20th century, new researches started and a number of learned treatises have come out. Thus S.G. Talageri published in 1993 *The Aryan Invasion Theory: A reappraisal* and in 1994 David Frawley (*Vamadeva Shastri*) gave *The Myth of the Aryan Invasion of India*. They have repudiated the Aryan invasion theory. It is stated by Frawley (p. 14):

The Aryan invasion theory is an example of European colonisation turned into an historical model. (*In Vedic Aryan and the Origins of Civilisations*, 1995, N.S. Rajaram.)

David Frawley concluded (p.11):

The basic point to be noted is that the theory (of the invasion) once formulated was treated as an established fact and as subsequent findings were interpreted as deriving from it. And these interpretations were themselves later offered as proof of the theory. A prime example of it is of course the interpretation of the ruins of Harappa and Mohenjodaro as the result of the invasion; later this interpretation itself became the proof of the invasion. This is called a tautology or a circular argument. In effect, the theory in due time becomes its own proof.

Frawley further points out that the *Amarkosa* defines it (a lexicon of about 500 AD) thus: *Mahakula-Kulinarys-Sahhya-Sajjana-Sadhavah*, meaning "An Arya is one who hails from a noble family, of gentle behaviour and demeanor, good natured and of righteous conduct". There is no mention of race or nationality. The most common use of the word Arya in classical Sanskrit is an honorific as in addressing people. Arya Chanakya simply is equivalent to Mr. Chanakya. Addressing a man as Arya is equivalent to calling him "Sir" in English or *Monstier* in French (*Ibid*, pp.18-9). Dr. Biswas never calls himself "a learned pundit". It is S. Biswas's inferiority complex that takes on an aggressive form according to Jung and gives him this epithet. Dr. Ambedkar quotes from Prof. Ghurye's *Caste and Race in India* (p. 301):

Taking the Brahmin of the UP as the typical representative of the ancient Aryans we shall start comparisons with him. The table for Bengal shows that the Chandai who stands sixth in the scheme of a social precedence and whose touch pollutes is not much differentiated from the Brahmin from whom Kayasthas, second in rank, can hardly be said to be distinguished.

Prof. Ghurye mentions the Chuttra of the Punjab, the Chamar of Bihar and the like. From these Dr. Ambedkar (*The Untouchables*, p. 302) ) observed:

These measurements establish that the Brahmin and the untouchables belong to the same race. If the Brahmins are Aryans the Untouchables are also Aryans.

A person not conversant with the technicalities of anthropometry is not in a position to grasp its implications properly. Unfortunately this has happened in the case of S. Biswas and he has called Dr. Biswas' quotation from Dr. Ambedkar as misinterpretation. One should be careful in using such an expression. The trouble with Biswas is that he has a mismatch here of a layman's conception of Brahmin with its anthropometrical definition. He may consult with profit Risley's *Tribes and Castes of Bengal* and the *People of India* and can know the relative percentage of dolichocephalic, mesocephalic and brachycephalic heads of Brahmins and Namasukdas as recorded by R.P. Chanda in his *The Indo-Aryan Races* (reprint, 1969, at p.33). Also he may read the observation of Dr. S.K. Chatterjee in his Bengali book, *Bhasatavter Bhannika*, 1936 at p.54:

In physical structure, the Brahmins of Bengal show greater affinities with castes other than Brahmins such as Kayastha, Nabasak, Namahsudra than they have with the best Brahmins of Kanauj of Aryavarta. This is a matter for concern.

S. Biswas has also referred to Dr. Niharrajan Ray's *Bangalir Itihasa, Adi Parva* (1980 at p.36) in which he has observed thus:

Namasudras deserve first mention. Like the upper caste men they are middle-sized in structure and head-form and their nose is sharp and elevated. Their eyes and skin ordinarily resemble in colour with those of the Brahmin, Vaidyas and Kayastha. However, in the Smiriti-ruled Hindu society their position is so low that it is not found in their anthropometry. This may be found in the history of their class-struggle or in their socio-political history.

S. Biswas calls the Namasudras Chandals, though this appellation is not their proper epithet. The Chandal epithet was thrust upon them, for the list given in James Hastings' *Encyclopaedic of Religion and Ethics*, Vol. II, p.551, does not include the Namasudras. Moreover the 1911 census outlaws Chandals for the Namasudras. Hence, any violation of this brings it within the purview of Sec.500 IPC. It seems S. Biswas is not aware of this. The discussion of Shudras, Dasas and Dasvus is likely to prolong it beyond the confines of a letter. Hence this is abandoned? Ranjit Biswas however is a poseur — he poses to be what he is not. Thus he tries to avoid the simple question: In which volume of Dr. Ambedkar's *Writings and Speeches* is the foreign origin of the Aryans to be found? The answer is very simple. He should name

the volume and indicate the page number, if he knows it. It seems he cannot point out the volume and its page number. Since he is an ignoramus, he is beating about the bush to cover his ignorance by calling the question "misleading". He resorts to sophistry. Dr. Ambedkar had this type of intellectuals in mind when he castigated them in these words:

The intellectual classes to whom the masses look for guidance are either too dishonest or too indifferent to educate them in the right direction. (Vol. I p. 96).

Dr. Ambedkar has explained the foreign origin of the Aryans as held by the Brahmins. The so-called intellectuals including B. Biswas, Talukdar, Sunil Das, Ranjit Biswas and the like have sponsored the Brahmin viewpoint and misled the people into accepting the view that Babasahab accepted the foreign origin of the so-called Aryans. This is distortion. To prove this they have quoted their favourite sentence and mismatched diverse quotations from different places out of context. Thus is mentioned D.P. Chattopadhyas book *The History of Indian Science and Technology*. It does not stand to reason how this helps understanding Dr. Ambedkar's view of the Aryans. It is unfortunate that they have not read the latest researches into the subject. They are referred to Dr. Frawley's *The Rigveda and the History of India* (2001), in which the scientist N.S. Rajaram of Bangalore has quoted the expert P.K. Manansala:

Kenneth Kennedy, who has done extensive research on early Indian crania, has stated that the Aryan is missing from the early skeletal record.

Rajaram says:

One thing can safely be asserted: Indians are ancient inhabitants of India and not recent immigrants. The idea that they are recent immigrants from the Northwest due to an Aryan invasion or Aryan migration represents a theoretical fancy that is contradicted by scientific evidence.

In this context the misleading intellectuals should cease talking about the so-called Aryans. Objection has been raised against Dr. Biswas's book, *Bangla O Bangalir Itihasa*, to the effect that some portions have been taken from Dr. Ambedkar's books. A researcher knows that the so-called similarity may be due to the fact that they are taken from the same source. In the alternative there is no harm if something is taken from some other researches. In this age of rapid scientific advances, it is natural. It is the ignoramus of researches who can raise objections. Earlier R. Biswas raised this objection which was met by the author. But this comes up again like Charles' head whenever he has occasion to open his mouth. This is personal vilification of the author and it

should stop once for all. It is irrelevancy. One is reminded here of what Oscar Wild said:

I can stand brute forces. But what I cannot stand is brute reason. For it is hitting below intellect.

The so-called intellectuals belong to this category.

**Ramjanam Ram**, PA, Satram Ganj Bazar, Ghazipur - 232 333: There is a mistake in Ravi Kiran Shinde article, "*BSP vote base is intact but also growing*" (DV Jan. 1, 2004 p.10). Shinde says that BSP won only one seat in

## "Cancer" of the politicians & the middle class mania

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** The recent outburst of Chief Election Commissioner, J.M. Lyngdoh, an upright Mongoloid Christian from North East, against politicians calling them as "cancer on society" has pleased the hearts of the middle class.

The name "middle class" is actually a misnomer because it is a name invented to hide the country's upper castes (15%) who are a minority and yet the country's rulers. The problem is this class itself is suffering from a serious **cancer** of contradictions.

As opinion-makers and mind-manipulators, they want a Minister for every function they organise. Media people who belong to this very class will not attend a function if there is no political VIP. It is these very upper castes who make use of politicians to undertake all their nefarious activities. Yet they hate politicians. Why this contradiction in their behaviour? This contradiction is caused by a peculiar **cancer** they suffer from.

**Stomach ache:** Lyngdoh is an honest officer. He suffers from no cancer like our upper castes. Though we do not agree with his remarks, we cannot attribute any motive to him. A little deeper thinking will convince him that he is wrong. And we are sure he has the honesty to admit that he sang the right music at the wrong time.

Coming back to the **cancer** of these upper castes, we have to examine why they hate the politicians. This is because they hate the rise of a new breed of politicians like Laloo Prasad Yadav, Mayawati and the like.

India's parliamentary democracy, as it comes of age, is gradually passing the political power to the hands of such down-to-earth "lower caste" politicians who do not belong to this **cancer**-ridden "middle class". It

Chhattisgarh. This is wrong. BSP won two seats then and both are SC (Sainami). Their names are Lalsai Khunte and Miss Kamala Jolhe. Shinde article is very interesting.

**V.A.Kumar**, c/o LIPi Computers, Kariavattom PO, Trivandrum - 695 581: I want to join the *Dalit Voice* family. I am working to create Dalit-Muslim unity. The latest book, *Ambedkar on Muslims* by Anand Telumbe has attracted me a lot. ■

is this stomach ache that makes this class to hate politicians. Because every new election pushes power low and lower down. Backward Castes, Untouchables and Tribals are coming up in a big way and capturing political power — so far the monopoly of the upper castes. Hence this stomachache. That is how Lyngdoh's "cancer" speech sounded like a soothing music to these upper castes suffering from stomach ache. There may be some noble souls among upper castes who are exceptions to this rule.

Our upper caste rulers say the politicians are corrupt. But the famous stock market scam that literally brought down the govt. was not caused by the politicians. Harshad Mehta belonged to the upper caste. The latest mother of all scams, the stamp paper scam, has shown that top police officers and bureaucrats, all upper castes, are corrupt.

**Who is not corrupt:** Who is not corrupt in India? Tehalka exposure has shown army generals corrupt. Judiciary's soft corner to our ex-Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and TN Chief Minister Jayalalita, both acquitted of all charges, has shocked the whole country.

Who is not corrupt in India? Journalists, teachers, doctors, lawyers, bankers — none can escape. All those belonging to the cash-rich "middle class" are either bribe-givers or bribe-takers. As long as there is a bribe-giver there is a bribe-taker. Even the bribe-giver is corrupt. He is offering the bribe because he is doing something illegal. Or to cut short the procedure. India itself is ranked as one of the most corrupt countries in the world. And corruption here refers to money corruption. Only the "middle class" is flush with money. From where it got so much of money when the rest of India is hand to mouth and a large section

virtually starving? This "middle class" became rich by robbing the rest of Indians who belonged to the poorer (read "low caste") sections.

It is this corrupt "middle class" that is so much worried about corruption and India's politicians becoming corrupt when the fact is it is this class which is the cause of all our corruption.

**Hating to vote:** This "middle class" only talks but does nothing. It doesn't even go to vote. This is because this class hates to stand in the Q with the "lower castes" who turn up in full strength. What right it has to criticise India's politicians?

This "middle class" boasts that it is the country's think tank. Fine. If this tank applies little thinking it will understand that "politicians" are nothing but the products of our parliamentary democratic system which is the creation of the Constitution of India. When it condemns the politicians, this middle class is actually undermining the very legitimacy of the entire democratic system.

## DV Internet newsletter in America

### FREE PRESS NETWORK (FPN)

**Washington:** Info Times Network, America's independent news-info service, has launched the *Dalit Voice* Web-E-mail newsletter in America to internationalize the human rights movement of Dalit — the Black Untouchables of India, and all its persecuted minorities.

The Internet-Web address of the *Dalit Voice* newsletter is: <http://www.topica.com/lists/daltivoice>. The DV newsletter's website has been linked to the [www.infotimes.net](http://www.infotimes.net), [www.infotimes/net/fpn](http://www.infotimes/net/fpn) and [www.infotimemagazines.com](http://www.infotimemagazines.com) websites.

*Dalit Voice* is a fortnightly English magazine established in 1981 and published from Bangalore, India, to defend the human rights of all "*Persecuted Nationalities Denied Human Rights*". V.T. Rajshekar, an eminent journalist and author of many books based in Bangalore, is the Editor of DV.

Several articles selected from DV and received from other news-info sources will be printed in the DV newsletter every week.

**Hindu terrorism:** After India gained its "independence" (1947) from the British, the ruling upper castes (Hindu) transformed secular democratic India into a *Hindu Rashtira*, imposed their racist, discriminatory and barbaric Brahminical

**Method in madness:** When this "middle class" condemns our politicians (meaning public leaders), they are not mad. There is a method in their madness. When the yuppies condemn politicians, they are actually condemning democracy itself which they hate. They hate it because it is producing persons whom they hate from the bottom of their heart: Laloo Prasad, Mayawati, Phoolan Devi etc.

It is this growing "middle class" which is behind the rise of BJP and made it to appoint a Constitutional Review Commission and tried to kill parliamentary democracy itself and replace it with a presidential system of govt. Fortunately this experiment did not succeed. But that does not mean they have given up their experiment. It is there in the psyche of this class. The psyche is essentially anti-democratic. In other words, dictatorial — which is the other word for *Hindutva*. The country's democratic structure, based on its multi-national character, is itself under threat because of this cancer-ridden, hate-mongering "middle class" mania. ■

ideology to convert over 85% of the non-Hindu into slaves.

Terrorism, barbarism, casteism and racism are the four pillars of Brahminism. They divided, persecuted and enslaved almost all the 1,049,700,118 (US CIA's July 2003 estimate) Indian citizens. That is why billions of persecuted social groups like Dalits, Sikhs, Kashmiris, Pakistanis, Bengalis, Arabs, Muslims, Christians, Jews, Jains, Buddhists, Confucianists, Taoists, Shintoiists, Atheists, other people of the world and even "secular Hindus" strongly oppose Hindu terrorism.

Armed with the information, education and guidance of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (1891-1956), and *Dalit Voice* magazine, the Dalits are still struggling to liberate themselves from the repressive stranglehold of Hindu terrorists. Dalits seek civil rights, equal justice, liberty, education, medical care, jobs and freedom from the barbaric Hindu caste system of Hinduism which is the new name taken by Brahminism.

"Fight Hindu nazis or Surrender: Soft Hindutva no use: It has to be a fight to finish the enemy or total surrender to Brahminism", says DV.  
<http://www.topica.com/lists/daltivoice/read>

# Phule's prophecy of Brahminical imperialism comes true

OUR CORRESPONDENT

**Bangalore:** We have reproduced on p. 23 the full text of the Preface to his own book, *Slavery* (1973), by Jotirao Phule (India's only genuine Mahatma), accepted by historians as the father of India's non-Brahmin movement. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, hailed as the Father of India, acknowledged Phule as one of his gurus.

Though we had earlier browsed through the *Slavery* published by the Maharashtra Govt., this is the first time we are carefully going through the book. And struck dumb by the prophecy he made. Though over a century has passed (131 years to be precise) since Phule wrote this book when the British were ruling and though "independence" (1947) has come since then, the Brahminical oppression of the society and enslavement of the original inhabitants of India, which is the subject of the book, has not changed a wee bit. **May. The oppression, exploitation, pauperisation and total tyranny have taken new turns, new twists. And new shapes, new names. The difference is the exploitation has become more subtle and sophisticated but looks irreversible. The Brahminical imperialism has become total and complete.**

**Mouth of the monster:** This is the shock that we suffered on reading the Preface which Phule himself wrote in English.

Hence we are reproducing the entire Preface to show our DV family members how every word of his prophesy has come true. When Phule wrote this book, the benevolent British were ruling India. "Independence" (1947) hurled us directly into the mouth of the monsters. "Independence" made them masters and hurled the indigenous Bahujans into eternal slavery. We are honestly gasping for breath as we say this. Reports that we receive from our DV family members confirm that we are not wrong.

**Elementary education forgotten:** Particularly in the field of education, which is the focus of this Preface, Phule has proved totally correct. The new Brahminical rulers in "independent" India, who took over from the British under the leadership of the cunning Gujarati Bania, M.K. Gandhi, have completely forgotten the elementary education which is the first step of the child into the world of education. They have concentrated

on university education, IIMs, IITs. They have permitted expensive English-medium private schools for the urban rich (read upper castes) and denied English education to the rural and even urban poor. **World's largest illiterate country:** So much so, India has become the world's largest illiterate country.

A 100 years ago the rulers were the British and they had concern for the oppressed. The Brahmins then were only servants of the British occupying lowly posts though their socio-cultural-religious importance was fully secure. Today, after 100 years and about 60 years of "independence", not only the Brahmins have replaced the British as rulers but they are fully entrenched in every sphere of the society — unconcerned with the oppressed, pushing them to downright slavery.

Phule had predicted all this over a century ago. And we are witnessing this today in its most naked form. But, alas, nobody is getting angry. Then, at least, we had one Mahatma Phule. But today we have none in this country, converted into a vast intellectual desert. Jotirao (1828-1890) belonged to the Backward Caste Mall (gardner) *jati* and in Maharashtra he is a household name. Dr. Ambedkar and later Kanshi Ram made him an all-India if not international figure. His father was appointed official florists to the notorious Brahmin ruler of Pune Peshwas. He passed matriculation and had a good command over English. He was the first in India to establish a school for the Untouchables

**Turning society upside down:** Together with Savitribai, his wife, Phule became the country's greatest revolutionary of his times turning the whole Brahminical society upside down. *Slavery* is the best known of his work published in 1873. He established the Satyashodak Samaj (1873). What a revolution he did.

**He did not believe in the bogus social reform. His was social revolution — total destruction of the Brahminical society. He asked the SC/ST/BGs to give up Brahmin priests.**

Phule rarely used the term Hindu or Hinduism. There is nothing like Hinduism which is a new name taken by the *vaidiks* to hide themselves. He was direct and

simple. He refers to the Brahmin and his Brahminism which was the cause of SC/ST/BC slavery. He identified the enemies of SC/ST/BCs and asked them to eradicate Brahminism. He was simple and straightforward. He suffered from no confusion.

His entire life and mission was an attempt to re-write Indian history in which he proved a tremendous success.

He was not writing history but rejecting the Brahminical history and hence a serious study of Phule becomes extremely important.

**Admiration for Islam & Christianity:** Another important point is that he was a great admirer of Christianity and Islam, the two egalitarian religions that liberated the SC/ST/BCs. He was all in favour of

religious conversion to liberate the people from Brahminical oppression.

From all these angles he was not a reformist but a great revolutionary. That is how he became Babasaheb's principal guru.

Some Brahmins do criticise him saying that he did nothing but Brahmin-baiting. Totally false. He was the first to take to widow marriage, prohibited by the Brahmins, banning of sati, right to education for women. A number of Brahmin widows took his protection.

It is a pity that the hate-mongering *vaidiks* closed their eyes on such a great revolutionary who came to the rescue of Brahmin women discarded by the Brahmin society. ■

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## Alien Brahmins enforced slavery on natives of India

JOTIRAO PHULE

Recent researches have demonstrated beyond a shadow of doubt that the Brahmins were not the aborigines of India. At some remote period of antiquity probably more than 3,000 years ago, the Aryan progenitors of the present Brahmin race descended upon the plains of Hindoo Koosh, and other adjoining tracts. According to Dr. Pritchard, the Ethnologist, they were an off-shoot of the great Indo-European race, from whom the Persians, Medes and other Iranian nations in Asia and the principal nations in Europe likewise are descended. The affinity existing between the Zend, the Presian and Sanskrit languages, as also between all the European languages, unmistakably points to a common source of origin. It appears also more than probable that the original cradle of this race being an arid, sandy and mountainous region and one ill calculated to afford them the sustenance which their growing

wants required, they branched off into colonies, East and West.

The extreme fertility of the soil in India, its rich productions, the proverbial wealth of its people and the other innumerable gifts which this favoured land enjoys and which have more recently tempted the cupidity of the Western nations, no doubt, attracted the Aryans, who

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came to India, not as simple emigrants with peaceful intentions of colonisation, but as conquerors.

### CUNNING & ARROGANT ARYANS

They appear to have been a race imbued with very high notions of self, extremely cunning, arrogant and bigoted. Such self-gratulatory, pride-flattering epithets as Arya,

Bhoodev etc. with which they designed themselves, confirm us in our opinion of their primitive character, which they have preserved up to the present time, with, perhaps, little change for the better. The aborigines whom the Aryans subjugated, or displaced, appear to have been a hardy and brave people from the determined front which they offered to these interlopers. Such opprobrious term as *Sudra* insignificant, the great foe, etc. with which they designated them, undoubtedly show that originally they offered the greatest resistance in their power to their establishing themselves in the country, and hence the great aversion and hatred in which they are held.

From many customs traditionally handed down to us, as well as from the mythological legends contained in the sacred books of the Brahmins, it is evident that there had been a hard struggle for ascendancy between the two races.

The wars of Devas and Daityas, or the Rakshasas, about which so many fictions are found scattered over the sacred books of the Brahmins, have certainly a reference to this primeval struggle. The original inhabitants with whom these earth-born gods, the Brahmins, fought were not inappropriately termed Rakshas, that is the protectors of the land. The incredible and foolish legends regarding their form and shape are no doubt mere chimeras, the fact being that these people were superior stature and hardy make.

### PARASHURAMA'S CRUELITIES

Under such leaders as Brahma, Purshram and others the Brahmins waged very protracted wars against the original inhabitants. They eventually succeeded in establishing their supremacy and subjugating the aborigines to their entire control. Accounts of these conquests, enveloped with a mass of incredible fiction are found in the books of the Brahmins.

In some instances they were compelled to emigrate, and in others wholesale extermination was resorted to. The cruelties which the European settlers practiced on the American Indians on their first settlement in the new world, had certainly their parallel in India on the advent of the Aryans and their subjugation of the aborigines.

The cruelties and inhuman atrocities which Purshram committed on the Kshetrias, the people of this land, if we are to believe even one tenth of what the legends say regarding him, surpass our belief and show that he was more a fiend than a god.

**Perhaps in the whole range of history it is scarcely possible to meet with such another**

**character as that of Purshram, so selfish, infamous, cruel and inhuman.**

The deeds of Nero, Alaric or Machiavelli sink into insignificance before the ferocity of Purshram. The myriads of men and defenceless children whom he butchered, simply with a view to the establishment of his co-religionists on a secure and permanent basis in this land, is a fact for which generations ought to execrate his name, rather than deify it.

This, in short, is the history of Brahmin domination in India. They originally settled on the banks of the Ganges whence they gradually spread over the whole of India. In order, however to keep a better hold on the people they devised that weird system of mythology, the ordination of caste and the code or cruel and inhuman laws to which we can find no parallel amongst other nations. They founded a system of priestcraft so galling in its tendency and operation, the like of which we can hardly find anywhere since the times of the Druids.

### SUPREME HATRED

The institution of caste, which has been the main object of their laws, had no existence among them originally. That it was an after-creation of their deep cunning is evident from their own writings. The highest rights, the highest privileges and gifts, and everything that would make the life of a Brahmin easy, smooth going and happy—everything that would conserve or flatter their self-pride, — were specially inculcated and enjoined, whereas the *sudras* and *atishudras* were regarded with supreme hatred and contempt, and the commonest rights of humanity were denied them. Their touch,

may, even their shadow, is deemed a pollution. They are considered as mere chattels, and their life of no more value than that of meanest reptile; for it is enjoined that if a Brahmin, "kill a cat or an ichneumon, the bird Chasha, or a frog or a dog, a lizard, an owl, a crow or a *sudra*", he is absolved of his sin by performing a fasting penance, perhaps for a few hours or a day and requiring not much labour or trouble.

### ENLIGHTENED BRITISH RULERS

While for a *sudra* to kill a Brahmin is considered the most heinous offence he could commit, and the forfeiture of his life is the only punishment his crime is considered to merit. Happily for our *sudra* brethren of the present day our enlightened British rulers have not recognized these preposterous, inhuman and unjust penal enactments of the Brahmin legislators. They no doubt regard them more as—ridiculous fooleries than as equitable laws. Indeed, no man possessing even a grain of common sense would regard them as otherwise. Anyone, who feels disposed to look a little more into the laws and ordinances as embodied in the *Manava Dharma Shastra* and other works of the same class, would undoubtedly be impressed with the deep cunning underlying them all. It may not, perhaps, be out of place to cite here a few more instances in which the superiority or excellence of the Brahmins is held and enjoined on pain of divine displeasure:

*(Then he cites 12 instances of Brahmin superiority. We have deleted this passage as all readers of DV are experts with Brahminical law — EDITOR).*

It would be needless to go on multiplying instances such as

these. Hundreds of similar ordinances including many more of a worse character than these can be found scattered over their books. But what can have been the motives and objects of such cruel and inhuman laws? They are, I believe, apparent to all but to the infatuated, the blind and the self interested. Anyone who runs may read them.

### **FABRICATING FALSEHOODS**

Their main object in fabricating these falsehoods was to dupe the minds of the ignorant and to rivet firmly on them the chains of perpetual bondage and slavery which their selfishness and cunning had forged. The severity of the laws as affecting the *sudras* and the intense hatred with which they were regarded by the Brahmins can be explained on no other supposition but that there was, originally between the two, the deadly feud, arising as we have shown above, from the advent of the latter into this land. It is surprising to think what a mass of specious fiction these interlopers invented with a view to hold the original occupiers of the soil fast in their clutches and working on their credulity, rule securely for ages yet to come.

**Anyone who will consider well the whole history of Brahmin domination in India, and the thraldom under which it has retained the people even up to the present-day, will agree with us in thinking that no language could be too harsh by which to characterize the selfish heartlessness and the consummate cunning of the Brahmin tyranny by which India has been so long governed.**

How far the Brahmins have succeeded in their endeavours to enslave the minds of the *sudras*

and *atisudras*, those of them who have come to know the true state of matters know well to their cost. For generations past they have borne these chains of slavery and bondage. Innumerable Bhut writers, with the selfsame objects as those of Menu and others of his class, added from time to time to the existing mass of legends, the idle phantasies of their own brains, and palmed them off upon the ignorant masses as of Divine inspiration, or as the acts of the Deity himself.

The most immoral, inhuman, unjust actions and deeds have been attributed to that being who is our creator, governor and protector, and who is all holiness himself. These blasphemous writings, the products of the distempered brains of these interlopers, were received as gospel truths, for to doubt them was considered as the most unpardonable of sins.

### **SYSTEM OF SLAVERY**

This system of slavery, to which the Brahmins reduced the lower classes is in no respects inferior to that which obtained a few years ago in America. In the days of rigid Brahmin dominancy, so lately as that of the time of the Peshwa, my *sudra* brethren had even greater hardships and oppression practised upon them than what even the slaves in America had to suffer. To this system of selfish superstition and bigotry, we are to attribute the stagnation and all the evils under which India has been groaning for many centuries past. It will, indeed, be difficult to name a single advantage which accrued to the aborigines from the advent of this intensely selfish and tyrannical sect. The Indian Rytot (the *sudra* and *atisudra*) has been in fact a proverbial Milch Cow. He

has passed from hand to hand. Those who successively held sway over him cared only to fatten themselves on the sweat of his brow, without caring for his welfare or condition. It was sufficient for their purposes that they held him safe in their clutches for squeezing out of him as much as they possibly could.

### **CROOKED BRAHMIN BRAIN**

The Brahmin had at last so contrived to entwine himself round the *sudra* in every large or small undertaking, in every domestic or public business, that the latter is by custom quite unable to transact any concern of moment without his aid. This is even true at the present time. While the *sudra* on the other hand is so far reconciled to the Brahmin yoke, that like the American slave he would resist any attempt that may be made for his deliverance and fight even against his benefactor.

Under the guise of religion the Brahmin has his finger in every thing, big or small, which the *Sudra* undertakes. Go to his house, to his field or to the court to which business may invite him, the Brahmin is there under some specious pretext or other, trying to squeeze out of him as much as his cunning and wily brain can manage.

The Brahmin despoils the *Sudra* not only in his capacity of a priest, but does so in a variety of other ways. Having by his superior education and cunning monopolized all the higher places of emolument, the ingenuity of his ways is past finding out, as the reader will find on an attentive perusal of this book. In the most insignificant village as in the largest town, the Brahmin is the all in all; the be all and the end all of the Rytot. He is the master, the ruler. The

Patel of a village, the headman, is in fact a nonentity.

**The Koolkurnee, the hereditary Brahmin village accountant, the notorious quarrel-monger, moulds the Patell according to his wishes.**

He is the temporal and spiritual adviser of the ryots, the Soucar in his necessities and the general referee in all matters. In most instances he plans active mischief by advising opposite parties differently, so that he may feather his own nest well. If we go up higher, to the Court of a Mamlutadar, we find the same thing. The first anxiety of a Mamlutdar is to get round him, if not his own relatives, his castemen to fill the various offices under him.

### **BRAHMINS FOMENT QUARRELS**

These actively foment quarrels and are the media of all corrupt practices prevailing generally round about these courts. If a Sudra or Aitsudra repairs to his Courts, the treatment which he receives is akin to what the meanest reptile gets. Instead of his case receiving a patient and careful hearing, a choice lot of abuse is showered on his devoted head, and his prayer is set aside on some pretext or other. Whereas if one of his own castemen were to repair to the Court on the self-same business, he is received with all courtesy, and there is hardly any time lost in getting the matter right. If we go up still higher to the Collector's and Revenue Commissioner's courts and to the other Departments of the Public Service, the Engineer, Educational etc, the same system is carried out on a smaller or greater scale. The higher European officers generally view men and things through Brahmin spectacles and hence the

deplorable ignorance they often exhibit in forming a correct estimate of them. I have tried to place before my readers in the concluding portions of this book what expedients are employed by these Brahmin officials for fleeing the Coonbee in the various departments to which business or his necessities induce him to resort. Any one knowing intimately the workings of the different departments, and the secret springs which are in motion, will unhesitatingly concur with me in saying that what I have described in the following pages is not one hundredth part of the rogueries that are generally practiced on my poor, illiterate and ignorant Sudra brethren.

Though the Brahmin of the old Peishwa school is not quite the same as the Brahmin of the present day, though the march of Western ideas and civilization is undoubtedly telling on his superstition and bigotry, he has not as yet abandoned his time-cherished notions of superiority or the dishonesty of his ways. The beef, the mutton, the intoxicating beverages stronger and more fiery than the famed *somarasa*, which their ancestors once relished, as the veriest dainties, are fast finding innumerable votaries among them.

### **INDIA WON'T ADVANCE UNDER BRAHMINS**

The Brahmin of the present time finds to some extent, like Othello, that his occupation is gone. But knowing full well this state of matters, is the Brahmin inclined to make atonement for his past selfishness? Perhaps, it would have been useless to repine over what has been suffered and what has passed away, had the present state been all that is desirable. We know perfectly well that the Brahmin will not descend from his

self-raised high pedestal and meet his Coonbee and low caste brethren on an equal footing without struggle. Even the educated Brahmin who knows his exact position and how he has come by it, will not condescend to acknowledge the errors of his forefathers and willingly forego the long cherished false notions of his own superiority. At present, not one has the moral courage to do what only duty demands, and as long as this continues, one sect distrusting and degrading another sect, the condition of the Sudras will remain unaltered and India never advance in greatness or prosperity.

### **DON'T ENCOURAGE HIGHER EDUCATION**

Perhaps a part of the blame in bringing matters to this crisis may be justly laid to the credit of the Government. Whatever may have been their motives in providing ample funds and grater facilities for higher education and neglecting that of the masses, it will be acknowledged by all that in justice to the latter this is not as it should be. It is an admitted fact that the greater portion of the revenues of the Indian Empire are derived from the Ryot's labour — from the sweat of his brow. The higher and richer classes contribute little or nothing to the state's exchequer. A well informed English writer states that: "Our income is derived, not from surplus profits, but from capital, not from luxuries but from the poorest necessities. It is the product of sin and tears".

That government should expend profusely a large portion of revenue thus raised, on the education of the higher classes, for it is these only who take advantage of it, is anything but just or equitable.

Their object in patronizing this

virtual high class education appears to be to prepare scholars. Who, it is thought, would in time vend learning without money and without price. If we can inspire, say they the love of knowledge in the minds of the superior classes, the result will be a higher standard of morals in the cases of the individuals, for the amount of affection for the British Government and an unconquerable desire to spread among their own countrymen the intellectual blessings which they have received.

Regarding these objects of Government the writer, above alluded to, states that:-

#### **BRAHMIN MONOPOLY OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

"We have never heard of philosophy more benevolent and more utopian. It is proposed by men who witness the wondrous changes brought about in the Western world, purely by the agency of popular knowledge, to redress the defects of the two hundred millions of India, by giving superior education to the superior classes and to them only"....

"We ask the friends of Indian Universities to favour us with a single example of the truth of their theory from the instances which have already fallen within the scope of their experience. They have educated many children of wealthy men, and have been the means of advancing very materially the worldly prospects of some of their pupils; but what contribution have these made to the great work of regenerating their fellowmen? How have they begun to act upon the masses? Have any of them formed classes at their own homes or elsewhere, for the instruction of their less fortunate or less wise countrymen? Or have

they kept their knowledge to themselves, as a personal gift, not to be soiled by contact with the ignorant vulgar? Have they in anyway shown themselves anxious to advance the general interests and repay philanthropy with patriotism? Upon what grounds is it asserted that the best way to advance the moral and intellectual welfare of the people is to raise the standard of instruction among the higher classes? A glorious argument this for aristocracy, were it only tenable. To show the growth of the national happiness, it would only be necessary to refer to the number of pupils at the colleges and the lists of academic degrees. Each wrangler would be accounted a national benefactor and the existence of deans and Proctors would be associated, like the game laws and the tempound franchise, with the best interests of the Constitution."

#### **SUDRAS DUPED**

Perhaps the most glaring tendency of the Government system of high class education has been the virtual monopoly of all the higher offices under them by the Brahmins. If the welfare of the Rytot is at heart if it is the duty of Government to check a host of abuses, it behoves them to narrow this monopoly, day by day, so as to allow a sprinkling of the other castes to get into the public service. Perhaps some might be inclined to say that it is not feasible in the present state of education.

**Our only reply is that if Government look a little less after higher education and more towards the education of the masses, the former being able to take care of itself, there would be no difficulty in training up a body of men every way qualified**

**and perhaps far better in morals and manners.**

My object in writing the present volume is not only to tell my Sudra brethren how they have been duped by the Brahmins but also to open the eyes of Government to that pernicious system of high class education which has hitherto been so persistently followed and which statesmen like Sir George Campbell, the present Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, with broad and universal sympathies, are finding to be highly mischievous and pernicious to the interests of Government.

#### **AWAY WITH BRAHMIN TEACHERS**

I sincerely hope that Government will ere long see the error of their ways, trustless to writers or men who look through high class spectacles and take the glory into their own hands of emancipating my Sudra brethren from the trammels of bondage which the Brahmins have woven round them like the coils of a serpent. It is no less the duty of such of my Sudra brethren as have received any education to place before Government the true state of their fellowmen and endeavour to the bet of their power to emancipate themselves from Brahmin thralldom.

**Let there be schools for the Sudras in every village; but away with all Brahmin schoolmasters.**

The Sudras are the life and sinews of the country, and it is to them alone and not to the Brahmins that the Government must ever look to tide them over their difficulties, financial as well as political. If the hearts and minds of the Sudras are made happy and contented the British Government need have no fear for their loyalty in the future. ■

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