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Save India
from Kanchi
admirers

Jewish origin
of
Brahmins

Jail for social boycott :

THUS SPAKE AMBEDKAR

Thus Spake Ambedkar

7 year jail for offence of social boycott

In the opinion of the Depressed Classes the only way to overcome this kind of menace to their rights and liberties is to make social boycott an offence punishable by law. They are therefore bound to insist that the following sections should be added to those included in Part XI, of the Government of India Act 1919, dealing with offences, Procedure and Penalties.

1. OFFENCE OF BOYCOTT DEFINED

(i) A person shall be deemed to boycott another who —

(a) refuses to let or use or occupy any house or land, or to deal with, work for hire, or do business with another person, or to render to him or receive from him, any service, or refuses to do any of the said things on the terms on which such things should commonly be done in the ordinary course of business, or

(this and the following legal provisions are bodily taken from Burma Anti-Boycott Act, 1922, with a few changes to suit the necessities of the case).

(b) abstains from such social, professional or business relations as he would, having regard to such existing customs in the community which are not inconsistent with any fundamental right or other rights of citizenship declared in the constitution ordinarily maintain with such person, or

(c) in any way injures, annoys or interferes with such other person in the exercise of his lawful rights.

II. PUNISHMENT FOR BOYCOTTING

Whoever, in consequence of any person having done any act which he was legally entitled to do or of his having omitted to do any act which he was legally entitled to omit to do, or with intent to cause any person to do any act which he is not legally bound to do or to omit to do any act which he is legally entitled to do, or with intent to cause harm to such person in body, mind, reputation or property, or in his business or means of living, boycotts such person or any person in whom such person is interested, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description which may extend to seven years or with fine or with both.

Provided that no offence shall be deemed to have been committed under this Section, if the Court is satisfied that the accused person has not acted at the instigation of or in collusion with any other person or in pursuance of any conspiracy or of any agreement or combination to boycott.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Writings & Speeches, Vol. 17, Part - 1 (p.84- 86) 2003, Rs. 125. Govt. of Maharashtra, Bombay. The book may be had from Director, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Source Material Publication Committee, Higher Education department, Government of Maharashtra, Barrack No.18, Opp. Mantralaya, Bombay - 400 021.

III. PUNISHMENT FOR INSTIGATING OR PROMOTING A BOYCOTT

Whoever—

(a) publicly makes or publishes or circulates a proposal for, or
(b) makes, publishes or circulates any statement, rumour or report with intent to, or which he has reason to believe to be likely to, cause or

(c) in any other way instigates or promotes the boycotting of any person or class of persons, shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to five years, or with fine or with both.

Explanation:— An offence under this section shall be deemed to have been committed although the person affected or likely to be affected by any action of the nature referred to herein is not designated by name or class but only by his acting or abstaining from acting in some specified manner.

IV. PUNISHMENT FOR THREATENING A BOYCOTT

Whoever, in consequence of any person having done any act which he was legally entitled to do or of his having omitted to do any act which he was legally entitled to omit to do, or with intent to cause any person to do any act which he is not legally bound to do, or to omit to do any act which he is legally entitled to do, threatens to cause such person or any person in whom such person is interested, to be boycotted shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to five years or with fine or with both.

Exception:— It is not boycott

(i) to do any act in furtherance of a bona fide labour dispute,

(ii) to do any act in the ordinary course of business competition.

NB: All these offences shall be deemed to be cognizable offences.

Condition No. III

PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

The Depressed Classes entertain grave fears of discrimination either by legislation or by executive order being made in the future. They cannot therefore consent to subject themselves to majority rule unless it is rendered impossible in law for the legislature or the executive to make any invidious discrimination against the Depressed Classes. *(To be continued)*

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Sonia Gandhi's bold steps to cut BSO to size deserves full Bahujan support

Ever since Sonia Gandhi took over the leadership of the ruling Congress, the original Brahminical party of India, and the country, appointing an honest Manmohan Singh as the PM some significant welcome developments are taking place — the most important being the troop reduction in Kashmir.

We have said that the 57-year-old Kashmir problem was created by the Brahminical rulers to fight Pakistan. China became independent two years after India but established the best of friendship with its every neighbour. It patched up even with India which created the border problem.

But Indian rulers have quarrelled with every neighbour surrounding us and came to be dubbed a "regional bully".

The Brahminical rulers want enemies and more enemies because they want to divert the country's scarce resources to defence build-up. By this they can kill two birds with one stone. By spending half its gross national income on defence, it can starve its oppressed population :

(1) By keeping them poor and illiterate, they will always remain helpless. Keep the people poor, starving and inject in them all sorts of superstitions through the opium of Hinduism.

(2) By recruiting thousands of poor and starving Dalit-Bahujans into the military forces, they can send them to the border war fronts and see that they die early.

Wanted more enemies: These are the two great advantages derived out of diverting the country's scarce resources to defence buildup. That is why the rulers want more and more enemies — both outside and inside. The more enemies you create, you can better divert the attention of the country to such enemies and put the blame on them for your inaction. This is what the Chanakya's *Arthasashtra* says.

For the first time in the history of India troops have started withdrawing from the troubled Kashmir. There are something like 500,00 soldiers, para-military forces and police in Kashmir — killing others and getting killed. The order to withdraw was greeted with great joy not only by the Kashmiris but by soldiers also.

Sonia Gandhi has to be congratulated and thanked for this historic gesture of troops withdrawal.

Indians by and large have nothing to do with the "Kashmir problem". South and North-East have no connection with Kashmir at all. Then who started the Kashmir war? For whose benefit?

India's trouble with Pakistan is connected with Kashmir and

DV ENTERS 25TH YEAR

Dalit Voice completes 24 years and steps into its 25th year from the next issue, Jan.1, 2005. No *Dalit-Bahujan* journal in India has such a record of lasting so long without missing a single issue. And that too fighting the country's powerful and merciless Brahminical ruling class.

The achievement may be big but our finances are poor. So we request our ever-willing DV family members world-wide to support us by sharing our burden.

From Jan.1, our subscription will be raised from Rs. 250 to Rs. 275 a year.

Life-members abroad had paid a mere Rs. 1,000 while joining us several years back. But every issue posted overseas bears a postal stamp of Rs. 17. So, we have fixed 250 US dollars for overseas life-members. Yearly overseas subscription will remain at 75 US dollars. Existing overseas life-members may send the amount.

EDITOR & PUBLISHER

there is no other dispute. Indian intelligence forces have created lot of factions within the Kashmiri Muslims. But Pakistan, under pressure from America, is also willing for some peace with India. Sonia is sincerely interested in peace but the Brahminical forces are putting all sorts of hurdles.

Media menace: The Brahminical forces, as represented by their *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP), are furious with Sonia for trying to bring peace in Kashmir which is the key to the Indo-Pakistan dispute. Since the rulers also control the media, which is a menace in India, she has to go step by step.

She also suffers from lack of capable people with dynamism, right ideology, deep knowledge of Indian society and a human heart in the Union Cabinet. Yet she is quietly managing the things with Manmohan Singh, her trusted captain.

His visit to North-East has helped apply balm on the hurt mind of the innocent but angry Mongoloid Tribals.

Sardarji as Army chief: The appointment of a Sikh as India's first Army chief, Lt-Gen, J.J. Singh, is yet another fantastic development. Though the Sikhs, as a martial race, once formed the single largest component in the Army, their number was gradually reduced. No Sikh was made army chief because of the Brahminical bias. They were dubbed terrorists and untrustworthy. Similar charges are made against Muslims and their recruitment to defence forces is almost stopped.

The appointment of Gen. J.J. Singh is a slap on the face of Brahminical forces.

For over 50 years, ever since India became "independent", the Brahminical Social Order (BSO) has been ruthlessly ruling the country by encouraging all varieties of corruption through their *hindusation* (enslavement) drive. Being Italian-born and also a woman, she faces formidable hurdles to handle the BSO. In her

party and also the Union Cabinet these forces are well-entrenched.

Contradictions: The media is totally hostile. The 15% ruling class/BSO has amassed all the wealth and power by bulldozing the rest. The sins committed in the past 58 years cannot be washed away in a couple of years.

India has the most baffling problems of caste within class and class within caste—hundreds of contradictions.

The biggest problem is the media. Sonia Gandhi needs all our support to tackle these problems one by one.

The BSO hates her and will not mind even eliminating her. When it can kill its own "father of the nation" like a dog, will it face any difficulty in dealing with Sonia? It is this fear that kept her out of Prime Ministership. Yet, within such a short time she brought about definite changes for the good and with great tact.

Chief ideologue: Arjun Singh as the main ideologue is slowly cutting the BSO to size. Muslims feel re-assured. Maharashtra election was favourable to Sonia. If Bihar goes Lalu Prasad way then things will further improve. Fortunately the Brahminical forces are killing themselves caught in the contradictions created by them only. (DV Edit Dec.1, 2004). More contradictions have to be created and then sharpened.

Higher judiciary is a big hurdle. The greatest hurdle is the media. Brahmin religious leaders like the Kanchi swami, now in jail, are another menace. The sole controller of all these obstacles is the BSO—a mere 15% of the population. Tackling them is no joke. But Sonia is slowly doing it with great courage and determination. As experts in this field, we are ready to tackle these forces in the interest of establishing justice which alone will bring peace.

That is why we support the efforts of Sonia. ■

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Save UN from disaster : EU & China must check US autocratic tyranny

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The beleaguered United Nations is all set to expand its Security Council and strengthen its structure but the oppressed majority of the world — the Blacks, the Browns and the Yellows (which includes Muslims, Dalits and Chinese) have every reason to say they have no hope in this White Western outfit.

To America, the UN almost died when the warlord of the world, George Bush, killed it and launched his attack on Iraq (1991). Just as in India, where we have the rule of the rich (upper castes), the UN is today choking because of the American arrogance.

The UN was formed in 1945 to save the world from the scourge of war. But how many wars devastated the world since then? The deadliest blow was inflicted on the UN, the only hope of the peace-lovers, when George Bush warned the UN that it was in the danger of "fading into history as an ineffective, irrelevant debating society".

Iraq war to save Israel: The Zionist-controlled American President went to the UN Security Council to seek its permission to attack Iraq which, he said, threatened America. But the Security Council said No. America defied the world body, attacked Iraq and thereby inflicted a death blow on the UN. What is the use of expanding the UN Security Council and strengthening its structure when the world's sole super power has all contempt for it? America is threatening UN because it is coming in the way of its aggression against Muslims, Blacks, Browns and Yellows who constitute the single largest population of the world.

Annan calls it "illegal war": The American war against Iraq was illegal. The UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan himself said so. The entire world agrees with Annan. But America says hell with UN.

America says the UN is a nuisance. Nuisance to whom? It is a nuisance to the micro-minority Zionists whose sole interest is to protect the illegally established state of Israel by forcibly usurping the land of the Palestinians.

It is to save Israel, Bush was forced by the Zionists to wage war in Afghanistan and then Iraq. And the latest is the preparation to attack in Iran on the pretext that it is preparing nuclear bombs.

America might not have won in Afghanistan and faced defeat in Iraq also. But what is the damage caused to the UN and world peace?

Hope in China & European Union: Even within America, there is considerable opposition to the Bush unilateral war. The American puppy, Tom Blair, is also forcing considerable opposition in England. That means barring a micro-minority, the whole world is against the Bush and Blair bid to destroy UN.

The only hope is the regrouping taking place in Europe under the leadership of French President Chirac and the rise of China as a major world power. India too would have become a world power by now but its Brahminical rulers stunted its growth and joined with the US-zionist forces for selfish reasons.

So what is the use of expanding the Security Council and strengthening the UN, when a micro-minority destructive force, armed with its enormous military might, simply destroys the hopes of the people in UN? The US argument is it has the divine right to launch a pre-emptive war when it is convinced that on humanitarian grounds that such an invasion is necessary. All aggressors use the same language. India's Brahminical forces have been committing all the war and violence on the oppressed Dalits, Muslims and others only in the name of non-violence, justice and peace. The Zionist state of Israel is killing the poor, innocent Palestinians using the same jargons. America says it is waging war to introduce democracy and establish human rights in Muslim countries.

Dalits denied justice at Durban: None in the world agrees with America or Israel. Even India's wars in Kashmir were frowned upon by the United Nations. Yet the war-mongers of the world go on chipping and chopping the United Nations which today presents a pathetic picture.

The Dalits of India did not get justice in Durban when it took its case before the UN to establish that India's ruling BSO is indeed practising racism in the name of casteism. Entire African continent is plagued by the different kinds of Zionist-inspired White Western conspiracies — the worst being AIDS.

The Zionists who invented their "Clash of civilisations" theory (Huntington: *Clash of Civilisation*, Penguin) to enslave, if not eliminate, the Muslims, Blacks, Browns and Yellows have popularised a new term called "terrorism" which is synonymous with Muslim.

It is learnt the panel to strengthen the UN has come

out with an acceptable definition of the word terrorism. But our point is will America and its zionist bosses accept the new definition?

The zionist PM of Israel, Aerial Sharon, says Palestinians are using "terrorism" to kill "innocent" Israelis. But the UN statistics say Israel has killed many more Palestinians. But the Western media, controlled by the zionists, dubs only Palestinians as terrorists but not the Israelis. How can the UN establish the rule of law when might is right?

Western domination: What about forcible Israeli occupation of Palestine? Did not the UN itself condemn the Israeli aggression? Israel has been not only occupying areas after areas belonging to Palestine but systematically killing the Palestinians dubbing them terrorists. But the West is silent. America is openly supporting the Israeli aggression. In the face of such blatant breaking of the UN rule of law, how can the world body survive? The re-election of Bush is a setback to world peace and a threat to UN.

Shift UN from US soil: The problem with the UN is it is not only dominated by the rich White Western countries but controlled by America. Britain with just 60 million population is a veto-wielding permanent Security Council member. But more populous but poorer countries like India, South Africa, Brazil have no say. How can the UN Security Council be a representative body of the world when smaller countries dominate but highly populated countries are ignored?

The UN should represent not the countries but the peoples of those countries. If the peoples must have a voice then the population of a country must be the determining factor in constituting the Security Council.

Even if all these are accepted, still the UN will be ineffective as long as it is located on the soil of America, that too in New York with its heavy zionist influence. The UN headquarters must be shifted out of the American soil and preferably located in Africa, right in the middle of the world.

Menace of veto system: The UN must also bring about changes in its veto system. America uses its veto power whenever a decision goes against its interests. Of particular interest is the case of Israel. The UN is not able to act against Israel, Iraq or any other trouble shot because the US blocks it with its veto power.

This veto system is a menace. Justice to humanity and the world has to be decided on a democratic basis. America uses the pretext of democracy for its every aggression.

So much so it has become the world's most anti-democratic country by misusing its veto power. Just because it has the military might it cannot go on trampling the United Nations.

The UN will continue to be a disaster to the oppressed if it continues to be a toy in the hands of the intoxicated American monkey and its zionist controller. ■

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Kanchi: How to save India from vaidik vampire ?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The Brahminical Social Order's most notorious vaidik swami — now rotting in the Vellore jail for murdering a fellow Brahmin — has brought terrible shame on the entire vaidik vampire. Never before it faced such a humiliation in "independent" India. This fellow, who went to save Hinduism by harming Dalits, Muslims and Christians etc. and to keep his *jati* as the ruling class, is today being cursed by the Brahmins themselves as the non-Brahmins are silently enjoying the fun. To the vaidik misfortune, the swami landed in trouble because of an equally notorious vaidik, the *Bangalore Papatti*, who is also the darling of the *vaidiks*. The *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP) called for a *Bharat Bandh* which proved a total flop. The *Bahujans* had no sympathy for their master crook, Jayendra Saraswati.

The swami's case has once for all proved that the Brahmins and their bum-lickers have no respect for the rule of law — not even for the Constitution of India. Even when the murder victim happened to be a Brahmin and a devoted follower of the Kanchi Muti, who fought against the swami's financial frauds and sex scandals, the country's entire *vaidik* vampire unitedly stood like one man behind the sinner. How can the country be safe under such rulers? Some Brahmins do feel that the swami is a sinner but they are not prepared to speak out. Such is the depth of their *jati* solidarity. And this *vaidik* vampire constitutes the core of India's ruling class, the historical villain condemned from Budha to Babasaheb. Only if we save India from these treacherous rulers we can establish Justice and Truth. ■
(Dec.3, 2004)

Caste identity & Kanchi swami

Thank you Brother Bharas for your suggestion. But please note when the Kanchi swami committed a murder and was arrested and

bickerings. But after "independence", which conferred on them the rulership of India, they submerged all their

Brahmin. Does caste bind the Dalits? The love of one's jati unites a jati. Sorry Brother, Dalits hate each other. They know nothing like love. This self-hatred is created by the Hindus. By imitating Hindus, Dalits started hating each other.

How to increase DV circulation

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I am a Dalit lecturer from Orissa working in the Dept. of Pol. Sc., ARSD College, Delhi University, and a DV fan. I read your article, *Gandhism is Hinduism* (DV Nov. 16, 2004 p.10). It was a good piece and helped me understand a number of things properly with explanations. As DV is the only source of knowledge for our people, I would like to suggest some steps to popularise it among Dalits. Please send a worker to the residences of our people who are well placed. This worker should also collect the subscription or life-membership. A large number of Dalits in Delhi do not even know about your magazine. They can be made members and I am sure they will never say no.

*The Mala-Madiga feud in Andhra Pradesh is the latest example. With all innocence, you have made a suggestion. We have tried your experiment years back. No educated, well-placed Dalit is interested in Dalit Voice because DV practices the art of "hit to kill" as directed by our father, Babasaheb. As long as the Dalit does not blindly love the other Dalit and everything that is Dalit — just as the Brahmins love their *jati* — we can't fight our oppressors. As long as we can't fight our oppressors, we will continue to remain as slaves. We may hate Brahmins but have to learn a lot from them —* EDITOR ■

became a ruling class because of this blind love for their jati. Earlier the Brahmins were divided into scores of subcastes. There used to be frequent

subcaste differences and today the entire vaidik vampire is one solid united empire. This is called "caste identity" which binds every

Jewish origin of Brahmins: Expert confirms DV theory

V.T. RAJSHEKAR

In many of our writings we have discussed about the Jewish origin of India's Brahmins, particularly of the Chitpavan Brahmins. Our findings have been now confirmed by a Brahmin scientist himself, Dr. Jagannath (Jay) Dixit, MD, the author of the book, *Chitpavanism*, which is a research work on a tiny Brahmin subcaste which has become a global community producing many historical personalities.

JEWIS OF INDIA

Dr. Dixit, a Chitpavan scientist working in USA, is assisted by two other fellow Chitpavan scientists, Dr. Ajit Joshi and Dr. Raghunandan Dixit, in preparing this stunning book of giant size. The 300-page "source book" is marvellous work of research which also confirms our yet another theory on "caste identity". On Chitpavan - Jewish connection, it says:

"Chitpavans and the Jews both evolved from the same stock of people... There are several similarities even today in Chitpavan and Jewish culture" (p.27) and adds:

"Chitpavans may be part of Jewish Diaspora. Instead of driven out Aryan tribe, it may have been a driven-out Jewish tribe... Jewish Abraham and Sarai have common origin with Hindu god Brahma and Saraswati". (p.27).

In our book, *Brahminism* (DSA-2002). we have a separate Chapter-IV, "Jews and Jews of India", in

which we have quoted Dr. K.K. Gangadharan and Linda Cox to reinforce our argument on the Jewish origin of Brahmins. The book also has two annexures (No.2 and 3) on the "Brahminical origin of Zionist thoughts" and "Nazis, Jews and Jews of India".

In many of our writings we have even called the Brahmins as the "Jews of India".

Vaidiks of India have developed the closest connection with the Jewish state of Israel through which they have gone closer to the regime of George Bush.

CHITPAVANISM

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The author, a practising radiologist in US over the last 30 years, is proud of his tiny Chitpavan caste whose population is less than 5,00,000.

LOVE FOR JATI

As Ambedkarites and victims of Brahminism, we may be critical of the *vaidiks* but this will not prevent us from admiring the great historical truths uttered by Dr. Jay Dixit whose "search for roots" resulted in the production of this veritable encyclopedia which should inspire Dalits, who are made rootless, to

trace their origin and feel proud of their past.

What we admire most in Dr. Dixit is his strong love for his *jati*. While our people hate their *jati*, Dixit says reading our past history will generate a sense of pride and belonging. It promotes strong love and brotherhood.

HINDUISING DALITS

But Dr. Dixit must know the mischief played by his own *jatwalias* in India. The Brahminical people while promoting love for their *jati*, brainwashed the Dalit-Bahujans to "forget" their past and gave them a new Hindu **identity**. M.K. Gandhi did it with disastrous results and the Hindu nazi party of RSS-BJP is spending billions of dollars to *hinduise* (enslave) the Dalits. Dr. Dixit's *jati* people are the top leaders of RSS-BJP.

The author as an honest intellectual has written what is in the interest of his *jati* and also India but will the *vaidiks* heed his warnings? We have our strong doubts.

The *vaidiks* think their salvation depends only on destroying our identity by *hinduising* the non-Hindu Dalits and then instigating them to kill Muslims and Christians. How will Dr. Dixit prevent this *vaidik* meddling in our affairs?

The following words in Dr. Dixit's book are very important for every Dalit:

"We preserve what we cherish. We cherish what we love.

Unless this happens voluntarily, nothing of the past will survive. If we do not preserve and love our own history, who else will?" Great words.

↑ This is also the essence of our "caste identity" thesis presented in our book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation*, (Books for Change, 2004).

Unless every caste and subcaste within the SC/ST/BCs starts loving its *jati* people and strengthens its *jati identity*, all of us will be simply wiped out, our **identity** destroyed under the powerful Brahminical *hindusation* (enslaving) drive.

Dr. Dixit must note that India will get peace only when the "Hindu heroes" stop interfering with our lives.

Dr. Dixit deeply loves his *jati* (he calls it an extended family which in other words means "collection of certain gene pool". Fine.

CASTE IS GOOD BUT CASTE SYSTEM BAD

We like Dr. Dixit for his frank admission saying that "there is nothing wrong with India's caste system". Every Brahmin scripture says the same.

But where we differ from the author is: we also say there is nothing wrong with the caste. But not with the caste system which implies hierarchy and graded inequality — ascending order of reverence and descending degree of contempt. We hate such a system. India's fall is only due to its caste system.

We want Dr. Dixit to amend his statement. But this amendment will make a world of difference but his fellow Brahmins will not agree with it because it is the caste system that made the Brahmins the ruling class of India.

Chitpavans produced great celebrities including the greatest *vaidik* scholar of the pre-

independence days. Bal Gangadhar Tilak. The Peshwas of Pune were Chitpavans. Many Chitpavans were terrorists. They murdered many British people in India because the British were responsible for uplifting the Dalits and other victims of Brahminism. Nathuram Godse, the killer of M.K. Gandhi, was a Chitpavan. So also Savarkar, one of the founding fathers of the RSS which was headed mostly by Chitpavans. RSS is dominated by Chitpavans.

INDIA'S INTELLECTUAL DESERT

RSS-BJP and such other Brahminical organisations are playing havoc, tearing apart the social fabric of India. The social tensions are rising. India is going downhill. Dr. Dixit is a scientist but even his *jatwala* scientists are not ready to accept what he says. Dixit is intellectually honest but India has become a vast intellectual desert.

See Dr. Dixit's love of his *jati* in quoting from an MIT economist, Lester Thurow:

If a group of people have no sense of where they came from, it is difficult for them to have any sense of where they should go. Without a remembered past and a charted future, few humans see the journey that they are in fact taking. Not knowing that they are on a journey, they cannot and will not build the tools that will be necessary if their journey is to be successful." (p.5)

Another wonderful thing about the Chitpavans is they were unknown in India before the year 1600 AD. The name Chitpavan came from the town Chiaplun on Maharashtra's west-coast. *Chit+Pavan* means purified by fire. They have blue and deep green eyes.

Other Brahmins consider them inferior. Until recently they were not accepted by other Brahmins,

Chitpavans discovered themselves in the 1700s when Balaji Bajirao became the Peshwa, a Brahmin king of Pune. Peshwas are known for their notorious tyrannical rule. Chitpavan ancestors had common origin with Ashkenazi Jews in the Baltic region. They migrated from their ancestral land around Black Sea to Konkan, he says

BLACK SPOTS OF BRAHMINS

Will remaining a Brahmin at heart, Dr. Dixit does not hesitate to admit the black spots of his *jati*. Chitpavans, he says, "are well-known for being diabolic, cunning and their cruelty is legendary" (p.48). Stinginess, callousness, lying, cheating are their other traits. They were also great practitioners of *sati*, bride-burning which they elevated as a holy ritual.

RACIST VIEWS IN THE GITA

India might have produced many scientists but they hardly had any scientific temper. But Dr. Dixit's scientific temper and intellectual honesty makes him condemn Hinduism outright. He devotes a chapter itself (No.6) to dissect his moth-eaten religion. He even criticises the *Gita* for its "racist views" (p.108) of caste system (Chapter 18 verse 47) which even the Gujarat Bania, M.K. Gandhi, praised and got the *Mahatma* degree from the Brahmins. We thank Dr. Dixit for telling that the *Gita* was used by the Brahmins to enslave the Untouchables.

The entire Brahminical scriptures are noted for their anti-human traits. (Read Hindu nazi leader Arun Shourie's book criticising Hinduism, *Hinduism: Essence and Consequences*, Vikas). When the *Vaidiks* are so cruel to their own women, what can Dalits expect from them? That is why the *vaidiks* did not produce a single

revolutionary. All the greatest revolutionaries who worked for social transformation were non-Brahmins — right from Budha to Babasaheb. And each of them was condemned (some killed) and crucified by the *vaidik* vampire. When a (Chitpavan) Brahmin (Godse) could kill Gandhi himself who did so much for Brahmins, we could imagine what they did for those hostile to their interests.

intellectual dishonesty (p.48). Why should we pay our attention to these ancient texts even in this modern scientific age, he asks. The dishonesty in *Dharmasastras* is worse than some lying or cheating for a dam (money) in the streets (p.48), he says and adds: "Rampant dishonesty is deeply embedded in Indian psyche from the ancient past".

wholesale Maratha revolt resulting in the defeat of the Brahminical party of BJP and Shiv Sena. (DV Edit March 1, 2004: "*Maratha - vaidik blood feud sparks attack on BORI: Shiva Dharma stress on caste identity*"). The book is a great work which he could produce only because he lived in a land noted for its egalitarian values.

No *vaidik* leader will take his book seriously. Unfortunately Brother Dixit is not in India. However we wish he comes back to India and tries to reform his unwilling *jatwahas*? ■

COMMUNICATION

Chitpavan scholar debunks Brahminical race theory

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Thanks for your interest in our book, *Chitpavanism* (see p.8). To our knowledge this is the first book of its kind regarding the text, research and the presentation in the entire world in the English language for any community or a group of people and their unique culture. Currently work is under progress about other unique groups of people in Maharashtra and their way of life and the evolution. I hope we have created enough interest in you to read the book in full and keep you captivated until the last page. Sometime one has to read some sections twice to understand what is written in between the lines. This book is not about the caste system, race, racial purity, or false concepts of racial superiority.

Common Black mother: The book is strictly written on an unbiased and neutral basis by the currently known scientific methods. The book is not written by false pride and no attempt is made to whitewash but to present the facts and past history and views, no matter how today they may be politically or socially unacceptable or even downright embarrassing.

The book is written with malice toward none and is written to bring together people of Indian origin from all walks of life together on an equal footing to have a better future. After reading the entire book about the state of art scientific research it will be clear to the reader that there is no such thing as **race**. All human beings have a common mother and their mitochondrial DNA is same and all of them came from Africa, yes

even the White man came from a mutation from a **Black** mother from Africa.

India's population history is interesting. Earliest settlers from Africa came to India between 60 to 100 thousand years ago. Approximately every 10,000 years slight mutations started to develop from which today's Dalit evolved as the first settlers of Indian soil. Because mutations occurred differently at different places and times in the world today they do not look like Africans, for that matter Chinese, or Europeans, or Africans do not externally look alike.

Chitpavans and Dalit history is intertwined and may be of special interest to you, especially if you read the section on p.131-133 regarding the cross cultural influence between Kunbis, Marathas and the Chitpavans or other small tidbits through the book such a shamanism on the p. 94 up to the page 247 regarding the marriage of Prakash Babasaheb Ambedkar, MP, to Chitpavan wife, Maydev or finding the Mt DNA of Latasha from Africa in the Chitpavans on p.22-23.

When Mahatma Phule started his "Satyashodak Samaj" only the Chitpavan Brahmins such as Sadashiv Gorande and Sakhararam Paranjpe stood by him.

You say that you are against Brahminism. However, we have malice toward none but only want to search the **truth**. I would certainly like to read your thesis about the "*caste identity*". *Chitpavanism* is simply a history of 60 family names. (krishni@aol.com) ■

"Caste identity" as a magic weapon

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Frankly, I have not read your book, *Caste — A Nation Within the Nation*, (Books for Change, Bangalore, 2004). But I have made an humble effort to put my observations, perceptions on the basis of my own life. Imagine how does a Dalit react to an urge to reveal his caste identity at a public or even a private gathering. He feels, he would be looked down upon once he discloses his identity. Now, ask a Brahmin to do the same. Observe how chirpy he would be. Why such an irony faced by the citizens of the same land?

The cunning barbarians did a devastating damage to the psyche of the natives by playing a well designed mental game which was forced upon them. The native was subjugated to mental drudgery which was carefully crafted with the help of *puranas, smritis, Bhagavad Gita* and other so-called holy scripts.

Dalit Christian public hearing planned

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The advocacy by various church groups in different parts of India has had considerable impact. However, we are planning four nation-wide public hearings of the plight of Dalit Christians to bolster the case before the national and international comity. The sessions are to be held in New Delhi, followed by Bangalore, Madras (or Madurai) and Hyderabad as the main centres of Dalit presence and mobilization. The public hearings will be before voluntary civil society tribunals headed by retired judges of the high court and with secular

Brahmin pride: The Dalits have been tuned to not to reveal the caste identity by instilling a fear of being looked down upon. In contrast, the Brahmin is seen flaunting his caste identity whenever he gets an opportunity. Why this conflicting scenario again? Now the time has changed. A Brahmin is seen overtly opposing the caste identity system but covertly doing his best to preserve the eternal system. Any depressed community is almost sure to incur the wrath of the *bhoodevatas* when they try to get the due facilities, rights etc. by using the caste identity. Is it not true? We have a weapon — a magical weapon indeed. You are also doing a commendable job in disseminating the covered theory among the depressed populace. I know the Editor of *Dalit Voice* is taking pains to do this but we are always with you. Thank you once again for propounding the caste identity thesis. ■

non-Christian members. We have experience of holding such public hearings in the past. The one of persecution of Christians in Karnataka held in 2003 in Bangalore with Justice Balakrishna was a resounding success and resulted in a major formal report and a documentary. We plan something similar for Dalit Christians in New Delhi on Dec.16, 17, 18. We plan to have 60 Dalit Christians from UP, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab to give their testimony before the tribunal. ■

Doubts on church aid for Dalit liberation

We feel the Christian leadership is simply fooling the Dalit Christians who form 70% of Indian Christian population. If only the upper caste church leadership had been honest, it should have joined hands with the Dalits to strengthen its case. But the Christian leadership is not interested in joining us because its core content is upper caste. It does not want to hurt its Hindu cousins. The Brahminical Social Order (BSO) which rules India has decided against extending reservations to Dalit Christians as it will lead to an exodus of Dalits

to Christianity, bringing down the Hindu population. The BSO is against conversion. The church also agreed with the BSO and gave up its mission to convert the Dalits. If conversion assures liberation, why the church is not ready to support our liberation movement? That makes us think the church leadership is anti-Dalit. All your public hearings and such other *tamashas* may bring you publicity but will not melt the Hindu heart. Before holding such publicity *tamashas*, we want you to go into the core issue of the problem. We did not expect Brother John Dayal

also to follow the Syrian gimmicks. The Brahmins particularly in the south, with the help of their monopoly media, have instigated the Dalits against Dalit Christians saying that if they are given reservations the Dalits will not get any jobs. That is why Dalit Christians are not getting support from Dalits. The Dalit Christians are not ready to join with us and accept Dr. Ambedkar as their saviour. The Brahmins and the Syrians are exploiting these contradictions. John Dayal has nothing to say on this — EDITOR.

Advani — last general of dying BJP

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With sex charges made by his own daughter-in-law, L.K. Advani is sinking deeper and deeper into crisis along with his party. When he took over the presidency of the *Brahmana Jati Party* (BJP), I called him "the last general of the dying BJP". Though Advani, BJP's chief warrior, is liked by our Editor, V.T. Rajshakar, being our open enemy, I feel he is the last general of the sinking ship of *vaidik* thought.

For long, BJP is powered by non-Brahmins (No-Brains) like Advani, Bal Thackeray, Uma Bharati, Togadia, Kalyan Singh, Narendra Modi, Naidu, Singhal. All these fellows travelling on the *Ram Rath*, succeeded in demolishing the Babri Masjid with the silent support of the then Brahmin Prime Minister Narasimha Rao. By killing the Muslims in thousands after the Babri Masjid episode, these zeroes overnight became heroes.

Failure to get throne: As a result the "Hindu" *Ram Rath* succeeded in putting the wily Vaidik A.B. Vajpayee on the throne as the 6th Brahmin PM to convert "India shining" in corruption from top to bottom. With the rise of BJP, top "intellectual force" of the Aryan Vaidik Brahmins, the RSS, deserted the Congress, the original Brahminical party of India, and all RSS top leaders started occupying govt. chairs. Executive, administrative, defence and judicial wings were packed with the handpicked *vaidik* crooks.

However, ruthless Aryan wars on India's *moolkasis* shifted Indian democratic rule from one Brahmin party to another Brahmin party. But like the Kshatriya hero, God Rama, the Sindhvi Khatri Advani, became the real general of the Aryan wars but failed to get the throne which went to Vaidik Vajpayee.

Brahmin kills Gandhi: Just as the *vaidiks* killed M.K. Gandhi, a Bania, to make way for Pandit Nehru, the Kaul Brahmin of Kashmir, the poor Sindhvi Khatri is denied the chair.

Gandhi was the general of the "freedom war", Advani was the chief of the *kesri war* against Sikhs, Muslims, Dalit-Backwards and others. Both fought their wars with the support of their Dalit-Backward lieutenants. These wars were manipulated by the RSS which posted Kalyan Singh, a Backward Lodha, to demolish the Babri Masjid, Beant Singh, Surjit Singh Barnala, Parkash Singh Badal, Tohra, K.P.S. Gill, Kuldeep Singh Brar, Ranjit Singh Dayal, to demolish the Sikh culture of love, brotherhood, equality and liberty. Narendra

Modi was used to massacre Muslims in Gujarat. Bal Thackeray, Togadia, Uma Bharati loyally served their *vaidik* masters.

But none of these idiotic NBS (No-Brains) could reach the throne of India which was reserved only for the *vaidiks*.

Vinay Katiyar, a top Kurmi leader and BJP chief of UP, is talking of the caste contradictions within BJP. All those who struggled for *Ram Mandir* must be given suitable place in BJP. He supports Uma's present position. BJP ship is being rocked by caste leaders. And caste has started its real play.

Manmohan Singh has no Brahminical mind. Laloo Prasad Yadav, Arjun Singh, V.P. Singh are also sworn enemies of *vaidiks*. All these people are guided by a powerful Italian woman, fuming with anger against the treatment given to her by the *vaidik* forces. The Brahminical forces as represented by BJP-RSS have become very weak. That is why I call L.K. Advani as the last captain of the sinking ship of Hindu nazism. ■

The origin of "Jai Bhim"

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Bangalore: The following report is from the *Insight* (Vol.1, No.2), a monthly journal of the Ambedkar Study Circle of the JNU Dalit students. Contact Anup Kumar, RN 122 - Periyar Hostel, JNU - 110 067. Single issue Rs. 10. Annual subscription Rs. 150:-

The originator of *Jai Bhim* (in 1937) was Babu L.N. Hardas, a strong follower of Dr. Ambedkar, chief secretary of the Independent Labour Party and in-charge of CP and Berar. Hardas was not comfortable with *Jai Rama-pai* — (presumably a reference to Dr. Ambedkar) — with which he was greeted. A *moulavi* explained to him the meaning of *salam alekum*, a greeting among the Muslims. From this, he got the idea of *Jai Bhim*.

It would be clear that *Jai Bhim* did not originate from *Jai Hind*. May be it is other way round. When the Christians meet they shake hands and touch cheek to cheek — jowl to jowl, when the Muslims meet they embrace each other. Thus both have got culture of bodily contact promoting *bhai chara* — brotherhood. We Dalits seem to have emulated Hindu culture of saying *namaste* and folding our own hands over the opposite person, as if to suggest "keep away from me".

Manipuri revolt against Delhi hegemony

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The Armed Forces (Assam and Manipur) special Powers Act, 1958 (AFSPA) came into force in Manipur on Sept.9, 1980. Under the Act, life of the civilian is not secure. An army commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or any other person of equivalent rank in the armed forces can arrest without any warrant those "who committed a cognizable offence".

The latest uprising in Manipur is the offshoot of the 24-year-long torture, killing, rape, molestation, violation of human rights, disappearance and so on.

On July 10, 2004 at midnight Thangjam Manorama (32) of Bamon Kampu, Imphal, was arrested by the 17th Assam Rifles at her residence. *Lamjing Meira*, a monthly reported that the arrest memo stated that she was an activist of the banned Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) but neither any documents of the party nor arms were found with her.

Manorama raped: On July 11, her body was found near Ngarian Maring village. She was raped, her private parts disfigured. She suffered five bullet injuries. Surprisingly, the Assam Rifles, later said Manorama was a corporal, a bomb-expert of the banned PLA and that they recovered a radio set and a hand grenade from her.

The people were shocked and terribly agitated and this turned into a mass movement and an uprising. Leading NGOs of Manipur formed a committee called *Apunba Loop* (united organisation) which called for a general strike on July 13 and 14. A day before the killing of Manorama, a 60-year-old Jamkhollet Khongsy, a pastor, was also killed. The two incidents ignited the people of Majipur.

Naked march: For the first time in the history of Manipur on July 15, 12 women, totally naked, marched on the headquarters of the Assam Rifles, carrying a banner and shouting:

"Indian Army rape us, Indian army take our flesh, we are all mothers of Manorama".

The situation was tense. The state govt. imposed indefinite curfew at Moirang, Thoubal, Bishnupur and the state capital, Imphal. The govt. decision further provoked the Manipuris. The whole of Manipur stood like one single person. July and August saw the worst human protest in the history of Manipur.

A judicial inquiry headed by ret'd. judge C. Upendra was announced. Forensic science laboratory revealed

that a male-sperm was found in Manorama body. However, the attitude of the Central and state govt. has hostile. The ruling coalition partner, CPI, threatened the Okram Ibobi Singh Govt. to withdraw the AFSPA. Okram Ibobi lifted the black law partly but only in Imphal city. The *Apunba Loop* was not satisfied and several leaders were arrested.

A very dynamic organisation — the Manipur Forward Youth Front's (MAFYF) five leaders launched a self-immolation before the Chief Minister's house on July 24, 2004 but the police promptly prevented it. On Aug.15, Pebam Chittaranjan (32) from Bishnupur committed self-immolation.

Tarapot, an Imphal-based PTI representative in his book, *Bleeding Manipur*, (2004) says the army considers every Manipuri "as either an extremist, insurgent, sympathiser of militants or anti-national people".

Upto Sept. 5, over 872 anti-black law supporters have been injured.

The latest uprising is the outcome of a long-standing discontentment over the excessive violation of human rights under the AFSPA and step motherly treatment of the Centre.

So far, civilians killed in insurgency-related incidents in Manipur was 205 in 1997, 127 in 1998, 112 in 1999, 127 in 2000 and 140 in 2001 as quoted in the *Bleeding Manipur*.

Poverty drives Hindus to join Pak "terrorists"

Jammu: The surrender by a Hindu terrorist, Manoj Kumar Manhas, before an Army General at Nagrota on Nov.9 has exposed the trend of even the Hindu youth joining the Pakistan-backed militant outfits in the interior areas of Doda district that touches the borders of Himachal Pradesh. Manoj Kumar was a member of the Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) that was responsible for the massacre of hundreds of innocent persons in the state.

One of the reasons that the sources have put forth for the Hindu boys having joined the militant outfit is the extreme poverty in these areas. Manoj Kumar himself told media that he was kidnapped and given a gun by another Hindu militant, Baldev Singh. (*Tribune*, Nov.11, 2004).

Info Times, (freepressnet@yahoo.com): On the 20th anniversary of the mass killings of Sikhs, the new Congress-led govt. should launch fresh investigations into and make a public commitment to prosecute (all) the planners and implementers of the violence, New York-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) said on Oct.30. In 1984, in retaliation for the assassination of (Indian-Hindu) Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards on Oct.31, angry mobs, some allegedly organized by members of the Congress Party attacked and killed thousands of Sikhs. From Nov.1 to 4, gangs attacked the symbols and structures of the Sikh faith, the properties of Sikhs and killed whole families by burning them alive. The residences and properties of Sikhs were identified through govt.-issued voter lists. Victim groups, lawyers and activists have long alleged state complicity in the violence. For three days the police failed to act as gangs carrying weapons and kerosene roamed the streets, exhorting non-Sikhs to kill Sikhs and loot and burn their properties. "Seven govt.-appointed commissions have investigated these attacks", said Brad Adams, Asia Director of Human Rights Watch. "But the commissions were all either whitewashes or they were met with official stonewalling and obstruction." The report of the latest commission, the Nanavati Commission was due Nov.1 but has been delayed for another two months. The time for commissions that do not lead to prosecutions is over, said Adams. After two decades, the prosecutors and police should act. There is more than enough evidence to do so now. Human Rights Watch called for an end to political protection for organizers of the violence. Some of those allegedly involved in the pogrom currently occupy posts in govt. or are Members of Parliament. Both the judiciary and administrative inquiry commissions have failed to hold these perpetrators accountable. For two decades high-ranking members of the Congress Party have enjoyed political impunity for this violence, said Adams. The fact that many of the alleged planners of the violence were and are members of the Congress Party should not be a barrier to justice for the victims. Human Rights Watch recommended Ensaaf (<http://www.ensaaf.org>), an organization dedicated to fighting impunity in India, for its 150-page report, twenty years of impunity, analyzing the patterns of the pogroms and the attitudes and practices of impunity revealed by previously unpublished government documents and other materials. With many connected to the violence now enjoying prominent positions in public life, the Ensaaf report makes it clear

that India continues to ignore this dark chapter of its modern history at its own risk, said Adams. Only a conscious exercise of political will on the part of the new govt. of (Indian Sikh) Prime Minister (Manmohan)Singh can bring about justice for the Sikhs.

Vaibhav Wasnik, (wasnik@physics.arizona.edu): This refers to V.T. Rajshekar's criticisms of Dalai lama (DV Nov.16, 2004 p.6: "*DV demands probe into Dalai Lama's affairs in India*"). I don't know why Ambedkarite Buddhists get so attached to this Dalai Lama. Even when he won the Nobel Prize he never brought the problems of the Dalits to the international audience. Even when he has the power and the media attention he will not do anything for the community. Why then do Dalits keep sticking up for him? On the other hand he is against conversions of Dalits. He is in a cahoots with the Brahmins so much so that they talk about him being the decider on the fate of the Babri Masjid. When Dalits got converted to Buddhism by Babasaheb he never protested against the ills of Hinduism but even after Gandhi screwed the Dalits over the "Poona Pact" he only has all praise for Gandhi.

Kundanil@rediffmail.com: Progressive people believing in the Phule-Ambedkarite thought have asked the Govt. to declare the "national teacher's day" on Nov.28, being Mahatma Jotiba Phule's memorial day. Mahatma Phule was the first person in India who laid the foundation of education to the deprived section of society. Phule facing all odds and evils had opened the doors of education for oppressed class such as women, Untouchables and Backward Castes. To acknowledge and honor his contribution, it is our duty to observe Nov.28 as "National Teachers Day" instead of Sept.5. Dr. Radhakrishnan's birthday. Kranitba Phule's contribution is greater than that of Dr. Radhakrishnan and others.

Anithadevi (anithadevi226@hotmail.com): My relative is an IAS officer and he got this position only because of Peryar E.V. Ramaswamy's vision. Unfortunately, he feels that he has not done enough to correct our corruptive society. Also a number of other IAS officers are also thinking in the same way. If our Peryar had been alive today he would be glad to see the status of Kanchi Mut. Just imagine if BJP was in power today they would have simply toppled the TN Govt. for arresting Jayendra Sawmi. What guarantee that the BJP will not come to power again? To come to power they will do anything. That is Brahminism. If the BJP comes to the power that will be the end of India's prosperity and peaceful way of life. They still think of their superior birth as Brahmin

and to fulfill the commands of Manu. Analyse how the Brahmins are taking over power. Since birth to death, they have plans and strategies on how to enslave in the name of religion. Whatever they do is Brahminism but claiming that it is for Hinduism. If that is true the majority Hindu community will not suffer and the 3% Brahmins cannot enjoy this much. That is why they sell us astrology, *vasthu*, numerology, Bharatanarya and so on. Following the Periyar, only V.P Singh exposed Brahminism in a fitting manner. But unfortunately they captured the power once again. Now what is the guarantee that they will not come to power once again. Hence I would like to suggest the following steps to Veeramani, General Secretary of the Dravida Kazhagam:

1. Please start co-ordinating with all anti-Brahmin forces and establish a common ground irrespective of our difference of opinions. (2) In this group, you can include, DMK, PMK, Vaiko, Nedumaran, Dr. Krishnaswami, Thirunavavalavan, Ezra Sargunan, V.T. Rajshekar, Dalit Groups, Christians, Muslims, Untouchables and other people. (3) In the seniors position the Govt. of India officials, both Advani and Murali Manohar Joshi have installed Brahmins for three more cycles - meaning if the present Brahmin retires, the next two people will be Brahmins to come to the senior positions. This is the only achievement both Advani and Joshi have done during their regime apart from making India into two-dividing people and enjoying the fruits. (4) I also find among the anti-Brahmin group that there is no killing spirit. (5) We have to propagate with more number of Periyar publications by printing, films, Internet and other possible ways and means. (6) We have to continuously expose and remind the public how the Brahmins were insulting the entire India in the name of Hinduism. (7) DK leader Veeramani's English publications are not that famous. To achieve greater success your medium also must be English so that we will get more and more support. (8) In the last week's *Nakkeeran* see how Jayendra Saraswati is shifting on a banana leaf and another person is disposing it. When I mentioned this to an UN official he said that this is the worst kind of racist people seen on the planet earth. And still you see how the entire Hindu nazis are supporting this "run away" criminal Jayendra? (9) You have to remind the public again and again on how he ran away to Bangalore leaving his *thandam* and taking the gold with him.

Please make sure that if you fail to make use of this golden opportunity our entire India once again will go back to its olden days of Brahmin superiority.

We were under the impression that Brother Veeramani has done his duty to expose the frauds of Kanchi fellow. When the enemy is

*drowning, it is our duty to throw a stone or two to see that he is dead. This is what Periyar has said. Veeramani must immediately convene a meeting of all brave leaders in Madras and denounce the swarni for committing **Brahma Harya** (killing of a Brahmin) which as per the Manu is the greatest crime needing the highest punishment — EDITOR.*

H.R. Phonsa, 63/5 - Nanak Nagar, Jammu; Tawi - 180 004: Every war is succeeded by a cease-fire to give respite to the forces and give peace a chance. But Indian politicians never believe in it despite verbally upholding the verdict of the Indian voters. In the latest Parliament elections the people voted for the change of guards. Every elected Member of Parliament must know that he is costing Rs. 34 lakhs annually to Indian tax-payers besides Rs. 2 crores at his/her command as "constituency development fund". The ministers/chairmen of PSU's are many folds costlier to maintain than MPs. If past is any index, our elected representatives have made crores by ignoring and conniving with *hawala* money, illegal/ backdoor recruitments, allotment of petrol/LPG gas outlets to their relatives/friends, fodder, gobber, urea, sugar, land grab, stores purchases/procurement including procurements for National Defence, security and many more scams but still they claim as innocents. There was an outstanding of Rs. 13,56,37,567 against our past Prime Ministers as on March 1999. Are we not ashamed to know that India ranks 30th among 102 most corrupt countries but it is at 124th rank in the list of 185 countries in respect of development? We owe Rs. 66,316.07 crores to foreign countries and our budgetary borrowing last year was to the tune Rs. 1,18,852 crores.

Kartar Singh, A/73 - CGS Colony, Bhandup (E), Bombay - 400 042: The Brahmin should voluntarily surrender all his prerogative as Brahmin and mix with the common man (Bahujan) as such as was done by Samurai group of Japan. The Brahmins should call for an all-India conference of Brahmins and pass a resolution unanimously to that effect and merge with the Bahujans. Or else, the *Mulwasis*, the original inhabitants, condemned by the Brahmins should call for an all-India conference and pass a resolution unanimously asking the Brahmins to give up their prerogatives as Brahmin.

S.L. Viridi, Advocate, VPO: Chachoki, Phagwara - 144 004: The industrial hub of Punjab created a new history by holding a three-day *Manawadi Mahapurshan Da Mela* on Oct.22-24, 2004. The *Mela* was unitedly organised by two dozen social, religious and literary organisations at the Ravidass Mandir, G.T. Road, Chak Hakim, Phagwara. Eleven seminars were conducted. Sant Niranjan Dass, head of the Dera Sachkhand Ballan,

inaugurated the *mela* and Sant Puran Nath, head, Gian Ashram, Bhagwan Balmik Tirth, Amritsar, inaugurated the book fair. On Oct.22, the first day of the *mela*, a *Dharam Sansad* was held. Sant Rama Nand of Ballan, Sant Mahinder Pal, Dera Baba Hans Raj, Guru Ravidass Tirath Pandwa, Sant Aatna Dass, Kalewal Bhagtan, Sant Sumitar Dass, Sant Iqbal Muhammad, Kuthar, Sant Sathanam Singh Adampur, Sant Om Parkash Bhulla Raee, Sant Guralal Dass Taragath, Sant Pakhar Dass, Dingrian, Sant Mohan Dass Nurpur and others also spoke at the *Dharam Sansad*. On Oct.23, the second Dalit Sahit Sammelan was held in which four seminars were conducted relating to Dalit literature. Dr. Paramjit Singh Jaj, Dr. Rattan Singh, Dr. Tarsem Sagar, Dr. Harnek Singh Kaler, Madam Banso Devi, Dr. Parveen Paul Singh, Dr. Jagir Singh Noor, Dr. Avtar Singh Esewal, Dr. Inderjeet Singh Wasu, Prof. G.C. Kaul, Sohan Seljal, Prof. Narinder Singh etc. took part in the discussions. All the scholars asserted that the Dalits belong to the pre-Aryan democratic tribal units. The ancient literature was distorted, adulterated and new things were created and added to recast the original writings into a *Manuwadi* mould and Brahminical bent for the disadvantage of Dalits. In this-way Brahminism had halted the smooth flow of the social stream and sullied the clean waters with *varna vyavastha* that had mothered all social ills. On the concluding day, a Dalit Chintan Sammelan was held. Dr. Rattan Singh, Advocates Chaman Singh, Churni Lal Duseela, Arjan Singh, K.R. Bhatia, Dr. Harnek Singh Kaler, Dr. Nawal Vlyogi, Puran Singh, Gil. Rai, Dr. Noor, Prof. Sandhu Viranvi took part in the discussions. *Bahujan Azadi Andolan*, a non-political movement was launched at the Manavwadi Mahanpurshan Da Mela with S.L. Virdi, Advocate, as convenor.

F. Ahmed, Chingdong Leikai, Champanagar PO, Jeribam, Manipur - 795 116: I read your booklet, *Muslim Failure to See Through Brahminical Tricks*, by Rajendra (DSA-2002). It contains serious thoughts on Muslim social structure. In his foreword, Editor V.T. Rajshekhar says "the Muslims have not even identified the enemy" and the Muslim leaders have not made a study of the "Hindu mind". Rajendra depicts the rigid attitude of the Muslims who have not made a study of Indian history. It is a fact our educated, elite Muslims are siding with the real oppressors. Our Editor has been for long supporting the cause of Muslims and had warned many times. Instead the Muslims are dancing to the tunes of Hindu music. Mohammed Iqbal Ansari (DV, Oct.1, 2004) is right. Caste exists among Muslims. In Manipur and Assam, the lowest of the low among the Pangals (the

Manipur-speaking Muslims of Manipur) are called the *Pnungga-nai* who form a big population. The elite Pangals are not in touch with them. Inter-marriage is prohibited. Why a learned leader like Syed Shahabuddin should criticise Yoginder Sikand's book without knowing the facts of the Muslim social structure? In Manipur, the Pangals faced the worst crisis on May 3, 1993 at the hands of the Meeteis. Hundreds of Pangals including women and children lost their lives in two days in the valley of Manipur. Hundreds were missing and rendered homeless. Such genocides were the first in the history of Manipur. Several warnings have been given by the Meeteis through local media before the massacre. Pangals were dubbed pro-Pakistan. This tiny population of Pangals may become totally extinct in this state. To my DV family members, I have a message. In our subdivision of Jiribam in Manipur, one Thangjam Panthoiba has written a letter to the *Freedom*, an Imphal-based daily (Nov.29, 1994) saying:

The doomsday for the Meetei of Jiribam may be expected in the 2nd half of the 21st century. Jiribam will become Muslim-majority by the end of 1st half of 21st century".

Panthoiba said by the end of the 21st century indigenous and non-indigenous population will be the ratio of 50-50 in another 50 years. Hindu Meetei will be reduced to minority and by the end of 22nd century Imphal Valley will have Muslim and Christian majority and from the beginning of 23rd century the whole of North-East India will become a place having a Muslim majority. The Pangals were being treated as second class citizens before the riots of 1993. Later the Meetei expanded their parochial outlook. Top apex organisations like All-Manipur United Clubs Organisation (AMUCO) and National Identity Protection Committee (NIPCO) have treated us properly.

Dr. M. Premjit Ray, MS (Gen.), MCh (Neuro), 302-LB Towers, Maharajpet, Visakhapatnam - 530 002: I have read the book, *My Encounter with Dromacharya*, by Dr. Ashok Bhoiyar who is a cardio-vascular and thoracic surgeon at Nagpur. He has given the Indian scenario in the medical field. One can clearly understand the dangers of the patients when they go to hospitals infested with unethical, immoral, casteist and business mentality of the *swarna* doctors. The criminal practice is always there, whether it is government or private. Who will check the malpractices when the ruling class itself is a gang of criminals and fundamentalists? Now a days, the patients are in utter confusion as where to go and whom to consult. They are unable to know who is skilled and who is unskilled. The quacks, touts at hospitals and

advertisements in the media add to their confusion and ultimately they land in disaster despite spending so much of money. Mushrooming hospitals with recommendation degrees and purchased degree-holders and kickback system of diagnostic centres are pushing the patients into a hell with disability and death. There are many ways to escape from such criminal-minded doctors, as quoted by Dr. Ashok Bhoyar. Medicine is the science of uncertainty and an art of probability. I am working in a government teaching hospital, where the department head is a Dronacharya. He never puts any patient for surgery without taking bribe of few thousands. He tells to the patients: "If you go to corporate hospitals you have to spend over Rs. 1 lakh. Here I will give 50% concessions for you". Poor patients who are supposed to get free treatment fall in the trap. And his skill is so poor that he operates with over 50% mortality while the present goal is zero percent mortality and a little morbidity. In spite of that he manages to appear in newspapers, his *jainwala* reporters do that. He never asks for a post-operating CT/MRI scan, fearing his incomplete surgeries will be made public. He is doing this criminal job for the last 25 years or so. The govt. had ordered inquiries on him but nothing came out. No income tax fellow, no ACB and no CBI fellow touches him as he belongs to the twice-born category. I understand Dr. Bhoyar's agony of inability to serve the need of patients to the full extent due to lack of opportunities. I myself weep silently for the poor patients who are cheated and slaughtered by these Dronacharyas. The Bahujans need educational and health institutes to look after themselves. Neither a "Media centre" nor a national health centre is impossible if the Bahujans contribute liberally. After all we are a Nation (within a Nation). Dr. Bhoyar has knowledge, technique and judgement in heart surgery as well as *karuna*, *mithri*, *sila* and *prajna* in his heart. His mental working for each heart patient before, during and after surgery is nothing but meditation. Meditation is the single-pointed concentration of mind to solve the problems. Dr. Bhoyar's mind is so sharp that it has not missed to grasp the events of the history. He points out: "With the Poona Pact, the political enslavement of Dalits was complete". Today, there are more leaders than the followers. This proves that politics cannot unite Dalits, only Buddhist culture can unite Dalits and it will liberate the Bahujans from Hindu nazi rule. Every English-knowing Dalit must read his book, *My Encounter With Dronacharya*. It will be an eye-opener to the sleepy, soul-searching to the awakened and heart breaking to the kind. These are my reflections after my 4th visit to the *Deeksha Bhoomi*, Nagpur, on Oct.22, 2004. I saw all roads of

Maharashtra leading to *Deeksha Bhoomi* on the *Vijaya Dasami* day. Millions of people proudly displaying Buddhist flags queued up to pay homage to the mortal remains of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar whom they treat as god. Yes, he is the god for humans. I saw hundreds of *bhikkus* and *bhikkunis*, who dedicated their lives to the cause in this sacred land — the Mecca of Ambedkarites. As usual, the "national toilet papers" simply ignored such a mega festival. No mention even in the TV channels. Probably the Brahminical media is afraid that if this is made known to Dalits all over, India will be liberated within five years, as Babasaheb has forecast. For the millions of Dalits, who visited *Deeksha Bhoomi*, Budha was the god, Babasaheb too. Who else will be gods to these poor people — one-fourth of whom came on barefoot carrying their children on their shoulders. Budha and Babasaheb are the gods worshipped by Dalits. They are neither imaginary nor mythological. They were born humans, had parents and family but sacrificed their lives for the universal love and fraternity. But how can we consider Budha and Babasaheb as gods when both of them denied supernatural things, soul, rebirth and denied the very thought of god? Yet it is possible to accept them as gods provided we give a new definition:

If you are pure in heart (mind) and perfect in action, you are more than god.

says Buddhist literature. So we can define god as a person who is born to the parents and lived on this earth, and who attained maximum possible wisdom and utilised his physical an mental energy to the benefit of not only human beings but to all living beings and has not done any harm to them. Who else will fit into this definition, except Budha and Babasaheb Ambedkar? So the pilgrims of *Deeksha Bhoomi* are 100% right in worshipping Budha and Babasaheb and their teachings.

J.R. Antwal, RZ-51, South Extn., Part-III, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi - 110 059. We held a seminar on social justice at MP Club, North Avenue, here on Oct.17, 2004. There was a large gathering of distinguished participants. The seminar demanded reservation in govt. departments, undertakings, private sector, government-aided institutions, educational and technical institutions, schools and colleges and judiciary in proportion to the population of each caste and community. The seminar condemned the theory of "merit" which has only promoted the interests of the upper castes. With the spread of education among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other weaker sections of society enough merit has been generated, awareness has enlarged. Large number of IAS, IPS, IFS and allied cadred officers from SC/ST have come out through UPSC and there is no dearth of competent boys

and girls, men and women consistent with their responsibilities. In fact merit has been exclusively and extensively used for the promotions of interests of upper caste community. Merit failed to root out poverty, hunger, illiteracy, strife and ignorance, whereas in all these 55-odd years of "independence" the SC/ST and other weaker sections have confronted hunger, illiteracy, unemployment, shelter and clothing. The intellectuals and efficient people who had been ruling the country have not been able to efface the ugly blots of untouchability from the faces of Dalits; nonetheless untouchability stands abolished by law under Article 17 of the Constitution. On the other hand more hatred and rigidity among upper caste young generation has developed with greater virulence towards the Dalits. The corporate sector must think that unless the backward-most are not included in the race of progress, economically, socially and educationally, the country cannot raise its head with pride. Non-provision of reservation policy for the depressed communities in privatization would mean making India a beggar country.

A.I. Kalasaran, Dy. Manager (Materials), Employee No C-3739, NMDC Ltd., BIOP, DEP, 5,10&11 A, Bacheli, Chatitgarh - 494 556: Here is a case of a persecution of Dalit officer for personal reasons at the National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd, Bailadila Iron Ore Project, Bacheli, a public sector undertaking under the Steel Ministry. Only one reason quoted to me orally was "I have told to my head of the department that I know the subject to do the job better. Do not know whether the reason quoted by my head of the department leads for probation extension for one year. Even after 50 years of "independence" of India this is the situation for SC/STs. We could not find freedom/self-respect in public life/working place etc. and people want our people to work as slaves under them. They find fault with us for each and everything while others committing a crime or corruption are being encouraged and rewarded. The best of work done by us are kept aside but implicated for spurious reasons.

Ambujakshan (ambux@yahoo.co.uk): Kerala Dalit Panthers, the most powerful Ambedkarite/Dalit organization in Kerala, is now in the midst of a relentless struggle for implementing reservation in private sector. On Nov.29, 2004, Dalit Panther marched to the Raj Bhavan at Trivadrum demanding reservation in private sector. K. Ambujakshan, Kerala Dalit Panthers, leader inaugurated the march. A memorandum was submitted to the Governor. The march was led by Stekumar Peyad, the chairman of KDP, Sasai Pandalam, the general secretary of KDP, Surendran Karippuzha, the vice-

chairman, Soman G Venpuzhassery and Krishnan Malappuram, the secretariat members of KDP. Ambedkarites, students, employees, activists and many well wishers joined the march.

Dr. K. Jamanadas, "Shalimar", Main Road, Chandrapur - 442 402: This refers to the Letter of Shreenath Jena in DV Nov.16, 2004. The Letter is quite confusing to those who are not conversant with the history of Orissa. Could he please write an article in detail each about Bhima Bhoi and Pandit Murmu separately? The information on websites about Bhima Bhoi is also scanty and misleading. He is depicted as a Brahminized poet while Dalit writers have mentioned him as propagating Buddhism. Any biography available in English or Hindi? (kymdas_cha@sancharnet.in).

Binaymin Christy, OM India, 5 - Wazir Hasan Road, Lucknow - 226 001: The So-called holyman like Shankaracharya is involved and caught in crime such as murder. It is very simple logic that you will become like whom you worship (*Bible: Psalm 115:8*). These gods and goddesses of Hinduism are always seen carrying deadly weapons and their stories are full of boasting for their crimes of killing and murders. Compare this with Jesus Christ and Budha who lived simple, holy, righteous and exemplary life, taught us how to live on this beautiful planet. When Dalits and Tribals see this violent Hinduism and also when they see the life of Jesus and Budha they like to embrace Christianity and Buddhism. While Hindu nazi parties and the Brahmin media see this and make nonsense noise. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Father of India, was right when he said "Conversion is the simple, surest, cheapest and most non-violent and the only way of liberating Dalits from this danger, deadly inhumanity paganism called Hinduism". (binaymin@ko.ind.om.org).

Ram Kripal, 9/2 - Dallabagh Officers Colony, Lucknow - 226 001: you have asked us to hold a conference of Pasi intellectuals at Lucknow. The Pasis are the second largest Scheduled Caste community in UP. They are spread over 156 MLA constituencies of UP. In eight MP constituencies, they are thickly populated. Hence out of 80 MP constituencies in UP, every time eight Pasis win without fail. I contacted certain educated and key persons of our community for a conference you suggested but most of them were of the view that you ignored them during your last visit and never tried to focus attention to their sufferings and problems. However, some of them have agreed to attend your meeting. But they all want to know the purpose, subject and agenda for the meeting. *The All India Pasi Samaj* is our Hindi publication.

We were the first in India to give a call that every

Dalit subcaste (including the Pasis) is a distinct identity and hence must be strengthened. This was one of the subjects discussed at the UP Dalit Voice readers workshop held at the OM Headquarters, Lucknow. If among our DV readers in UP we have no Pasi member, it is not our fault. We had a complaint from a Pasi intellectual that during our workshop we did not include the Pasis. So, we requested the OM office people to help convene a meeting of Pasi intellectuals. We want to assure you that we are sincerely interested in Pasis. You can still meet the OM authorities and cooperate with them in recalling a meeting of Pasis — EDITOR.

B. Punnaiah, 8-3-168/M-29, Yusufiguda, Hyderabad - 500 045: With the privatisation of education for the rich and upper castes, the Dalit-Bahujans are struggling to utilize opportunity in education. Many (more than their quota) are ready having all the required qualifications from certificate level to Ph.D. level with merit and efficiency and they are no inferior to anybody in any capacity of merit and efficiency. So the reservations in the private sector for Dalit-Bahujans must be provided impartially. In the process of providing reservations in private sector, protection for Dalit-Bahujans having qualification, merit and efficiency, under article 16 (1), 16 (4), 16 (4A) and 335 must be constitutionally respected. Big business leaders like Srikanth Munjal, Y.K. Mody and Rahul Bajaj must note that the Dalit-Bahujans created and established the Harappa-Mohanjodaro civilization, the first ancient civilization monuments in the world. They are merited, efficient and dedicated to serve the nation that is Bharat.

Er. Darshan Ram, Jagir Kunj, C-5524, Sector-12, Rajaji Puram, Lucknow - 226 017: After the victory of the Congress-NCP combine in the Maharashtra Assembly election the Congress got the chief ministership. Shinde was kicked out. When Shinde was made the CM of Maharashtra, the state was under acute economic crisis. He proved his capability. What reward he could get? Betrayal. The fault with Shinde is that he is the favourite of Sharad Pawar but the majority is not with him. It is he who could bring Sharad Pawar to the Congress side from the NDA fold. This is a lesson for Dalits. They should have faith in the ideology of Babasaheb Ambedkar for their self-respect and survival and safeguard their rights.

M. Gulam Mohamed, President, Maniha Neethi Pasara, 25 - Barracks road, Periamet, Madras - 600 003: This refers to your report in DV of Nov.16, 2004. The Tamil Nadu police have now taken up the task of preventing conversion in Cuddalore dt. They made a mountain out of a mole. On Oct.26, there was a small

clash between two groups over the marriage of a girl who is a daughter of a convert. There was immediate compromise among the parties. But the police entered the scene and made a big fuss. The women were taken into custody but their whereabouts were kept a secret. On Oct.28, a habeas corpus petition was heard by the Madras High Court. On Oct.29, the police announced the arrests at 11.40 pm on Oct.28 with a shocking news, extensively damaging the name of our organisation (MNP) which is a human rights organization. On Oct.29, we held a press meet to explain our activities. We are targeted because we worked against the BJP in the last Lok Sabha election. Our monthly, *Vidyal Velli*, is fighting fascism for the last ten years.

Vilas Kharat, c/o Appasaheb Borse, 38 - Kanifnath Colony, Bavsiungpura, Aurangabad, MS: Anarya Bharat Sangh, Aurangabad, had organised a *morcha* to burn the effigy of the Hindu puranic god, Waman, the incarnation of Vishnu, who cunningly brought about the death of Bali Raja who ruled for the welfare of his subjects. Diwali, according to the Hindus, is a festival to celebrate the victory of the Aryans represented by Waman over the King Bali. The *morcha* started from Bheemnagar, Bhavsiungpura, shouting slogans: "Down with Brahminism", "It is useless celebrating Diwali" and the *morcha* moved peacefully till it came to Milind College Chowk. All of a sudden, the police attacked the participants at the Milind College Chowk and many were injured. The activists were arrested. After their release they garlanded the statues of Shahu Maharaj and the first Father of the Nation, Mahatma Phule. The effigy of Waman was later burnt. Those arrested include: Vilas Kharat, Buddhapriya Kabir, Dhamanjay Borge, Vitabai Borge, Manorama Jilhe, Babytai Limbale, Ramadeep Sonkamble, Kishor Maske, Kamalabai Sawant, Telangbai, Presejjeet Jadhav, R.K. Pandit, Sanjay Abire, Ashok Uke, Praful Dalimbkar, Rupesh Barde, Deepak Nitinwar, Prashant Sathe, Vikas Ghodke, Bheemcharan Dhanehdhar, Jagdish Ingte, Meena Kakde, Seema Bhosle, Pradeep Pandit etc. (dignaaag2002@yahoo.co.in).

S. Akhtar, Khanpur Deh, Bharuch dt. - 392 150: Smelling rotten fish and demanding CBI probe, Fazal Muhammed I Patel, president, Warriors of Justice and Right (Gujarat Pradesh, Bharuch) has in his letter of 4/11/04 to Teesta Setalwad, Bombay, expressed deep sorrow over what Zahira Shaikh has done in and out of court. He has also mentioned his doubt that those who are currently behind Zahira will kill her before she changes her statement once more and that is why she was made to allege that Teesta had threatened to finish her. ■

Brahminical bias against Sikhs

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This refers to DV article of Nov.16, 2004 (p.8): "*Sikhs depicted as monkeys in Hindu films*", by Gurnam Singh Muktsar.

I wrote in detail about it five years ago and it was published in the *Hindu Sabhavarta* of the Hindu Mahasabha. I wrote in protest against the bias against the Sikhs in Brahminical media. Now the situation has worsened. Even mobile SMS messages poke fun at Sikhs. Even my Brahmin colleagues send such messages.

About 15 years ago when I was with the *Shaane-Sahara*, Lucknow, the business manager of that weekly came to Delhi. I took him to a Connaught Place hotel for lunch. When we came out I pointed out that the food was good but there was too much ghee. He said: *Punjabi hai na saala* (meaning that the hotel owner being Sikh he had used much ghee). This is the mental make-up of the media. They must ridicule everything that is Sikh — whether religion or otherwise. The Brahminical media hates the Sikhs because they do not bother about caste system and compete with the Brahmins at every step. They also beat them in

their own game. This leads to lot heart-burning. Now they have invented another way to insult the Sikhs. They call them Pakistanis, the people who migrated from Pakistan. My son who is in the 8th class is also called a Pakistani by his Brahmin friends in school. This is going to continue for another generation at least.

When it is time to take the laurels, the Brahmin would be made to accept it. But when it is time to share the blame, a non-Brahmin would be named and shown on the TV. This is the insidious way of making non-Brahmins feel small and guilty and also of making Brahmins look bigger than life.

Tulsidas had said *Poojiye Vipra Sakal gunheena* (meaning that a Brahmin should be worshipped even if he is devoid of all virtues). This is exactly what is happening in the media.

Brother Muktsar has referred to Dr. Manmohan Singh. I would like to point out that the defeat of the Mughal dynasty was complete when Dr. Manmohan Singh unfurled the national flag at the Red Fort this year "independence day". ■

Phule on Brahmin slavery

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: Here is an important dialogue between Mahatma Phule and his son, titled "Casteism" which is included in the textbook for second-year Bombay University students:

The son wonders why god did not intervene instead of allowing the *shudras* to suffer for centuries. Jyotiba answers: "The almighty finally took pity on the *shudras*. To free the *shudras* from the trap of casteism, god sent the casteless Muslims. Unfortunately, the Muslims failed the almighty. They started indulging themselves.... Therefore, god, the creator, got quite angry and destroyed the Muslim empire. The son wonders: "after demolishing the Muslim kingdom, did the almighty relax?" Jyotiba's answer is: "No, god did not rest. The English were a barbaric lot at one time and used to live in the jungle. God let the English progress and develop, made them adventurous and sent them to India to free the *shudras* from the slavery of the Brahmins".

Bombay University had approved the textbook of philosophical prose in Marathi.

(*Asian Age*, Nov.21, 2004).

Muslim duty to fight US in Iraq

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Beirut: The International Association of Muslim Scholars (IAMS) ruled that resisting occupation troops in Iraq is a duty on able Muslims in and outside the war-torn country and that aiding the occupier is impermissible. The IAMS ex-officio underlines and underscores that helping the Iraqi people in their uphill struggle against the (US) occupation is a duty on every able Muslim in and outside Iraq, the pan-Muslim body said in a statement. Concluding a two-day meeting in the Lebanese capital, Beirut, the Dublin-based body said this kind of *jihad* does not necessitate a central command to organize military operations but willing Muslims can do it on their own. It also urged the "noble resistance" fighters to stick to *Shariah* rules in their praiseworthy resistance.

The IAMS which brings together 200 Muslim scholars from the all over the world said it is not permissible for any Muslim to support the occupiers at the expense of the Iraqi people and their resistance, said IAMS secretary-general Mohammad Salim al-Awa. IAMS president is Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi. (amirali@ilaam.net)

When Savarkar apologised to British

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The *hindutwadis* staged protests inside the Indian Parliament and saw to it that it did not function for a number of days on the issue of Sawarkar. On this incident Purushottam Khedekar, the main personality behind the proposed conversion to *Shivadharm* in January next, expressed his opinions in the *Maratha Marg* (Oct.2004). The following is its gist.

The available history is that Sawarkar apologized to the British Govt. in writing six times. The British accepted his *maphinama* (letter of apology) the copies of which are available in Sawarkar's own books, with some harsh conditions and condoned his remaining sentence. Sawarkar pleaded that remaining alive was the prime need of the time for which he quoted the principle of the tortoise *avataara* of his god.

While many dignitaries like Krantisimha Nana Patil, Subhash Chandra Bose, Punjabrao Deshmukh, Dr. Ambedkar and others were fighting for bringing the democratic Bahujan rule of equality, liberty, fraternity and justice. Sawarkar wanted to remove the British to bring back the *Peshawar* many associates of Nana Patil were caught by the British on the information furnished by Sawarkar. Naganath Anna Nayakwadi, revolutionary, now alive gives the date-wise information of this disclosure by Sawarkar of the names and plans of the revolutionaries.

Sawarkar suffered for 11 years in the Cellular Jail but he was the one with the minimum number of years

among the suffering revolutionaries. Nearly 130 revolutionaries suffered for over 19 years in the Cellular Jail and over 100 of them were hanged later in the same jail. All these were real revolutionaries but they all were Bahujans. Indians have no knowledge even of their names. Their names with dates were engraved on a huge stone there. When some Maharashtrais saw that writing, they realized that Sawarkar was the one with the minimum of punishment compared to others and also remarks were seen that he apologized. Therefore, that information was made to disappear about 26 years back.

Sawarkar had some attraction for Shivaji during his childhood but after later he realized that Brahmins are superior to Shivaji and he did not include Shivaji as one of the six heroes of India in his *saha soneri pane* (six golden pages). So he said Shivaji became a king just by luck he was not a warrior but a fatalist and believer in god. Like Tilak, Agarkar, Gokhale and Chipunkar, Sawarkar also believed that as the British got the power from Peshwa Brahmins they should restore the Peshwas back to power.

Referring to Brahminic propaganda, Khedekar says, one could sell one's untruths by shouting. But there is original written evidence available for most of the things said and done by Mani Shankar Aiyar. Also, some of the real revolutionaries who suffered because of the apology of Sawarkar are still alive.

If there is evidence against Madani why he is not tried in court?

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore: The rule of law in India can be bent to suit the needs of individuals. The notorious Kanchi swami involved in a murder case is defended by the country's rich and the powerful. But a revolutionary/leader of poor Muslims of Kerala is rotting in Coimbatore jail without any charge for several years. This is India where we have two sets of law: one for the rulers and another for slaves:

Trivandrum: The TN Govt. has refused to take a lenient stand on the Kerala Govt.'s plea to facilitate the release of Abdul Nasser Madhani, chairman of People's Democratic Party, languishing in the Coimbatore central prison with severe health problems. The TN Govt. claims to possess strong

evidence to prove Madhani's complicity in the Coimbatore bomb blasts. Hence the Kerala Govt. request to expedite the trial of the case is also not expected to yield favourable results for Madhani. (*Deccan Herald*, Nov.10, 2004).

If the TN Govt. has "strong evidences" against Madani why it has not put him up on trial? Why it did not act on the Supreme Court order to try him? Does it not prove the govt. has no evidence against him? ■

DV June 1, 2004 p. 24: "Madani gets bail".

DV April 1, 2004 p.20: "Conspiracy to keep Madani in jail?"

DV Feb. 16, 2002 p. 10: "Madani rotting in Coimbatore jail".

DV March 15, 2001 p.4: "Madani rotting in jail". ■

Historic Gandhi-Periyar conversation

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I referred to the book, *Religion and Society*. What is given there is a translation of the Tamil book published by Valluvar Publishing House from Bhavani (1948). Perhaps it was published in the context of the assassination of M.K. Gandhi. They have given a correct version of the discussion between Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy and M.K. Gandhi.

I have read about it in other works more than once. They are all in Tamil. The earliest reference though a brief one is by Periyar himself in his weekly, *Kudi Arasu*, and reproduced in his biography (1939).

I reproduce from p.84 and 85 of *Tamilar Thalavai* the background in which the meeting between Gandhi and Periyar took place:

Gandhi defends caste system

"Periyar left Congress in 1925. Then he did intensive propaganda to annihilate caste through his speeches and writings in *Kudi Arasu*. (*Kudi* citizen, common people. *Arasu* - state, government. *Kudi Arasu* - Govt. of the people). Periyar started this weekly in Tamil in 1925. Periyar's two years

intense propaganda alarmed the Brahmins. So they brought Gandhi to Tamil Nadu and made him to do propaganda in favour *Varnashrama Dharma*. Gandhi came to South India and spoke in support of *Varnashrama Dharma* in

many places. For example, *Swadesa Mitran* (the Tamil daily) reported thus in Aug. 1927 about Gandhi's speech at Mysore:

"Different *dharmas* (duties) are ordained to different *varnas*. Persons of every *varna* should do *dharmas* ordained to them. In so doing, they become great. Certain *dharmas* are ordained to the Brahmins. When they do them properly they become great (high). The main *dharma* of a Brahmin is to serve people. The *dharma* of a Kshatriya is to protect ordinary people. When he performs that *dharma* he rises higher than others. In the same manner when persons of other *varnas* do their *dharmas* or duties assigned to them, they become high.

"This being so, from where does the question of high and low arise? The *Varnashrama Dharma* came into existence only to protect the welfare of the society. It is not meant for the protection of one community

by another community".

Periyar on Brahmins

This speech as reported by the *Swadesa Mitran* in Aug. 1927 clearly shows Gandhi's view that untouchability could be abolished retaining the framework of *Varnashrama Dharma*. But Periyar was telling that untouchability could be abolished only when *Varnashrama Dharma* was abolished. He was also telling that everything that formed the basis of *Varnashrama Dharma* should be abolished. Regarding this issue, Periyar and Gandhi had a discussion in 1927 (in Bangalore). Periyar was accompanied by S. Ramanathan (who was at that time a close associate of Periyar, later differed from him politically and became a minister in the cabinet of C. Rajagopalachari who was the prime minister of Madras Province from 1937 to 1939). Periyar wrote about his discussion with Gandhi in *Kudi Arasu*:-

ARE THERE NO GOOD BRAHMINNS?

Confused people, when faced with criticism of *vaadiks*, ask a familiar question: "Are there no good Brahmins?"

To such of them Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy, whom we have ranked next only to Dr. Babasahab Ambedkar, has given the answer.

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have come to the conclusion that without accomplishing these three tasks there is no independence to India.

First, what is said to be the Congress (party) should be wound up.

Second, caste should be annihilate. To achieve this, Hindu religion should be abolished.

Third, Brahmin domination should be put an end to. The Mahatma's explanation did not change our views. We told him so and took leave. (*Kudi Arasu*, Editorial 28.8.1927).

After this Periyar lost his faith in Gandhi. He began to condemn him openly.

Tamilar Thalavai (leader of Tamils) is the first authoritative biography of Periyar written by Saami Chidambaram in 1939. The work still remains a popular one. I have taken the excerpts for my translation from its 12th edition published in 2001. ■

Periyar says he never had faith in any Brahmin

The following passage from the text of conversation that took place between M.K. Gandhi and Periyar E.V. Ramaswamy is taken from page 67-68 of the just published book, *Religion & Society* (1994, Emerald Publishers, 135 - Anna Salai, Madras - 600 002, Rs. 45).

- Periyar : The selfish gang in Hinduism will not permit any reforms at all.
- Gandhi : How do you say that? Have not all people in this religion accepted that there is no untouchability in Hinduism?
- Periyar : Theoretical acceptance of any ideas is one thing, and following it in practice is another. Therefore, it is not possible to introduce any reforms in Hinduism.
- Gandhi : I am showing it in practice. Have you not realized how many changes have taken place during the past 4 or 5 years?
- Periyar : I do realize that changes appear to have taken place but they are not real changes. The people pretend to accept the reforms suggested by you because you are influential and because they need your goodwill. And you have taken their words on trust!
- Gandhi : (smilingly) Who are you referring to?
- Periyar : All the Brahmins.
- Gandhi : You mean all the Brahmins?
- Periyar : Oh, yes! All the Brahmins, including those who are with you.
- Gandhi : **In that case, don't you have faith in any Brahmin?**
- Periyar : **I am not able to have faith in anyone.**
- Gandhi : Don't you have faith even in Mr. Rajagopalacharlar?
- Periyar : He is a good and truthful person. He is unselfish and self-sacrificing. All these good qualities come to the fore in his service to his community. But I cannot easily bring myself to entrust the welfare of my people - the non-Brahmins — to him.
- Gandhi : That is surprising to me. It is your view that there is not even one honest Brahmin in the world?
- Periyar : Perhaps there may be a few, but I haven't come across any such person.
- Gandhi : Please don't say so. I know a Brahmin. I consider him as absolutely good Brahmin; he is Gopal Krishna Gokhale.
- Periyar : Oh, what a relief! If such a great person like you have been able to find only one good Brahmin, how can, "sinners", like us come across any good Brahmin?
- Gandhi : (laughing) The world will always be under the domination of the intelligentsia. The Brahmins are educated and at all times they will be dominant. And there is no use of blaming them for that. Others also must come to that position.
- Periyar : Hinduism is unlike other religions in one respect. In this religion all the Brahmins are educated and they alone form the intelligentsia. Among the others, more than 90 per cent are uneducated and gullible. In a society which follows a certain religion, if only one community can be educated and dominant, should we not consider that religion harmful to the people of other communities?

(Periyar-Gandhi meeting in 1927: *The Hindu Religion and Gandhi*, Valluvar Publishing House, Bhavani, 1948)

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Merit mantra to hide upper caste corrupt mind

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Periyar Mission of India celebrated Periyar E. V. Ramaswamy's 126th birth anniversary in Bangalore on Oct. 13, 2004 by holding a day-long seminar on reservation in private sector. The discussion was led by M. Veerappa Moily, former Chief Minister, Mrs. B. T. Lalitha Naik, ex-minister, V.T. Rajshekar, Editor, *Dalit Voice*, B. V. Putte Gowda, ex-Mayor, Bangalore, Prof. N. V. Narasimhatah, ex-member, Backward Class Commission, Dr. K.S. Bhagwan, P.S. Sridhara Murthy, B.S. Jayachandra and C. Kanike Raj participated.

The UPA manifesto did not promise reservation in private sector. It has only expressed serious concern at the miserable representation in jobs at disposal of the private sector and to remedy the anomaly, the manifesto promises to start a dialogue with the management of industries in private sector.

Ever since the UPA formed the government, those controlling the private sector have invaded space in the print media and indulged in arranged debates in the electronic media and are doing their best to shape public opinion against reservation in private sector. The press and the media are under the control of the Brahmins and Banias. The few SC/ST/BBCs in the media are those who are acceptable to these dominant castes. The media has been taking all care to scuttle the spread of ideas of Mahatma Phule, Dr. Ambedkar and Periyar. It is no wonder that anti-reservation have already gained an upper hand

in the lopsided debates in the media.

There is no merit in the stale arguments being advanced by those who have been chanting the merit *mantra*. The Supreme Court has virtually equated money with merit when it allowed 15% NRI quota and 50% management quota

lays down that state shall provide free and compulsory education for all children upto the age of 14 years (Article 45), the government has abandoned its constitutional obligation and has left the whole field of primary education to private enterprise.

Tata's support reservations

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Tata Industries has agreed to back caste-based reservations in the private sector. The move has the potential to jolt the industry which is hostile to the Union Govt.'s promise for affirmative action outside the public sector. In a communique sent to the Union Social Justice Minister, Mrs. Meira Kumar, chairman of the Tata conglomerate, Ratan Tata, has informed his readiness to back the govt. initiative for reservations in the private sector. Corporate sources said the decision of the Tatas to draft their own proposal points to the possibility of the business houses settling for voluntary action over govt. legislation.

The Tata-govt. dialogue began after she addressed the Indian Merchants Chamber in Bombay on Sept.21.

Tata is the second business house after Videoccon to give a nod to quota.

in admission to professional courses. The seats are sold to highest bidders conveniently forgetting merit.

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Colleges have become teaching shops. College education as well as working conditions and salaries of the privately managed colleges have ceased to be the fundamental rights while starting colleges have become the fundamental right of managements. While Constitution

As a result of Periyar's agitation in the wake of Champakam Durairajan Case, Article 15(4) came into existence.

However, the governments have slept over Articles 16(4), 15(4), 29, 46 and 38 and have failed to make laws under them. These provisions are actually under-utilized. Under privileged sections could have been given educational facilities and reservation in private sector can be ensured by making suitable laws

without amending the Constitution.

Whether it is the right of the poor to seek admission to professional courses or the question of reservation in private sector, lack of a sense of commitment even in the UPA govt. can clearly be seen. There is no merit in the argument of the private industry that in the context of LPG (liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation) the demand for reservation in private sector has become meaningless.

RESERVATIONS IN UNITED STATES

The constitution of United States makes no mention of reservations. Yet the administration as well as private industry have implemented what they call due representation of un-privileged segments of its population. The policy is known as affirmative action.

This is in sharp contrast with the attitude, mentality and prejudice displayed by India's private industry who are opposing the present move on the ground that "corporate India does not go by color of the skin, caste or the last name". But we should learn from the American experience. While we find plenty of Blacks and women in US heading as CEOs none of the private sector firms of Indian origin or foreign origin in India have at least one CEO from the SCs or STs. Hence the question is not political. It is a real challenge to the democratic ethos of the country. May be India should innovate a pattern, which is different from the present reservation policy of employment in the state sector but nearer to the time-tested model of the US.

The most overlooked fact in these debates is that all the loss-making public sector industries and govt. offices suffering from inefficiency had been headed by "merited" upper castes. In most of the scams, misappropriation and

corruption cases it is the upper castes that were involved. Those who have been singing the old song that reservations will hit efficiency, competitiveness and morale have not produced any tangible proof as there has been no objective tests, reliable research or objective and impartial survey to substantiate their theory. Merit does not consist in scoring high marks in memory tests, otherwise called as examinations. Merit consists in achieving goals, reaching targets and producing results.

In private sector, nepotism is rampant, interviews are engineered and tests are a farce. Relationship with key figures, caste-oriented preferences as well as prejudices and a variety of extraneous considerations play a big role in job distribution.

UPPER CASTE ARROGANCE

How long will OBCs and Dalits depend on protective reservations? When will they develop capacity to compete? They should learn to come up by dint of hard work. This sermon is dished out by the well entrenched castes who are steeped in prejudice and arrogance and are practicing double standards, nepotism and casteism. Merit *mantra* is only a cover to hide their due even under the reservation policy only after knocking the doors of courts. Handicapped or mentally unsound persons are appointed on the plausible humanitarian grounds since the job seekers belonged to the right caste.

Several big private firms are private only in name since government holds 49% share in them. Larsen and Turbo, Crompton & Greaves and Greaves Cotton are only examples. Most of the shares even out of the rest 51% are held by the members of the public who keep selling and buying them. Those who

are at the helm in these firms actually hold around 25% of the shares. In terms of capital formation, growth of GDP and employment generation (despite absence of reservation) the achievement of Indian private sector is dismal.

PERMIT-LICENSES RAJ

In the most talked about fields like information technology or biotechnology there is hardly any indigenous innovation. Everything including Linux is borrowed from outside. While progress in the field of software production is entirely due to cheap labour in India compared to West, success of private companies like Tata Steels, TVS and Hindustan Motors etc. are traceable to government orders and subsidies.

It is utterly unscientific to divide castes and communities as merited and unmerited. While all coveted positions for centuries remained in the hands of so-called merited castes, the country remained poor, masses remained illiterate and the nation itself is in debt. Why? There was and there is no merit in the system.

Mere 10% of NRIs are earning as much as the net earnings of the entire population. Is it because of their merit or is it because of their links and connections? The much talked about success of Indian merit outside their motherland is not due to their merit but traceable to conditions wherein they had to work hard under fear complex caused by job insecurity. The whole talk of brain-drain is sheer nonsense.

It is not merit but opportunity, that made all the difference. A management expert said:

The one who got opportunity became a policeman and the one who was denied it became a criminal. The one who got a chance became a soldier and the one who did not, became a terrorist. The one who was

employed took up the job and the one who was denied it became a thug".

Critics of reservation in private sector argue that permit-licence regime and pro-public sector policy of the Congress Govt. headed by Nehru and Indira Gandhi (for about three decades) weakened the private sector. Any survey and statistics will show that the actual beneficiary of this system was the private sector. The notable examples being Hindustan Motors, Tata Steels and TVS. Another company i.e. Best & Crompton run entirely by Tamil Brahmins came to be closed despite their widely advertised merit. Every time crematoria in Bangalore goes wrong there is a long wait for the technicians from abroad.

GRIP OF 200 INDUSTRIALISTS

While economic empires of these business houses expanded by leaps and bounds and their wealth accumulated they failed to spread education, develop health care, etc. of which they are now sermonizing. Nor did they provide capital for the government to develop R&D or infrastructure. Instead they either

smuggle or lured talent and swindled technical know-how from the public sector and eroded them. HMT and ITI are their worst victims.

The irony of Indian economy is that after 57 years of "independence" and 30 years of fierce but verbal socialism it is in the grip of top 200 industrialists, most of whom had derived benefits from the permit-licence system or from the patronage or favouritism of key politicians. The other even more interesting irony is that these people who keep mouthing words such as merit, competitiveness etc. did not come up by sheer merit or through competition. They came-up under a regime of protectionism (otherwise called permit-licence raj), governments help in the form of tax exemptions or political patronage. Indian Railways is in public sector where reservation is in force and it has won global tenders repeatedly. All global tenders for various projects called by the Middle-East countries have been bagged by Western or European countries, none by Indian merit-managed private firms. These Indian firms have become subcontractors under Western companies.

RESERVATION PRIVATE SECTOR

OUR CORRESPONDENT

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They gave scientific arguments and logical analysis.

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Has the ruling BSO ever listened to any demand of the oppressed Indians?

Hypocrisy and dishonesty is rampant in the very debate itself since the Brahminical media is not reflecting the views and ideas of the majority of the people of this country. The futile and unsound arguments against reservation in private sector advanced by vested interests and privileged castes deserve to be exposed.

COMMUNIST SILENCE

It is high time that private sector should be made socially responsible and accountable. The only way to end gruesome poverty of SC/ST/BC and minorities is to open the doors for jobs, responsibilities and opportunities to them. All this talk in defence of non-existent merit and prejudice against socially, economically and religiously exploited segments, stems from a mental frame-work shaped by *Manu Smriti*.

It is intriguing that the Communist parties which were unduly enthusiastic about reservation for women in legislatures are maintaining strange silence on the question of reservation in private sector for SC/ST/OBCs. Is it because of the caste composition of their politburos? ■

Unpardonable crime of upper caste rulers

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The reservation to SC/ST is recommended in the Constitution itself. But 50

years after the Constitution came into force, SC/ST reservations have not even reached 5% out of the stipulated 23%.

When the BSO could refuse to ignore the constitutional obligation and the Supreme Court kept silent on this grave lapse, will the BSO implement reservation in private sector?

Those demanding reservation in private sector are silent on this unpardonable crime of the upper caste rulers.

