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## Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission Society, Yuba City celebrated the 123rd Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar



### CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

we heartily congratulate on the establishment of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission Society, Yuba City. The newly formed Society celebrated the 123rd Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb on April 20th, 2014 in Veteran's Memorial Community Hall, Yuba City, which was a magnificent success and created a new spark of enthusiasm among the followers of Babasaheb in continuing his noble and lofty ideals of social equality and justice.

Babasaheb's mission at a glance:-As we all know and realize that the scourge of caste and social discrimination has expanded and has crossed all stretches of human imagination. Babasaheb's mission was to rid the society of the prejudice, hatred and discrimination which were inherently built into the entire spectrum of the social order against the unprivileged sections of society. His life-long struggle for social justice which finds no parallel in the annals of human history was solely based on such discriminations, which he himself had to face throughout his entire life.

He became a strong voice of the voiceless against the forces of suppression and his undaunted courage to fight this social exploitation became the corner-stone of his mission and philosophy. We have to keep the flame of his mission and struggle alive till his dreams of social transformation are accomplished.

I am personally thankful to the organizers of this event for inviting me to attend this historic occasion and giving me the opportunity to share my views with other prominent participants in this celebration.

It was also a rare opportunity for me and other participants to listen to the inspiring views of Miss Kshilpra Uke, a PhD. student of Jawahar Lal Nehru University New Delhi, who is on a special mission to USA and other



foreign countries to see the prevalence of caste system among the diaspora. As revealed by Miss Kshilpra, her grandfather had worked very closely with Babasaheb's mission.

Her speech was very inspirational on the role of women education, in our fight against discrimination and exploitation. Other prominent speakers who lauded the efforts of Babasaheb for social equality and justice included Mr. Jagdev Ram, Mr. Ajai Pal Ram, Mr. O. P. Balley, Mr. Didar Singh Bains, Mr. Tajwant Maan, city Council Member, Yuba city, Mr. Rakesh Chander Dr. Harmesh Kumar, Miss. Kshilpra Uke (Delhi), Mrs. Debo Bains, Mr. Hans Raj Kajla, Mr. Santokh Singh Gill, Mr. Palwinder Mahi, Mr. Kewal Singh & Mr. Vinod Kumar Chumber Mr. Jaswinder Banga, Mr. Jaswant Sheemar, Mr. Jiwan Rattu, Mr. Harblas Singh, Mr. Sewak Dass, Mr. Sonu Ambedkar, Mr. Ram Sewak Bhatia & Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber and more.

Musical Group of Mr. Ranjeet "Teji" entertained the audience with his melodious songs on the life and mission of Babasaheb and it was a big attraction of the event. We also appreciate the untiring efforts of Mr. Prem Chumber, Editor-In-Chief, "Desh Doaba" and "Ambedkar Times" with Mr. Shingara Singh Ralh, Mr. Dilwinder Ralh, Mr. Ram Sewak Bhatia, Mr. Parshotam sood, Mr. Paramjit Saroay, Mr. Prem Sondhi, Mr. Santokh Singh Gill and many more in organizing this event successfully.

In the end we again congratulate the founders of this society for keeping the mission of Babasaheb alive.

With best wishes for success in your future efforts. Thanks.

- O. P. Balley

General Secretary, Supreme Council, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA

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# 11th Annual Spring (Baisakhi Mela) Festival has left a memorable imprint on the minds of communities from all faith groups



The high light of the program was an internationally acclaimed performers from the Tianjin Children's Palace featured performers at the 11th Annual Diversity Festival held on Saturday May 3rd at Concord's Todos Santos Plaza. Organized by the South Asian Health and Training Foundation (SABH) and the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, the founder of the festival Dr. Harmesh Kumar reported. Things got started at 11am with Interfaith Prayers by Rev. Margaretmary Staller and Bhai Harblas Singh. The performances began at 12 noon. There was no admission charge to the Diversity Festival which offered different entertainment from around the world especially geared for family enjoyment. According Dr. Harmesh

Kumar who has organizing this event for the last eleven years, "Having the Tianjin Children's Palace participation will go a long way to achieving our objective of furthering understanding between people of different cultures" as promoted by Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The Chief guest, Honorable Concord Mayor, Tim Grayson, County Supervisor, Karen Mitchoff, State Senator, Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblywoman, Susan Bonilla's were able to greet the audience and appreciated the fact that we were able to showcase our diversity in a positive way in Concord. Mr. Anand Jha, Indian Consul from San Francisco said that being from India where we thrive on our diversity for centuries; it was good that Dr. Harmesh Kumar was able to promote

the same strength of humanity in this country to bring people close to each other. With their extensive resume of having performed around the world including Canada, England, France, and France this famous colorfully attired student group of dancers, singers, and musicians from Tianjin, convey the best of Chinese culture. Members of the Tianjin Children's Palace are part of an after school program that was first organized in 1956. In addition to their domestic work and foreign tours, they also host groups from around the world in Tianjin each year to promote cultural understanding. Dr. Kumar remembered the song by Lata Mangeshkar from Hindi Movie, "Do kalian" Bache Man Ke

Sache, Sarey Jag Ki Aakh Ke Taarey, Yeh jo Sache Bhool Hai Jo Bhagwan Ko Lagtey Pyare, while saying that if we want peace and harmony in the world then children of the world need to be brought together where they can understand different cultures and develop a common understanding, love and appreciation for humanity. Punjabi Gidha, Bhanghra by Jaspal and Gogi Singh's teams from San Jose and Dr. Erica Bains from Punjabi Youth Association and kids from D'Ann's Dance Academy, Netzahualcoyotl Ballet Folklorico along with American dances, and ladies from Fitness Evolution performed Zumba Dance. There were multiethnic foods people were able to enjoy. -----