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United States of America: A Vision of Freedom and Dream of Prosperity

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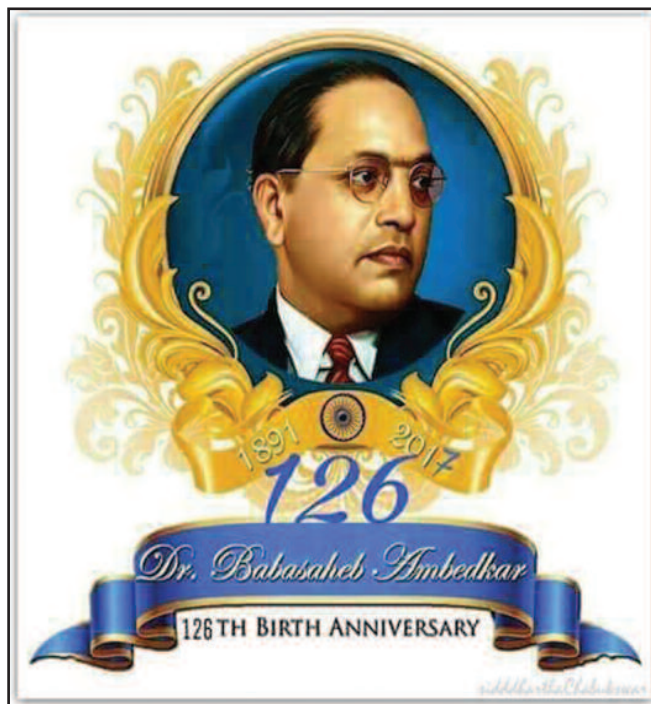
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4th of July embodies a vision of freedom and dream of prosperity. Every person in the world irrespective of her/his religion, class, creed and faith aspires to make the USA his home! S/he feels embolden while getting associated with this great nation - an abode of liberty, equality fraternity - of opportunities and dignity.

The USA instills faith and courage to come forward to live and let live with love and peace with one- self and the rest of the humanities. Since the end of World War II, it has not looked back to reconstruct peaceful order in the world and help attain freedom of thought, liberty and equality everywhere on the globe. Name any continent, region or a country where the USA has not left its mark of encouragement and initiatives for realizing ones dream and aspirations. One of the largest and oldest democratic countries in the world, the USA has always shown its greatest interest in allowing free flow of ideas and letting people live the way they want to be. It has remained first in all fields of human activities, be it science, technology, art, and sports. What led it to achieve all this is perhaps the freedom of thought and action guaranteed by its constitution and effective governance system. Ambedkartimes.com takes a lot of pride on this auspicious day of freedom and independence.

Dr. Ambedkar's 126th Birth Anniversary celebrations at Sri Guru Ravidass Temple, Pittsburg

Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Pittsburg, CA celebrated 126th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Rattan Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 25th June, 2017 with a devoted spirit of dedication and enthusiasm. Prominent speakers well versed with the life of Babasaheb included Mr. O. P. Balley, founder Member, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Pittsburg, Mrs. Gina Bhatia, General Secretary of Guru Ghar, Vinod Chumber, Nirmal Rattu, Dishvinder Pal, Dr. Harmesh Kumar and Kashmiri Bhatia, President of the Sabha. All the speakers paid their homage and glowing tributes to the memory of this jewel of India by depicting a picture of his unparalleled contributions in his untiring efforts to fight for so-



cial justice for all the depressed and neglected sections of the Indian society.

Dr. Mamta Joshi, a very prominent and acclaimed artist in

the classical music adorned the celebrations with her sweet voice and musical skills and was a magnificent attraction of the event. Prominent Ragi Jatha from San Jose also entertained the Sangat with their melodious voice and Shabad Kirtan. Mr. Prem K. Chumber, Chief Editor, Desh Doaba and Ambedkar Times who could not attend the celebrations because of his pre -occupations sent a special message with his congratulations on this important function. The program ended with Ardas and langar Sewa on behalf of the entire Sangat of Guru Ghar.

O.P. Balley

Founder Member,

Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha,
Pittsburg (California)

32nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, SHRI GURU RAVIDASS TEMPLE PITTSBURG



32nd Anniversary of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Pittsburg (California) was celebrated with a spirit of great enthusiasm and dedication on July 2nd, 2017 (Sunday) at the Temple in Pittsburg. The entire Sewa for this historic occasion with the recitation of three days Akhand Path, was hosted by Waheguru blessed family of Mr. Kashmiri Bhatia, the president of the Sabha in the loving memory of his father late Shri Rattan Singh Bhatia. This historic function was attended by a large number of followers of Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Mrs. Gina Bhatia, the General Secretary of the Sabha who opened the proceedings of the

function paid her glowing tributes to the services of the founding members of the temple, most of whom are unfortunately no more with us.

Mr. Joginder Singh (Delhi Wale) joined by his daughter Kamaljit Bhatia also addressed the Sangat with their valuable thoughts amid recitation of Shabads based on Gurbani.

Mr. O.P. Balley, one of the senior founding members of Guru Ghar who has very intimate knowledge of the history of this temple, depicted in details the vision, untiring efforts of the founders who, with sustained help and co-operation of Sangat, opened this Guru Ghar on June

2nd, 1985. He also narrated the history how some of our pioneers from Fiji Islands carried their cultural heritage to this country and their hard work and perseverance became instrumental in the opening of this Guru Ghar which has the honor of being the Shiromani Guru Ghar.

Pioneers Remembered:- Mr. Balley also paid his homage in remembrance to all the founding members by naming them individually each one of them, also expressed his emotional grief and sorrow to see that most of the pioneers who did a tremendous and a laudable job to bring this Guru Ghar into existence, are
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no more with us, but their memories associated with this foundation will remain deeply embedded in the hearts and souls of the entire Sangat who will carry their legacy to the future generations.

Mr. Sukhraj Chopra one of the founding members who had performed the opening ceremony of the temple with his lavish donation also addressed the Sangat briefly on the occasion. Mr Balley also paid his homage to late Mr. Karma Dalel who being the second highest donor performed the Nishan Sahib ceremony of the temple.

It was an historic accomplishment in the annals of its history and a badge of honor to the undaunted and devotional efforts of the entire Sangat who, in spite of their meager means and financial resources at that time opened their hearts by donating generously for this noble cause. Today the entire community in USA is proud to see the splendor, glamour and expansion of our Guru Ghar to its remarkable heights.

Mr Balley also stressed the need to keep the children, who are the future architects of any nation, attached to our cultural heritage by insulating them from the adverse influence of undesirable elements of society.

Mr. Prem K. Chumber, Editor-In-Chief, Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba weekly newspapers who is doing a commendable job as a media journalist, while congratulating on this historic occasion of celebrating the 32nd Anniversary of building this first Shri Guru Ravidass temple in Northern America, spoke very emphatically about the powerful role of media in promoting the welfare and interests of any community or a religious organization.

Mr Prem K. Chumber also mentioned about the spirit and courage of Dr. Harmesh Kumar, a prominent member of the community who is contesting the election for Governor for the state of California & also he said Mr. Lahori Ram Commissioner was the first prominent member of Indo-American community to

be actively involved in the field of political arena and thus becoming a great inspiration for future generations.

Mr Abhishek Narabat former General Secretary of Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha Pittsburg (California) demonstrated his grave concerns about the atrocities committed in Saharnpur (UP) on helpless people belonging to down trodden communities and pleaded for financial help to relieve them in their suffering.

Rev. Will McGarvey, Executive Director of Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County expressed his valuable thoughts for creating mutual understanding and harmonious relationship between different religious faiths.

Kavi Jatha: Parminder Singh Parwana, Gurdial Singh Noorpuri, Tarsem Singh Suman, Jasvir Singh Fremont entertained the Sangat with the recitation of Kavitas based on the teachings of Gurbani.

Mr Kashmiri Bhatia the president of the temple who hosted this function applauded the role and the efforts of

the founding members in the establishment of this magnificent Guru Ghar. He also thanked the Sangat for participation and cooperation in making this event successful.

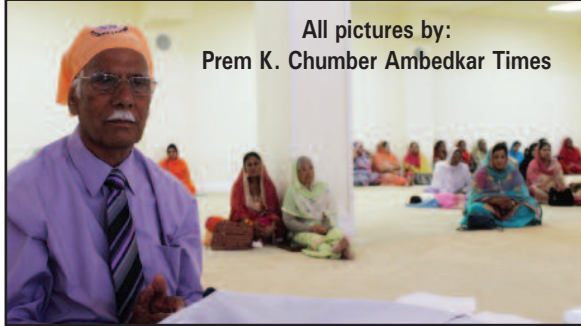
The Managing Committee of Guru Ghar also honored the living as well as the deceased founding members with Siropas for their dedicated efforts to build this Guru Ghar. Siropas for the deceased founding members were received on their behalf by their close family members who were present at the function. Mr. O.P. Balley who was also honored with Siropa thanked the Managing Committee on behalf of all the awardees which, he said, belong to the entire Sangat for their help and cooperation.

Thanks to the entire Sangat.
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