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Happy Republic Day Freedom, Caste and Nation

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Freedom for Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is much more than its usual conceptual connotation. He was of the firm opinion that "He who is not a slave of circumstances and is always ready and striving to change them in his favour, I call him free. One who is not a slave of usage, customs, of meaningless rituals and ceremonies, of superstitions and traditions; whose flame of reason has not been extinguished, I call him a free man." On the freedom of India while expressing his joy he said "Independence is no doubt a matter of joy. But let us not forget that this independence has thrown on us greater responsibilities. By independence, we have lost the excuse of blaming the British for anything going wrong. If hereafter things go wrong, we will have nobody to blame except ourselves. There is a greater danger of things going wrong. Times are fast changing." Freedom from the British rule has eliminated the chances of putting blames on outer forces for our own social misdeeds. The evil of caste system continues to stay with us even after almost eight decades of India's Independence! We have to blame ourselves for all social evils that have been afflicting all of us so deeply even after the departure of the Britishers. But the first question is that who 'ourselves'? Are Why they did not put the caste to an end? On the contrary, caste seems to be rather getting further strengthened given the distribution of tickets for elections to the state assemblies and the national legislature on caste affiliations of the prospective candidates. Even grassroots electoral bodies are not spared. Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar views that "There is no nation of Indians in the real sense of the word; it is yet to be created. In believing we are a nation, we are cherishing a great delusion. How can people divided into thousands of castes be a nation? The sooner we realize that we are not yet a nation, in a social and psychological sense of the world, the better for us", sound perfect with the current ground realities in India.

To tackle the menace of caste and to put an end to it, Babasaheb struggled with full determination and courage. He did whatever possible within his reach to root out the caste system from the social soils of India. One of his seminal contributions in that regard is the drafting of the Constitution of Independent India. In his own words, "I feel that the constitution is workable, it is flexible and it is strong enough to hold the country together both in peacetime and in wartime. Indeed, if I may say so, if things go wrong under the new Constitution, the reason will not be that we had a bad Constitution. What we will have to say is that Man was vile." He further said "On January 26th, 1950, we are going to enter into a life of contradictions. In politics, we will have equality and in social and economic structure, continue to deny the principle of one man one value. How long shall we continue to live this life of contradictions? How long shall we continue to deny equality in our social and economic life? If we continue to deny it for long, we will do so only by putting our political democracy in peril. We must remove this contradiction at the earliest possible moment else those who suffer from inequality will blow up the structure of democracy which this Constituent Assembly has so laboriously built up."

Let us take a lesson from the warning of Babasaheb and join our hand to annihilate caste from India and usher in a new era of social democracy which facilitates the fulfillment of his dreams India: free from the evil of caste and vibrant with social justice and peace all around.

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia's 138th Birthday celebrations at the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg (California)



138th Birthday of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji, a legendary leader and a valiant fighter in struggle for independence from British rule and founder of Ad Dharam Mandal, was celebrated at Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Pittsburg (CA) on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 in a spirit of great dedication and enthusiasm. This was the first time that Babu Ji's achievements as the founder of Ad Dharam Mandal were recognized at community level in our temple and embellished with the presence of about three hundred members of the congregation. The program started with the recitation of Path Sukhmani Sahib and continued with Shabad Kirtan by Guru Ghar Jatha led by Bhai Balwinder Singh.

The following speakers from our community well versed with Babu Ji's mission of lofty ideals and commitments for liberation of the socially suppressed sections of society, as founder of Ad Dharam Mandal, shared their thoughts with the Sangat.

Mr. O.P. Balley, founder member of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Pittsburg (California) who had the honor of meeting Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji in person in his village, Mugowal in 1963, shared his thoughts about Babu Ji's life and mission including his multifarious sacrifices as an active and courageous member of the Gadar party in USA as well as during his return journey to India and his crusades as the founder of Ad Dharam Mandal in 1926, travelling from village to village, awakening the conscience of the people suffering from slave-like conditions at the hands of the upper strata of society. Mr. Balley also focused on the marvelous role played by late Mr. C.L.Chumber, Editor-in-Chief, "Kaumi Udarian" Magazine, highlighting in his writings, with a spirited courage, the miserable conditions and challenges faced by the marginalized sections of the Indian society.

Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber, Editor-in-Chief of "Ambedkar Times" and "Desh Doaba" (Weeklies) published from California, USA who is a great exponent of promoting the efficacy and effectiveness of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji's mission, captured the entire program in his camera with its live-coverage and spoke with a profound depiction on Baba Mugowalia Ji's life and crusades, emphasizing on their separate identity for the followers of Ad Dharam Mandal distinct from others, as the original inhabitants and rulers of India. He also elaborated on the similarities of approach in the missions and the goals of Babasaheb, Dr.B.R. Ambedkar and

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji, though launched from different parts of the country. Mr. Chumber also referred to the writings of Prof: Mark Juergensmeyer, an eminent scholar of international fame, retired from Santa Barbara University of California, who met Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji many times in 1970's during his trips to Punjab and wrote a detailed and a charismatic Book on lower caste activism in Punjab, in pursuit of his thesis for doing PhD. on the subject. Mr. Chumber also mentioned about his historic meeting with Professor Mark recently at his residence in Santa Barbara and interviewed him with some historic questions on his literary writings about Babu Ji and his mission.

In conclusion of his speech Mr.Prem Kumar Chumber said that any more information on Babu Ji's life and mission is also available from the writings of the following persons who are frequent contributors to the columns of "Ambedkar Times"—Prof. Mark Juergensmeyer, Prof. Ronki Ram, Late Mr.C.L.Chumber, Mr.O.P. Balley, Ambassador Ramesh Chander, Col. Prithvi Raj Kumar and Dr. G. C. Kaul. Mr.Chumber specifically cautioned those who, for the sake of their own selfish motives, indulge in misrepresenting the facts about the missions and ideals propounded by Babasaheb Dr. Ambedkar and Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia Ji from their respective perspectives. Mr. Ramesh Suman, former president of the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg and a very well-known member of our community and Bibi Kashmir Kaur, a devoted Sewadar of Guru Ghar also shared their valuable thoughts with Sangat on Babu Ji's life and mission.

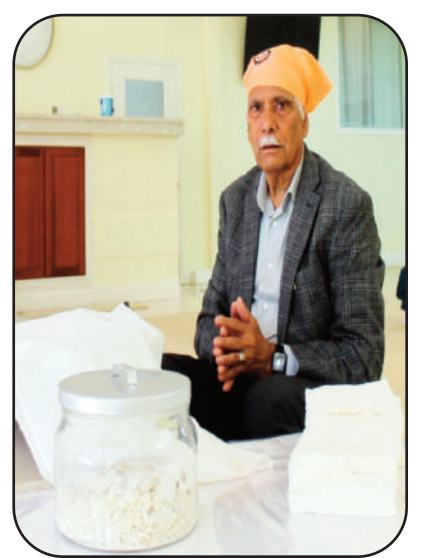
Mr Dharampal Chonkria, while conducting the proceedings of the function as General Secretary of the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg also highlighted Babu Ji's accomplishments as the founder of Ad Dharam Mandal. The program ended with sacred ARDAS and HUKAM NAMA, followed by distribution of Prasad and langar Sewa for the honorable Sangat in attendance.

**"NANAK NAM CHARDI KALA
TERE BHANE SARBAT DA
BHALA"**

**O.P. Balley
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Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia's 138th Birthday celebrations at the Sri Guru Ravidass Temple Pittsburg (California)



Assemblyman Josh Hoover Introduces Legislation to Prohibit Homeless Encampments within 500 Feet of Schools and Parks



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SACRAMENTO - Today Assemblyman Josh Hoover (R-Folsom) announced the introduction of Assembly Bill 257, which would prohibit homeless encampments within 500 feet of schools, daycare centers, parks, and libraries.

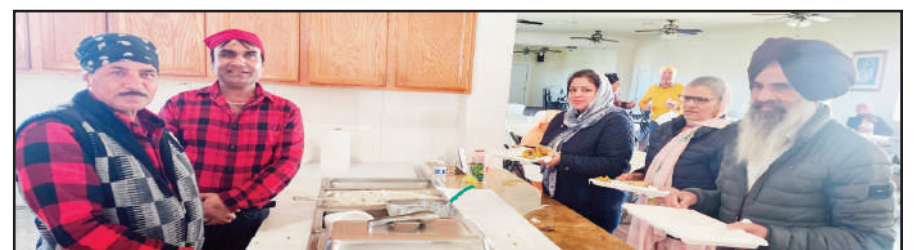
“As our local communities work toward mental health and housing solutions on homelessness, it is critical that the Legislature act to ensure our most sensitive public spaces are kept safe,” said Assemblyman Hoover. “No parent should be afraid to let their kids walk to school or worry about finding needles in the park where their children play, but that is the current experience for far too many families across our state. This legislation would change that.”

Last year several cities in California, including Sacramento and Los Angeles, voted for similar measures at the local level. Since 2019 homelessness in Sacramento County has grown by 67%, recently surpassing San Francisco for the first time.

As a new member of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Assemblyman Hoover also plans to propose an audit of statewide homelessness spending in the near future to provide more accountability and determine which programs are effective at reducing homelessness.

Josh Hoover represents Assembly District 7, which includes the cities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, and Rancho Cordova and the unincorporated communities of Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Foothill Farms, Gold River, Mather, McClellan Park, North Highlands, Orangevale, and Rosemont.

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Roads Help With Storm Recovery - and Preparation

"I'll be right back," Chuck Noland told his wife in the movie Cast Away. But then a storm stranded him on an Island for so long that he started talking to a deflated volleyball.

The storms in Sacramento didn't strand people on a deserted island, but tree-falls and flooding did cut off access to many communities - some of them for days. Dozens of roads and major thoroughfares were closed due to flooding. We even saw closures on Highways 99 and 5. Some roads are still closed or restricted more than two weeks later.

Teams of county employees, utility workers, and private citizens have been doing heroic work to restore access and clean up the damage left in the wake of storm damage and disruption.

But this won't be the last storm, and we can do more to prepare for the next one.

Part of that preparation is ensuring there are more and newer roads that not only improve emergency access and response, but also boost the economy and reduce air pollution and commute times.

We can't leave our citizens stranded - literally or metaphorically - when we have the ability to provide relief not just from storms, but from the everyday trials of crumbling infrastructure, traffic jams, and growing commute times that reduce productivity and rob us of time with our families.

Roads and highways are how we get goods & services - not to mention people - around Sacramento County. Roads and highways are how farmers get their products to market. It is how most

people get to work and parents get their kids to school. It is how patients get to our hospitals - not to mention the doctors and nurses who have to get there to save lives. Roads are how we get workers in to restore your utilities and get your life back to normal.

But repairing, improving, and expanding our roads is about more than just making them better or reducing traffic and commute times - it's also how we connect our communities and keep our economy growing.

Over the next few months, I will be sharing my plans for repairing and improving our road system. Meanwhile, I wanted to share a few resources that every resident should be aware of:

- Sac County 311 helps residents report most non-emergency issues in the unincorporated communities in Sacramento County. Citizens reporting downed trees, issues with street and traffic lights, and road or sidewalk obstructions, the county knew where best to deploy response teams. More than 600 reports of downed trees came in from citizens using the 311 system, which has representatives available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. You can also download the app or use the 311 website. Learn more at <https://311.saccounty.gov/>
- Local Assistance Center (LAC) are established following disasters to bring Federal assistance for those who suffered related losses or damages. One has already been opened in Galt, and we are asking federal government for additional help. Until that decision is made, you should

contact your insurance provider to file your claim and report your damage through the link provided. The more people report their damage to the Sacramento County Office of Emergency Services or OES, the better the chance of another LAC in the County being activated. To report damage go to <https://report-ca-sacramento.orioncentral.com/>

- Sacramento Alert is the Office of Emergency Services (OES) state-of-the-art alert system. This system allows officials in the Sacramento region to disperse public safety information quickly. Please visit the Sacramento Alert Citizen Opt-In portal and provide your contact information to receive notifications. The Opt-In Portal is strictly confidential, and your private information is secured. To learn more at <https://sacramento-ready.saccounty.gov/Pages/Emergency-Alerts-Notification-System.aspx>

Thank you for reading – and as always, if you want to contact me, call me at 916-874-5491, or e-mail me at SupervisorFrost@saccounty.net.

Sacramento County Supervisor Sue Frost represents the 4th district, which includes the communities of Citrus Heights, Folsom, Orangevale, Antelope, North Highlands, Rio Linda, Elverta, and Rancho Murietta.



Supervisor Sue Frost

Congratulations to Cllr Chaman Lal, on being elected as the next Lord Mayor of Birmingham ! The first Indian Lord Mayor of the largest council in Europe

Chairman of the Soho Road BID Bob Balu expressed his delight as Congratulations were sent to fellow Board member Councillor Chaman Lal on being elected as the next Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

"We are immensely proud of his fine record as one of the longstanding councillors in the BID area, and the City overall. His many years of outstanding civic service will mean that Birmingham can look forward to a momentous year" stated Bob Balu.



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Thathagat Buddha: "Light of Asia"



Buddha is widely known as the 'Light of Asia' and Buddha's Era as the Golden Era of Indian history. Had the Buddhist travellers like Fa Hien and Hsuan Tsang not visited India, it would not have been possible to know that Buddha had a rich and prosperous civilization. Likewise, had the British not come to India, it would have been very difficult to find a world famous University Nalanda, where once students came to learn from all over the world and due to which India could achieve the title of a World Teacher.

Buddha took the message of universal brotherhood, compassion and non violence to the masses on foot which today has spread to almost 56 countries while the armed dieties could not even cross the borders. Buddha's civilization is still buried under the earth and it's remnants are being found today at many places while other civilisations mostly exist in the books. It would not be wrong to say that if the so-called established civilizations are found up to 7 feet below the ground, then Buddha's civilization is below 27 feet. The reason why Buddha's philosophy and Buddhist civilization could spread widely is that he moves beyond (against) the bookish civilization and tears away the veil of hypocrisy and delusion due to which a man begins to see himself instead of the nakedness of others. He transforms a man from being a follower to an observer,

from an emotionalist to a factualist and from a propagandist to a thinker. That is why Buddha can only be understood through an awakened consciousness.

Conversion was not only an important aspect of Baba Sahib's life but also an important event of the entire society which had been kept socially and religiously ostracized for centuries. A (transformative) path for a section of this country which needed such a cultural change for their lives that would contain all the elements that could lead to a fundamental change in their ideology. No doubt, Baba Sahib's critics attack his decision of conversion most fiercely.

In order to acquaint ourselves with the intellectual prowess of Babasaheb, we must not only try to understand but accept whole heartedly this chapter of cultural change. Discussions on conversion must continue so that the hidden intricacies behind the decision of conversion could be identified which often are ignored by regarding it as a personal decision or a culminating point in ideology.



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BABU MANGU RAM MUGOWALIA - A PROFILE

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia combined in his personage the qualities of a fierce revolutionary, a staunch patriot, a devoted crusader against social evils and above all a true humanitarian through. Born among the lowliest of the low, he crossed all social barriers dauntlessly and suffered all sorts of indignities of life and made his way to reach the pinnacle of greatness.

Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia represents a rare example among the revolutionaries Ghadarite philosophy. In those dark days, it was rare for an untouchable to understand the essence of revolution against imperialism. But he rose to the occasion and proved his mettle. He joined the Ghadar Party when he went to California (U.S.A.) in 1909 A.D. as its active member. Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, it appears desired an establishment of society which must be based on Equality. And he saw one being fought for by the Ghadarites as they had abolished all social distinctions among themselves first which, perhaps, is not the practice with the modern community or who profess change of the sort. As Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia spoke of the Ghadar Party, "It was a new society, we were all treated as equals".

As a Ghadarite, he took part in the organizational activities at first but in 1915 A.D. an occasion came when he volunteered to be one of the five Ghadarites in a dangerous mission involving smuggled weapons shipped from California to the Punjab. Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia was chosen by the leader of the Ghadar Party at that time. Mr. Sohan Singh Bhakna, the Secretary of Ghadar Party, whom Babu M.R. Mugowalia remembered as "Godha" sent the five to Los Angeles, where they boarded an intermediary boat, after depositing all of their personal identifications with "Godha", for the rest of the journey's saga. Mangu Ram would be known by a pseudonym, "Nizamuddin".

Putting his life into danger and travelling through Secorro Islands and halting at Mexico, Caladonia Islands, Manila, Singapore and again to Manila where he stayed for sometime and finally to India where he reached in 1925 A.D.

It is after 1925, that his career as a crusader against untouchability and casteism began. As he travelled from Ceylon to Punjab through Madurai, Madras, Bombay, Poona, Sitara, Nagpur and Delhi, he observed the condition of the untouchables on route and was dismayed to see these people being treated so badly. In Madurai, when Babu Mangu Ram visited the Meenakshi Temple, he was told to be careful not to touch Achhut (Untouchables) since they assumed by his dress that he was of a decent caste. By the time Babu M.R. Mugowalia had reached the Punjab, he was convinced that there was need for social change.

Babu M.R. Mugowalia wrote to the Ghadar Party headquarters in

San Francisco about the difficult conditions of the Untouchables in India. He wrote them that their freedom was more important to him than Indian freedom. According to Babu Mugowalia, leaders of the Ghadar Party then disengaged him to work with Scheduled Castes (Untouchables), and wrote him that they would support him in his tasks. Thus, in a new context, the old revolutionary from Fresno continued the Ghadar spirit. This clearly shows that even Ghadarites had realized the need to awaken these slaves of Indian Society - the then Untouchables.

When he started his task of social reform i.e. establishing schools for untouchables poors, he began to

look for an alternative which may provide a lever for the unity of the untouchable poors and then to demonstrate through that alternative the political presence of the untouchables in the politics of Punjab of those days. It must be remembered that Punjab was already witnessing political upheaval and each class was trying to reap at political harvesting. Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, along with other conscious men from his class, then founded on June 11-12, 1926 A.D. at his village Mugowal Ad-Dharma as the alternative.

Ad-Dharma's main aim was to create a feeling of identity among the untouchable class which numbered at that time about one fourth of the entire population of India. Babu M.R. Mugowalia and the early leaders of the Ad-Dharma perceived their first task to be the creation of a new religion. In their initial meetings, even before they developed an organisational structure, they labored over a basic ideological theme upon which they could build a system of religious ideas and symbols. Its central motive was novel: the idea that untouchables constitute a quaum, a distinct religious community similar to those of Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs, and that the quaum had existed from time immemorial. It was a myth of power addressed to the people without power. It was intended to communicate the sense of strength that Babu M.R. Mugowalia felt belonged to his caste fellows by right. As he explained, "The untouchables have their powers: communal pride (qaumiat), religion (mazhab), and organisation (mazlis)". The hope was that these powers could be fostered and splintered

through force of ideology.

Ad-Dharma was almost Babu M.R. Mugowalia's show. It inspired the lowliest of the low to fight for equality, economic, social and political in a converted way. The Ad-Dharma, under the dynamic leadership of a true revolutionary like Babu Mugowalia, was an aggressive and autonomous movement or compared to similar movements that took birth in other parts of the country. Within a short span of time, it jolted the 'haves-not' through its rallies, publications, deputations and demonstrations to demand new government policies or to protest upper caste discriminations. The most influential political action of the movement that



can be listed as one of its great achievements, was to get Scheduled Castes registered as a followers of new religion. In 1931 A.D. census, almost half a million of them registered as "Ad-Dharmi" rather than Hindus or Muslim or Sikh. Mr. Mark Juergensmeyer writes as, "Later in the 1930, their political influence turned towards electoral politics, in alliance first with the predominantly Muslim Unionist Party and then with the Congress. It was the logical consequence of the political awakening created among them by Ad-Dharma Movement in Punjab, whose undisputable leader was Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia.

Thus through several means, then, the Ad-Dharmis presented to its followers a vision of a world which both confirmed and transformed the rude experience of untouchables. And in doing so it implied that a different sort of world was coming into being, for the separate identity so defined signaled hope for a society in which social groups carried no inherent mark of judgment and in which the benefits of progress could be shared by all.

Cultural and humanistic aspects of the personality of Babu M.R. Mugowalia were even more glaring. As a humanist his vision of the world was near to rationalist view of the universe (we can even say materialistic as well though in rudimentary form), he believed in the inherent equality of all human-beings; he was against all sorts of exploitations of man against man; and he earnestly devoted his bodily energy and financial resources in founding a new society based upon the gospel of equality. His ideas about the universe and equality of all men are echoed in

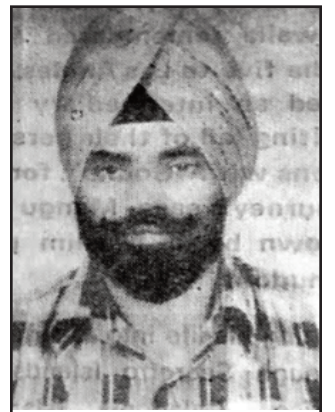
the Ad-Dharma Mandali (1926-1931) report in the preparation of which Babu Mugowalia had played a big role. It reads as follows:

"Nature (Qudrat Ka Mela) created human beings from original source (Adi) at the time that it created all beings in the earth. The knowledge of moral behaviour (karm-dharm) was also given to them at that time by Nature. Nature made humans superior to animals, but among humans all were equal.

In the beginning, when Nature created human beings, there was no discrimination. There were no differences and no quarrels. In particular, there were no such concepts as high or low caste. God (Ishwar) was meditating; all was in harmony. Everyone believed in one dharma which Nature had given then through intellect and knowledge". Babu M.R. Mugowalia did not mean by the word 'God' as something supernatural beings who is said to have created the world and since then regulating it as is believed in theology. Mark Juergensmeyer makes it quite clear in his work, Religion As Social Vision, thus: "Occasionally there is mention of God in a more formal sense". "God (Ishwar) was meditating; all was in harmony". And Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia made a practice of using the name Adi-Purkh for the divine - literally "the originator", or the "Original Being". All these designations, although they are theistic terms, are impersonal in intent.

He, all his life, stood like a rock against social evils such as untouchability, caste-system, women slavery, exploitation etc. His life in cultural side symbolized with the creation of new social virtues such as women's rights, the value of education, abstinence from alcohol and drugs - which were 'nothing less than a new concept of moral order'. Thus Babu M.R. Mugowalia, a Ghadarite revolutionary, social crusader, political activist and strategist and as a humanitarian fought for the establishment of an ideal society till he breathed last. The noble way of commemorating celebrating the 99th Birth Anniversary (for that matter every birth anniversary) of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia - who desired his movement to coincide with Ambedkarite Movement to give the movement of depressed classes a country-wide stature, is to emulate him. Therefore, let us resolve to emulate the great Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia - patriot, social revolutionary, a successful strategist and, above all, a humanist.

Courtesy: Souvenir Babu Mangu Ram Muggowalia 99th Birth Anniversary published by MR. C. L. Chumber



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HAPPY INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY, 2023



On the occasion of 74th Republic Day of India, we, on behalf of Supreme Council, Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA, wish you all in India and abroad, **HAPPY REPUBLIC DAY, 2023**. Republic Day, in fact, is the day when India got freedom in the real sense on January 26th, 1950, making India a Sovereign Democratic Republic, ending its allegiance to British Monarchy. The day symbolizes the bravery and sacrifices of the freedom fighters who waged a valiant struggle so that the future generations could live their lives with pride and freedom to take the nation to its cherished goals. This is also the day to celebrate the unity of the country in diversity and richness of Indian culture and civilization.

We also salute Babasaheb, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chief Architect of India's constitution, who welded the entire nation of Modern India into a unified entity through his charismatic skills, wisdom and exceptional knowledge of constitutional law in drafting the constitution of free India, while tackling justly the diverse intricacies of Indian social order.

Once again, wishing you all a very happy India's Republic Day 2023.

O. P. Bailey (General Secretary)

Supreme Council Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA

HAPPY REPUBLIC DAY

[Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar]

MR. SUKHRAJ SINGH CHOPRA JI PASSED AWAY



It is very sad news that Mr. Sukhraj Singh Chopra Ji passed away. It is a big loss to the Chopra family as well as to the Community. His contribution to the community is unforgettable and will be remembered for a long time to come. May Almighty bless the departed noble soul

and grant courage to the bereaved family, friends, and the wider community to bear the irreparable loss

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Sri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Pittsburg (CA) Sends heartfelt condolences to the Chopra family

Sadly Mr. Sukhraj Chopra, a very prominent member of our community, left for his heavenly abode last week. His funeral was on January 21st, 2023 at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo (California). Hundreds of people came to pay respect and offer condolences. He was a founding member of Pittsburg Gurdwara Sahib. He had the honor of cutting the ribbon on the grand opening of Sri Guru Ravidass Temple, Pittsburg (CA) in 1985. He was a very generous and dedicated person. He donated money to all Sri Guru Ravidass Gurdwaras in addition to temples and charitable



organizations. He found ways to help people around him.

Mr. Chopra and his family loved music. His wife, Late Mrs. Roshani Chopra used to come to Gurdwara Sahib with Mr. Chopra and they used to delight Sangat with Shabad Kirtan. He left a great legacy behind him.

His memories will be in our hearts forever. His untimely death is a huge loss for the family and the community at large. Our heartfelt condolences to Chopra family.

May Guru Maharaj bless his soul and give courage to the grieving family to bear this loss.

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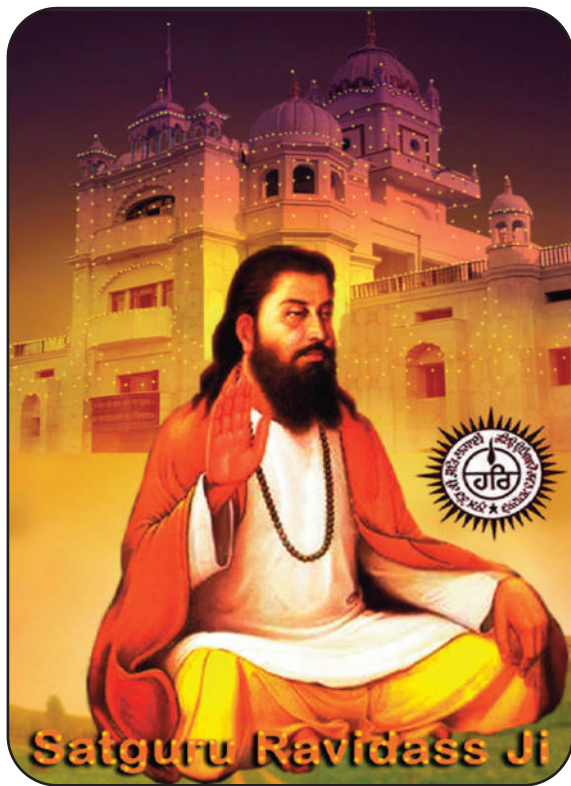
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Programs

ARAMBH SHRI AKHAND PATH February 3, 2023 (Friday) 9:30 AM
Nishan Sahib Hoisting Ceremony

PARBHAT PHERI - February 4, 2023 (Saturday) at 7:00 AM.
Nishan Sahib Hoisting Ceremony February 4, 2023 (Saturday) at 11:00 AM.
(Nishan Sahib Chola sewa by Bhai Balbir Bagha and Bibi Manjit Bagha)

BHOG SHRI AKHAND PATH February 5, 2023 (Sunday) 9:30 AM,
KIRTAN DIWAN After Bhog Ceremony until 2:00 PM



Satguru Ravidass Ji

Sangat will perform Langer and Path Sewa for this program. Jatha of **Giani Balwinder Singh ji's**, Dhadi Jatha of **Bhai Sukhwinder Singh 'Bilge-Wale'** and other Kirtankars will enhance the Kirtan Diwan along with distinguished Speakers and community leaders well versed with life and teachings of Satguru Ravidass ji. We need volunteers to help with this event. For STALLS or any SEWA, please contact :

Vinod Kumar (President) 408- 718-2506, Kulwant Banga (Chairperson) 925-698-3059.

We need your help and support.

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