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Happy Guru Nanak Gurburab Day Guru Nanak Dev: The Beginning of an Egalitarian Social World

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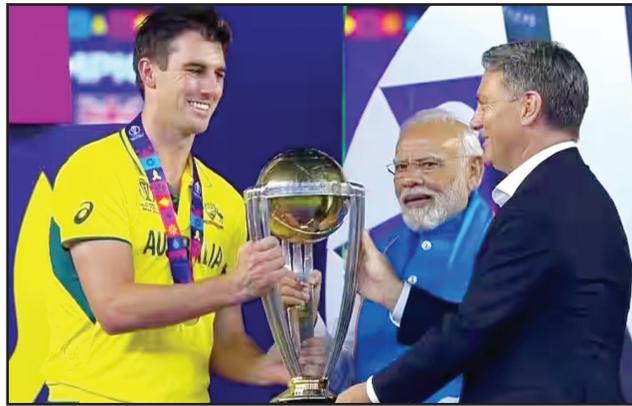
Teachings of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji introduced a new perspective in the society at a time when karam-kand (dogmatic rituals) and evil social practices were at their highest level of interference in the life of peoples. He talked in common man language and articulated his sacred bani in

vernacular idiom. In his own unique way, Sri Guru Nanak Dev brought a gigantic transformation in the way of social and religious thinking that eventually helped humanity in getting rid of discriminatory social practices like caste divisions and gender inequality. Spiritual regeneration and social transformation became a sole mission of his life.

He traveled long (Udasis) in all directions to convey the message of the oneness of the mankind and the Omni-presence of God. His social transformation mission revolves around two main issues: Caste and gender. Sri Guru Nanak Dev minces no words in openly condemning caste and gender based discriminations. His negation of caste is absolute. He said: FakarJati phakar nau, Sabhana ji ai kachau (Worthless is caste and worthless an exalted name; for all mankind there is but single refuge). Another sabad is: Neechan andar neech Jati, Neechi hun ati neech, Nanak tin ke sang sath, Vadian siyon kya rees, Jithe ne ech sanmalian, Tithe nadr teri Bakhshish [I am the lowest of the low castes; low, absolutely low; I am with the lowest in companionship, not with the so-called high. Blessing of God is here the lowly are cared for] (Translated as in Harish K. Puri, "Scheduled Castes in Sikh Community: A Historical Perspective", EPW, Vol. 38 (26), June 28, 2003, p. 2694).

Another significant step he took towards his life-long social mission of social transformation was assigning dignity to manual labour. He himself started ploughing land, which was then considered a so-called low-caste profession and invited people from all castes to join him in his egalitarian social experiment at Kartarpur -- a new township he established after the conclusion of his various long travels. He took to cultivation in order to assign dignity to manual labour. In fact, regard for manual labour was also the hallmark of the teaching of all low caste Sant-poets before him. In addition, Sri Guru Nanak Dev also laid emphasis on sharing one's fruits of labour with all and concentrate on the name of single Omni-present God. Thus Kirat Karo (do labour), Vand Chhako (eat by sharing), Naam Japo (recite God's name) became mantra of his social egalitarian order for eliminating caste from the society as well as introducing gender equality.

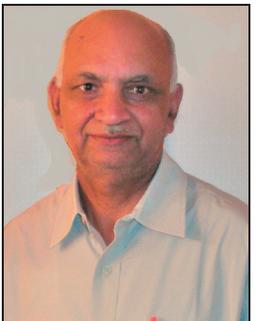
Indian-Bluemen surrendered meekly "Men's Cricket World Cup-2023" Crown, dashing bundles of expectation



Australia is the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 champion once again, defeating India by six wickets in the presence of more than ninety thousand fans at Narendra Modi Stadium Ahmedabad (Gujrat) to clinch the coveted trophy for a sixth time. Travis Head, the player of the match, pummeled India's world-class bowlers throughout the run chase, scoring a heroic knock of 137 (120) to help Australia chase the 241-run target with 42 balls to spare. The Indians miserably tripped at the final hurdle and were left licking their wounds.

Travis, who missed the first half of the tournament with a wrist injury, combined with Marnus Labuschagne for an epic 192-run stand, the second-highest partnership in World Cup finals. The Australians fielded superbly in the first innings and judged the conditions to perfect, bravely choosing to bowl first and executing an assortment of slower balls and off-cutters to tame India's rattled middle order. The best side won on the day and the best side in the tournament came second. The stadium became almost empty, as this was not the result the hosts expected. Narendra Modi and Richard Marles (Deputy PM of Australia) handed out the

trophy to the winning captain. Virat Kohli was awarded 'player of the tournament'. However, the individual honour will do nothing to numb the pain of a World Cup final loss. A fancy lightshow and India flag in laser lights was played at the end of the three-month cricket carnival. The Indian fans sit in stunned, appalled silence as fireworks went off. Cummins won the toss and, to the surprise of many, elected to bowl first, citing the dew factor. The decision initially seemed to backfire when Rohit Sharma feasted on Australia's quicks during the Power play, blasting three sixes and four boundaries to a flying start. However, Starc had the first breakthrough, removing opener Shubman Gill in the fifth over for 4. Sharma raced towards 47 before miscuing a lofted drive against Glenn Maxwell in the tenth over. In the following over, Cummins nipped a delivery away from



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Honoured to be Associated with Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

It is a matter of satisfaction for me that Chairman of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Hon'ble Virendra Kumar of the Government India has nominated me as Member of the General Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation on October 26, 2023 for three years. Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was established by the Government of India on March 24, 1992. The main objective of the Foundation is to carry out the programmes and activities for furthering of Dr. Ambedkar's ideology and spread his message of social justice to the masses not only in Bharat but also abroad. 'The Foundation has been entrusted with the responsi-



bility of managing, administering and carrying on the important and long-term schemes and programmes identified during the Centenary Celebrations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar' as stated in the official website of the Foundation. With a view to educate myself so that I am able to contribute my humble bit to the functioning of the esteemed Foundation, I would find out and study more details in the process as a humble Ambedkarite. Babasaheb Ambedkar is one of the greatest sons of Bharat. His thought and legacy is very potent and relevant to address the challenges

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GURU NANAK DEV Ji

A spiritual Emancipator of the tormented Humanity

The whole world is anxiously waiting to celebrate 554th Gurupurb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, universally acclaimed as the founder of Sikhism and the spiritual emancipator of the tormented humanity.

Supreme Council Shri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA conveys its hearty congratulations on this auspicious occasion to the followers of Guru Nanak Dev Ji all over the



world. Guru Nanak Dev Ji firmly believed that all the people should listen to the true voice of their conscience and tread the path of righteousness. He believed and practiced in three spiritual guidelines of his philosophy which are also known as three pillars of his spiritual awakening, enumerated and illustrated below:- (1) NAAM JAPO (2) KIRAT KARO (3) VAND SHAKO

NAAM JAPO: Guru Nanak Dev Ji led his followers to directly practice Naam Simran (Meditation of God) to attain freedom from evils like KAM, KRODH, LOBH, MOH, and AHANKAR which are always trying to hinder the union between the Human beings and their creator, GOD. Naam Simran, Guru Nanak Dev Ji believed and preached, paves the way towards virtues like SAT, SANTOKH, DAYA, NIMARTA AND PYAR. KIRAT KARO:- Based on one's God gifted skills and capabilities one should make an honest and earnest living without exploitation and fraud. VAND SHAKO:-Guru Nanak Dev Ji preached to share (Food and wealth etc.) with everyone irrespective of caste, creed, color or sexuality by practicing Vand Shako (Share and consume together).

He believed in "IK ONKAR" (One God) the first word of Mool Mantra in JAP JI SAHEB which is considered the most important component of preachings of Sikhism.

Sat Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Sat Guru Ravidass Ji and Sat Guru Kabir Ji were contemporaries and the spiritual luminaries of the "Bhagti Movement". Their eternal BANI in the holy pages of Guru Granth Saheb are the true manifestation of divinity.

"LET US TRY TO MAKE GURU NANAK DEV JI'S TEACHINGS AS A WAY OF OUR DAY TO DAY LIFE" "NANAK NAM CHARDI KALA TERE BHANE SARBAT DA BHALA"

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General Secretary
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Shreyaslyer, with the right-hander feathering a catch through to Josh Inglis.

India was suddenly in a spot of bother at 3-81 in the eleventh over. Then Kohli and KL Rahul set about rebuilding the innings, combining for a 67-runs partnership for the fourth wicket. Kohli brought up a half-century, his ninth of the tournament. He was in complete control, until Cummins struck in the 29th over. Kohli attempted to guide the short towards third man, but instead chopped back into his stumps.

Rahul reached his half-century before Australia's seamers began unearthing some reverse swing, with Hazlewood finding Ravindra Jadeja's outside edge for 9. Rahul tickled a length delivery from Starc through to Inglis for 66, exposing India's lengthy tail in the 42nd over. The rest of the wickets toppled like dominoes: Mohammed Shami edged behind off Starc, Zampa trapped Jasprit Bumrah on the pads, and Suryakumar Yadav gloved a bouncer through to Inglis, who accepted his fifth catch of the innings, a record in World Cup finals. The hosts crawled towards 240 all out. It was the first time India had been bowled out in the tournament.

Australia's run chase got off to a blistering start with 15 runs from the opening over, but David Warner didn't survive long, he edged a wide delivery from Shami to Kohli at first slip for 7. Not long after, Mitchell Marsh departed in almost identical fashion for 15. India was in the box seat after Bumrah deceived Steve Smith with a perfectly-executed slower ball, trapping him on the pads for 4. Head and Labuschagne set about steadying the ship, surviving the Powerplay before picking up the

tempo once India's spinners were thrown the ball. In the 28th over, Bumrah produced a searing yorker that thudded into Labuschagne's front foot, but was saved by Umpire's Call.

Head began finding the boundary rope with ease after passing fifty. He should have been run out after scampering through for a suicidal single on 99, but Jadeja missed the stumps at the non-striker's end. The scoreboard continued ticking along as fans started piling out of the stadium. India's bowlers were out of answers, lacking the ferocity and prowess they'd demonstrated throughout the tournament.

Labuschagne reached fifty, with Australia within touching distance of the target. But in a late twist, Head was dismissed two runs short of the target, caught at deep mid-wicket after nailing a pull shot against Mohammed Siraj. Glenn Maxwell came to the middle, and he hit the winning runs.

World Cups are team events till the knockouts, and then one inspired individual performance can bring the dream to an end. It happened to India in the 2003 World Cup when, after winning eight games in a row they met Australia in the final. Ricky Ponting made 140 off 121 deliveries, including eight sixes. You can't plan against such an inspired knock, merely pray that the batter gets himself out.

Winning major cricket tournaments is not just a function of rich talent, but how good is the team under pressure? With 1.4 billion fans expecting nothing less than victory in each match, it is a pressure that can make the best players jelly-kneed, drop their focus, or as seems the more likely, lose nerve in crunch situations. India started as firm favourites

in this Cricket World Cup but with the tag of "chokers" dangling ominously overhead. India's miserable performance in the finals confirmed they are still "chokers".

Team India, which were undefeated prior to the final game, were left empty-handed after one bad performance. The analysis of this shocking defeat indicates that there were a few areas where India lacked against Australia. The opening pair of Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill couldn't provide India with a solid opening start. India could score only 240 runs, which was never going to be a challenging score for this type of the game. Secondly, India kept losing wickets at crucial intervals. They didn't have a big partnership in the middle.

Unlike previous occasions, there was a solitary long-drawn 50-plus partnership in the entire innings between Virat Kohli and KL Rahul. In the process, they scored only one boundary. This was one prime reason that India couldn't post a respectable defending score. Australian were superb with the ball. They were diving around and throwing themselves to save as many runs as possible, which created pressure on India.

Another shortcoming observed in Indian innings was poor shot selections. Rohit Sharma (47) and Virat Kohli (54) got good starts, but both got out by playing a bad shot. Rohit got out to Maxwell while playing a big shot and Virat was chopped on.

The fielding was also poor from India. In the beginning of Australian inning, a possible catch was missed by Virat Kohli which proved very costly. The bowlers didn't bowl a tight line. They bowled some loose balls, which resulted in too many extra runs.

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of polity and society to make India that is Bharat a developed country by 2047 as visualized by PM Narendra Modi with the agenda – Sab Ka Vikas, Sab Ka Sath, Sab Ka Biswas and Sab Ka Paryas. I think it is the right approach in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of India and also the lofty ideals of culture and tradition of an inclusive society maintaining the existing edifice of 'unity in diversity'.

I will utilize my association with Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to carry forward the 'Caravan' of Babasaheb Ambedkar and vigorously pursue the proposal on April 14, birthday of Babasaheb Ambedkar, to be declared as International Day of Equality which is resting with the GOI since June, 2015. I am confident that I will convince my colleagues at the General Body of the Foundation to support the proposal and urge the Foundation to take up the matter with PM Narendra Modi and EAM Dr. Jaisankar to honour one of the greatest sons of India, Babasaheb Ambedkar. It is a befitting initiative not only to carry forward the agenda of 'social empowerment' of 'We the people of India' but also for the entire world under the aegis of the UN to add yet

another feather in the 'Soft and Cultural Diplomacy' of India keeping in line with October 2, birthday of Mahatma Gandhi as International Day of Non Violence and International Yoga Day. The current ruling dispensation under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi has already taken many initiatives and did their best to recognize the icon, Babasaheb Ambedkar namely; Celebrated Ambedkar's 125th Centenary Celebrations in 2015-16, Established Ambedkar Memorial at Alipur Road in Delhi, Established Ambedkar International Centre at Janpath, New Delhi, Ambedkar Memorial at London among others. I would do my best as a Member of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to help and aid Chairman of the Foundation and Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar to formulate and execute more such initiatives to realize the dreams of our forefathers to make India a leading power of the world at large as communicated in my letter dated October 27, 2023 to the Director of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Parveen Kumar Thind which is appended below.

Text of my letter dated October 27, 2023

October 27, 2023

Dear Director Parveen Thind,

With reference to your Office Memorandum dated October 26, 2023 nominating me as Member of the General Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, I thank you and Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar for associating me with the esteemed Dr. Ambedkar Foundation. I look forward to work with you as a humble follower of Babasaheb Ambedkar.

Frankly speaking, I don't know as to what is expected of me. I am confident that you and the Hon'ble Chairman of the Foundation would advise and guide me in this regard. While I appreciate the gesture of nominating me, I take the liberty of asking you to share with me, just to satisfy my curiosity, who has shown the magnanimity to suggest and propose my name to be nominated to the position so that I could thank him for the favour. I attach my brief profile for information and perusal.

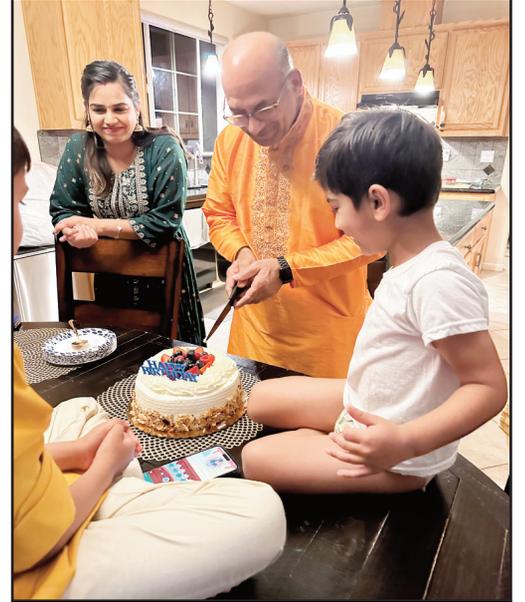
With regards,

Yours truly

(Ramesh Chander)

Shri Parveen Kumar Thind, Director-Dr. Ambedkar Foundation New Delhi
Copy to: Chairman of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation and Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi

Many congratulations to Mr. Prem Kumar Chumber on his 66th Happy Birthday



It was wonderful to know about your 66th Birthday and I convey my hearty congratulations and felicitations on this great and auspicious day of your life. I would also like to take the opportunity to appreciate your social and political contributions you have been making through the esteemed columns of your weekly periodicals-Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba.

We, as you are well aware, are living in this country where we are faced with the extremities of two different cultures - both our native as well as mainstream American life - and I ad-

mire your resilience and farsightedness in tackling the challenging situations of the time. Your elaborative efforts in streamlining the role of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Babu Mangu Ram Muggowalia Ji and Manayawar Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji against social discrimination and in the making of Modern India are bound to assume international dimensions.

I wish we could have met much earlier during the formative years of your settlement in this great land of opportunity and the dividends of our association would have been, perhaps,

much more positive and productive. Anyway, keep up your good work and the tempo of your activities.

Though I am going through the phase of advanced years of my life at the moment, but still it will be my immense pleasure to be of any help in the pursuit of your cherished goals and endeavors of life.

We also welcome the safe arrival of your respected mother-in-law, Shrimati Prakash Kaur Heer on her first visit to the USA and sharing the festivities with her presence and blessings on your birthday. It was also a special

glamour of the event. We wish and pray for her stay with the family to be more relaxing, eventful and inspirational.

Again with best wishes and happy surprises from your family for celebrating your great day.

**Thanks.
Your
well-wisher**

O.P. Balley



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Assemblyman Hoover's Representative Report



Assemblyman Hoover

Happy Thanksgiving

As we approach this season of gratitude I am filled with a sense of ap-



preciation for the incredible community we are fortunate to be a part of. Thanksgiving is a time-honored tradition that gives us the opportunity to pause, count our blessings, and express our gratitude for the things and people that enrich our lives. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with joy, laughter, and love as you gather around the table with family and friends.

Twin Lakes Food Bank Gala

I had a wonderful time at the



Twin Lakes Food Bank Gala last weekend, an annual fundraiser that helps them address food insecurity in our region. The Twin Lakes food distribution center is open from Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:30pm and serves the communities of Folsom, Granite Bay, and El Dorado Hills. If you are interested in utilizing their services, donating items, or volunteering check out their website for more information. If you need food bank services but do not live in Folsom, contact my office by responding to this e-mail and we

will get you the necessary information.

Citrus Heights Community Meeting

Please join me at my upcoming Citrus Heights Community Meeting. I would love to hear directly from you on the issues you are most passionate about. I will also be joined by Citrus Heights City Councilman Bret Daniels and San



Juan School Board Member Saul Hernandez. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tuesday, December 5th in Citrus Heights
6:00pm - 7:00pm
Citrus Heights City



meals to over 90 families at Cordova Villa Elementary School thanks to this generous donation.

Select Committee on Serving Students with Disabilities

I am honored to be a member of the Select Committee on Serving Students with Disabilities. Last week we held an informational hearing on the current state of special education in California and what we can do to increase inclusion and improve outcomes for our students. You can watch the entire hearing, including our discussion with a number of experts, by clicking here.

Holiday Food Drive

Join me in supporting our community through participating in our holiday food drive. This holiday season I am partnering with the Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank to host a food drive at



Hall (6360 Fountain Square Drive)

"Operation Gobble" Check Given to River City Christian Church

On Friday I was joined by Senator Niello to present an "Operation Gobble" donation from the Golden State Water Company to River City Christian in Rancho Cordova. Thank you to Golden State Water for your commitment to our community. River City was able to provide thanksgiving

our Folsom District Office, 13405 Folsom Boulevard, Building 700, Suite A, Folsom, CA 95630. You can drop off food Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-5:00pm at our Folsom District Office. The food bank's current most needed items are cereal, peanut butter, pasta or rice, pasta sauce, and canned fruits or vegetables. Anything non-perishable will be appreciated.

The Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank was established in 2012 to help serve neighbors in need in the Orangevale community, and they are currently serving residents in Orangevale, Fair Oaks, Folsom, and Citrus Heights. If you know someone in need, please visit their website for eligibility guidelines and to see their distribution times at ovfofb.org.

They also have volunteer opportunities each week, check out their volunteer page for more details. The food bank is located at 6483 Main Ave in Orangevale.

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