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Floral Tribute to Mr. C. L. Chumber on his 4th Anniversary

I met Mr. C.L. Chumber during my field work study visits to Jalandhar in the late 1990s. In fact, after my initial familiarity with the Ad Dharam movement and one of its most vocal founder leaders, Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, from the reading of the classic of Professor Mark Juergensmeyer - Religious Rebels of Punjab - it was Mr. Chumber who helped me getting in touch with the idiom of Dalit awakening in Punjab as ignited by this historic Dalit movement and its versatile progenitors. I come to know about Mr. Chumber from Mr Chattersen, eldest son of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, who I met along with late Sh. K.C. Shenmar. Sh. Shenmar Sahib, Retd. police officer, had the honour to meet Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia after his graduation from Forman Christian College Lahore and to receive from him a testimonial for a suitable Job in the pre Partition province of Punjab. It was late Mr Chattersen who told me that much of the literature relating to Ad Dharam and some of the photographs of the leaders and activists of the movement were collected by Mr C. L. Chumber from his family. Mr Chumber was an open hearted person. He provided me a quite

good amount of published material about the movement and its most prominent



leader Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia, which he was able to carry in his monthly

Journal, entitled "Kaumi Udarian" (National Flights). My acquaintance with Mr Chumber lasted till the very end of his mortal journey. The last I met him was during the marriage function of his niece Takshila at Jalandhar (Takshila D/O Prem Kumar Chumber). He was full of zeal and zest as usual to contribute for the betterment of his Samaj. I saw him always talking about the life conditions of his fellow community persons and the ways that could make the things better for them. He was overwhelmingly impressed by the persona of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and the role of the Ad Dharam movement in bringing social and political consciousness among the Dalits of Punjab. He published a souvenir on the life of Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and the emergence of the Ad Dharam movement. He also published the famous Ad Dharam



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Mandal Report in Punjabi and Hindi, and distributed widely free of cost. He organized many functions to commemorate the advent of the Ad Dharam movement and its significant contribution towards the emancipation and empowerment of the Dalits in the region. He resigned from his respectable Government service and became a full time social activist to promote the ideals of Ad Dharam movement as taught by Babu Mangu Ram Ji Mugowalia. I remember him fondly on his anniversary and pay my floral tribute to the departed noble soul.

Remembering C.L. Chumber on his 4th Anniversary



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C. L. Chumber commonly called Chumber Sahib was one such friend who often comes in my thoughts as a man of substance who was fully dedicated to the community. I thought of reviving my cherished memories of friendship and association with Chumber Sahib on his death anniversary on February 6 (1958-2016) through the columns of the "Desh Doaba" and the "Ambedkar Times". It is gratifying to note that both these media organs were the brain-children of Chumber Sahib which are successfully run by his worthy brother Prem Kumar

Chumber. I think Chumber Sahib, given his love for journalistic and intellectual pursuits must be happy to the plants of The "Desh Doaba" and The "Ambedkar Times" have become trees.

Chumber Sahib was a staunch Ambedkarite while appreciative of the contribution of a Ghadri Baba Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia to the community. In the present context, Chumber Sahib was an



ardent follower of Babu Kanshi Ram and his Bahujan Samaj movement. Chumber Sahib with his leftist leaning, if we talk of his political thinking, had a special flare for publications. I recall his well-documented Souvenir on Babu Mangu Ram Mugowalia and his endeavours to launch The "Kaumi Udarian" (National Flights) in the 1985s. Chumber Sahib was a temperamental social activist who was fully devoted and involved in the matters of interest and concern to the community and the society at large.

With this, I pay my humble tributes to Chumber Sahib and conclude by reciting this couplet:

न हाथ थाम सके; न पकड़ सके दामन ,
बहुन करीब से उठकर चला गया कोई!

In the loving Memory of Late Mr. C.L. Chumber, A dedicated Soul

Four years ago on February 6th, 2016 Mr. C. L. Chumber, Editor and publisher of "Kaumi Udarian" (National Flights), Newspaper Jalandhar, suddenly left for his heavenly abode. We all miss him for his unique role in serving the community. Mr. Chumber was unequivocally a person of a very strong will power, firm determination in every endeavor of his life for safeguarding the rights of the voiceless segments of society.

He was embedded with an unflinching spirit of dedication in reviving and glorifying the Ad-Dharm Mandal movement founded by Ghadri Baba, Babu Mangu Ram Muggowalia Ji in 1920s'. He was a staunch follower of Babasahab Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Saheb Shri Kanshi Ram Ji for their sacrifices and services to the cause of the down trodden.

MEDIA ACTIVIST: - Mr. Chumber was a research scholar as well as a prolific writer. By dint of his hard work, devotion and penetrating studies into the history of the socially deprived, Mr. Chumber took a strong stand in support of our distinct identity as the original and native inhabitants of India. He awakened the ignorant and the helpless people about the restoration of human rights and dignity of the down-trodden.

AMBEDKAR TIMES AND DESH DOABA:- Mr. Prem Chumber, Chief Editor, Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba Newspapers and younger brother of Mr. C. L. Chumber was greatly inspired by his elder brother to start these two weekly publications, currently in circulation in

USA.

In a recently held function (**Dhanvad Samagam**) arranged by Desh Doaba and Ambedkar Times in Hayward, California, many elite and noted speakers like Prof. H.L. Kapur and Dr. Gian Singh of Patiala Univer-



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sity also remembered and paid their tributes to the memory of late Mr. C.L. Chumber for his valuable services to the society.

HUGE LOSS: - The loss of a person gifted with such socially awakened and liberal ideas is irreplaceable and a huge setback to the society as a whole. He will be greatly missed by all those who admired his great ideals.

I, on behalf of all the members of the Supreme Council, Sri Guru Ravidass Sabhas, USA remember Mr. Chumber for his adorable contributions to the society with wishes and prayers for his rich legacy to survive and continue through the esteemed columns of Desh Doaba and Ambedkar Times, for future generations.

AKHAND PATH AND SAHEJ PATH SEWA PERFORMED BY Bhai MAJOR SINGH AND FAMILY



Waheguru blessed family of Bhai Major Singh joined by his wife Bibi Pritpal Kaur and two sons performed AKHAND PATH AND SAHEJ PATH SEWA at Sri Guru Ravidass temple, Pittsburg. Bhog ceremony of the recitations of Path was held on February 2nd, 2020 (Sunday). The family hosted this Sewa to invoke Waheguru's blessings for peace, prosperity and hap-

piness of the family.

Mr. Dharam Pal Chonkria, General Secretary and Mr. O.P. Balley Founder Member of Guru Ghar managed the proceedings of the function from the stage and thanked the host family for their devoted services. Bhai Gurnam Singh and Bhai Om Pal Singh, the priests of our Guru Ghar shared Gurbani teachings with

the Sangat through their melodious Shabad Kirtan. The renowned Kirtani Jatha led by Bhai Nirbhai Singh also embellished the occasion with their melodious Kirtan based on the teachings of Gurbani. Bibi Kamlesh Kaur Bhatia and Bibi Satnam Kaur also participated with their Shabad Kirtan. Mr. Major Singh, his wife Bibi Pritpal Kaur and their two sons

were honored by Guru Ghar with Siropas to acknowledge their devoted Path Sewa and Langar Sewa. Mr. Prem Chumber, Chief Editor Desh Doaba and Ambedkar Times covered the entire program live and took pictures for insertion in this issue of the Newspaper. The host family also thanked Mr. Chumber for his services.
- O.P. Balley

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Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba Fondly Remember Mr CL Chumber on his 4th Anniversary

We deeply remember Mr C.L. Chumber on his 4th anniversary. His valuable contribution towards highlighting the importance of the Ad Dharm movement for developing Dalit consciousness in Punjab has generated a lot of interest in that regard both at the general public and academic levels. Qaumi Udarian and a well-documented Babu Mangu Ram Muggowalia Souvenir on the Ad Dharm and the role of Babu Mangu Ram Muggowalia Ji in the awakening of Dalit consciousness in pre-partition Punjab became very popular in Punjab. Ambedkartimes.com and www.deshdoaba.com (Ambedkar Times & Desh Doaba weekly newspapers) pay floral tribute to Mr. C.L. Chumber Sahib on his 4th Anniversary.

Prem K. Chumber (Editor-In-Chief)
Ambedkar Times and Desh Doaba weekly newspaper

Grand Celebrations on Guru Ravidass Utsav at Bootan Mandi



Guru Ravidass Utsav to celebrate the Gurburab of Guru Ravidass is an important event in the calendar of activities of the Doaba region of Punjab.

h a m a d among others will participate along with social and political personalities of the area. Bootan Mandi and the adjoining area will be decked



The festivities for the forthcoming Gurburab falling on February 9 have been set into motion today with the traditional "Path Rakhna" – Recital of Guru-

and illuminated with lights to add to the grandeur of the events. It is gratifying to note that millions of people of the area look forward to the Guru Ravidass

vani ceremony at Guru Ravidass Dham at Bootan Mandi on February 2 with all solemnity. These festivities with full spiritual and social fervor



Utsav every successive year to enjoy and pay tributes to the great Guru.

Prominent personalities of Bootan Mandi participated in the launching festivities of February like; Om Parkash Mahey, Amar Nath Ram, Prof. Mahesh Chander representing Guru Ravidass Educational and Charitable Trust and Seth Sat Paul Mal, Manohar Lal Mahey, Seth Harish Mahey, Sat Pal Mahey, Paramjit Mahey, Param Heer, Prem Shant, Ambassador Ramesh Chander among others.

will continue throughout the week and will climax with the Grand Shobha Yatra starting from Bootan on February 8, the Bhog of the Path of Amritvani will be held at a Grand Kirtan Darbar in the forenoon of February 9 and will conclude with the Grand Sangeet Darbar in the evening in which famous poets and singers like Shah Sisters and Sardar Mo-

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Prof Mark Juergensmeyer in Panjab University Chandigarh

An interactive session was organised by the Department of Political Science, Pan-

and his close association with the Panjab University developed during his teaching

movement, he cogently argued, emerged as a response to another political reality

tion states is again being tied to religious and ethnic identities. The talk was fol-



jab University with Prof Mark Juergensmeyer, Professor of Sociology and Global Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara on 31st January, 2020. The theme for the session was "India in The Global Rise of Religious Politics". Dr. Navtoj, Chairperson of the Department, welcomed the learned speaker. Prof. Ronki Ram, (Dean Faculty of Arts & Shaheed Bhagat Singh Chair Professor of Political Science), introduced the eminent scholar

stint in the mid 1960s as well as his intensive field work in rural Punjab leading to his classic 'Religious Rebels of Punjab'. Prof Mark began his talk while going back into deep memories of his encounters with the elusive realities at the grassroots in Punjab. He meticulously mapped out the rise of Dalit religious mobilizations in Punjab in response to the political realities contextualized within the British Census politics. Similarly the khalistani

rooted in the failure of the Indian model of secular nation state. By drawing parallel between these movements and current events like Brexit and Trump's election, Prof Mark brilliantly articulated how globalization became yet another political reality for the radicalization of protectionist paradigm and new identity politics in America and Europe . This has led to what he called a new wave of narrow nationalism where the idea of the na-

lowed by rich question-answer session. Professors: T.R. Sharma, Harish K. Puri, B.S. Brar, Kuldip Singh, Ashutosh Kumar, Pampa Mukherjee, Deepak K. Singh, Janaki Srinivas, Emanuel Nahar, Devinder Singh and Rajesh Kumar were among the large number of faculty members, research scholars and students who attended the academic event. The talk was concluded with remarks and vote of thanks by Prof Ronki Ram.

