



**Atta
Deep
Bhav**

From Editors Desk

We are delighted to resume our famous newsletter Atta Deep Bhav.

"Atta Deep Bhav!" is back as a quarterly newsletter starting from July 2016 and will be published first month of every quarter. As the name means, "Be Thy Own Light!", this is the newsletter for Indian Ambedkarites who are willing to follow the path of "Atta Deep Bhav!" in life. We are pleased and honored to resume this newsletter for the following objectives.

Quarterly update of highlights of Ambedkarite associations including AANA and other organizations

Creating network of Ambedkarites in USA

Encouraging and guiding as many deprived sections, to get in the United States of America and overseas for higher studies and Job.

To give them an overview of the trends around and the coming opportunities.

Thus Spake Dr. Ambedkar

"Caste cannot be abolished by inter caste dinners or stray instances of inter caste marriages. Caste is a state of mind. It is a disease of mind. The teachings of the Hindu religion are the root cause of this disease. We practice casteism and we observe Untouchability because we are enjoined to do so by the Hindu religion. A bitter thing cannot be made sweet. The taste of anything can be changed. But poison cannot be changed into nectar."

125th Birth Anniversary of Dr B. R. Ambedkar

Ambedkar Association of North America (AANA) celebrated Buddha Jayanti-Vesak Day and 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar at Great Valley, New York which was attended by 125 Ambedkarites all across USA. The three day gathering from in NY state on May 27th to May 30th included early morning meditation, Panel discussion, Cultural events and outdoor activities.



Winners of Dr. Ambedkar International Awards for 2016



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Dr. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR
WRITINGS AND SPEECHES

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ON ECONOMICS

Administration and Finance of
The East India Company
The Evolution of Provincial Finance
in British India
The Problem of the Rupee
[History of Indian Currency
and Banking, Vol. 1]
Miscellaneous Essays.



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AANA also announced two prestigious awards for 2016. '**Dr. Ambedkar international award**' was awarded to noted writer and columnist from India, Vidya Bhushan Rawat for his outstanding contribution of highlighting Dalit issues and Thenmozhi Sundararajan from New York, USA was awarded **Savitribai Phule international award** for her distinguished contribution of spreading awareness about Casteism. She recently spearheaded the campaign to prevent the removal of reference to caste in California text books. The function was presided by AANA president Raj Cherukonda and conducted by Rupali and Jitendra Sahare.

Participants presented their views during various panel sessions on subjects like 'Support for Higher Education', 'Women Empowerment'. Panel session on 'Buddha and Buddhism in our lives' for kids in age group of 8 to 15, was main attraction of the day. Audience were enthralled and pleasantly surprised to see very mature responses from these kids.

AANA officials presented success stories and status of current and future projects. Ambedkar Association of North America (AANA) organizes this annual event since 2008



Twitter Corner!



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Vidya Bhushan Rawat @freetohumanity
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California curriculum body accepts edits by scholars of Islam, affirms caste has religious basis, keeps 'ancient India'

South Asian Histories for All (SAHFA), a multi-faith and inter-caste coalition of 8 religions and 25 organizations across California and the U.S., celebrated significant improvements to California's new history and social science textbook curriculum, despite significant opposition from Hindutva (Hindu fundamentalist) groups. (<http://www.southasianhistoriesforall.org>)

On July 14 2016, as the Board of Education met to approve the framework, powerful testimonies by nearly 100 SAHFA members asked the Board to revise inaccurate and ideologically driven statements on caste and Islam, and to use South Asia as a geographical term to describe "ancient India" where appropriate. South Asian American organizers were able to beat back a well-funded Hindu fundamentalist lobby to ensure the facts were taught about the Dalit, Sikh, Ravidassia, Buddhist, and Muslim communities in the much debated California Text book content,"<http://www.nbcnews.com/.../california-passes-textbook-standar...#donteraseindia #donterasedalit>

The Hindutva organizations backed by Hindu America foundation and its cronies wanted to eliminate caste and Dalit words in school book, dismissing it as mere ill practice that is not sanctioned by Hindu scriptures. They even used some influence from politicians to further their agenda. But starch Ambekdarites like Thenmozhi Sounderarajan and Suthamalli Ganga from AANA were able to articulate and persuade the California Department of Education how castes have sections of Hindu scriptures including Veda and Smriti.

This was a victory for the unity shown by coalition consisting of Dalit, Sikh, Muslim communities who were part of SAHFA.



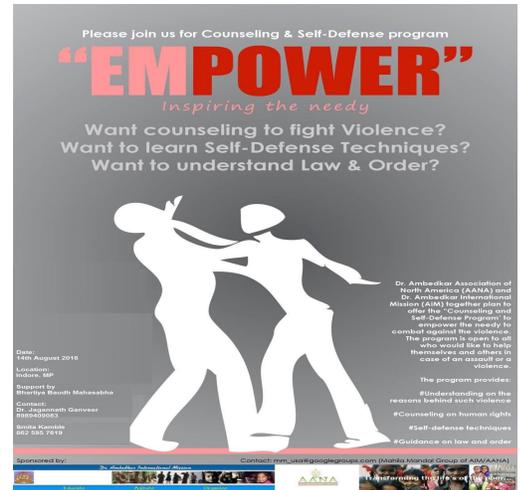
Empower Women Project Update

Project summary:

The main objective of this project is to create awareness about sexual assault which occur on women and children on a daily basis and to empower and train them with martial arts to defend themselves whenever such kind of incidents occurs.

We would also like to make people aware that sexual assault is not a stigma and it is not the fault of the victim. We also guide people on how to treat the victim, if they share such kind of incidents. Sexual harassment pertaining laws, help lines and guidelines which are present in India will be also briefed out.

The more acceptances we have for the survivors in our society and the more these incidents are reported and accused are punished, the more sexual assault incidents will be reduced. Our objective is also to create a strong network of Ambekarite Lawyers (who can help them fight case, with some concession or free of cost), Police and IAS officers (to help register a complaint when the police is not co-operating), Medical Professionals/Counselors (to help the victim heal), news reporters (to help advertise and get justice) and mainly network of organizations that counsel and heal the victim when a sexual



सशक्तिकरण

- परामर्श तथा आत्मरक्षण के लिए हमारे साथ आएं।
- क्या आप हिंसा से लड़ना चाहते हैं ?
- अपने अधिकारों के बारे में जानिये।
- आत्मरक्षण करने के तबिके सिखिए।

यह कार्यक्रम सभी के लिए है।

- गरीबों और कमजोरों को सशक्त करना सीखो।
- खुद की मदद करना सीखें।
- हिंसा के पीछे के कारणों को समझें।
- परामर्शता एवं मानव अधिकारों के बारे में जानिये।

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Cartoon Corner (by Ravikiran Shinde)



Dalits refused to take care of dead cows, hand over carcass to Gau Rakshaks in Gujarat



Indian Media (Arnab Goswami) takes Prime Minister's interview