

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace

To.
The Editor,

Sub: Request to depute your reporter for International/National Social Justice Awards ceremony and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 114th Birth Anniversary celebrations on 14th April, 2005 at 5:30pm, Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai.

Respected Sir,

Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace (ACJP) is a global non-profit organization with focus on the development and empowerment of the marginalized people, Dalits and Tribals of India,

ACJP is organizing 114th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and six very prominent International and National personalities will be awarded with 'ACJP Social Justice Awards' for their outstanding contribution in the field of Social Justice & empowerment of indigenous & marginalized Dalits and Tribals in India.

International Social Justice Awards:

- [1] Dr. Erma Manoncourt - (UNICEF Representative, Egypt)
- [2] Prof. Jaap E. Doek - (Chair, Committee on Child Rights, United Nations)
- [3] Mr. Jean-Francois Giovannini - (Rtd. Deputy Director General Swiss Development Agency)

National Social Justice Awards:

- [1] Justice Dr. K. Ramaswamy - (Rtd. Justice, Supreme Court of India)
- [2] Bhadant Arya Nagarjuna Shurai Sasai - (Member, National Commission for Minorities)
- [3] Baban Kamble (Founder, Editor in Chief - Daily Vriya Ratna Samrat)

The awards will be presented on 14th April, 2005, at 5:30pm by ACJP at Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai. A Megaplay 'Mahasurya' on the life & mission of Babasaheb Ambedkar will be performed by about 150 artists of 'Samayak Theater', Nagpur.

You are requested to kindly depute your reporter/correspondent for the complete coverage of the program. Thanking you in anticipation.

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We are pleased to inform "The ACJP International Social Justice Awards" for the year 2005 and deem it a privilege to announce the following distinguished people as the recipients on the auspicious occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's 114th Birth Anniversary. The award presentation ceremony is to be held on 14th April, 2005 at 5:00 pm at Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai.



[1] Dr. Erma Manoncourt: UNICEF Representative, Egypt

As a Deputy Director/Programs in India for the last five and half years before her departure to Egypt she had personally guided UNICEF – India for many projects to improve the conditions of thousands of marginalized children suffering from extreme poverty, malnutrition etc. Her factual report on India's children submitted to the United Nations Committee on Child Rights in 2000, played a significant role to highlight the seriousness of this problem and the solutions. Her lifelong commitment to serve for the welfare of the children around the world has brought about difference

in many little lives.

[2] Prof. Jaap E. Doek – Chair, Committee on Child Rights, United Nations

Prof. Doek, as a chair and member, has been a dynamic force on the Committee on the Rights of the Child, for many years and has been very compassionate towards the welfare of the children around the world. His personal inclination towards issues like Child Labour, Right to Education, Child Prostitution (Devdasi System) and Caste based Discrimination etc. during 1999-2000 Report, has brought about the first detailed report as a guiding solution.



[3] Mr. Jean-Francois Giovanni – (Rtd) Deputy Director General, Swiss Development Agency and Swiss Representative to UN Social Summit 1995.

Besides representing the policy of Swiss Government to address the issue of Caste based Discrimination and its adverse impact. He has been an active participant in many of the UN Conferences and has expressed his keenness towards Dalits and Tribal issues. Under his tenure in the 70's in India, he supported many development programs for the upliftment of Dalits and Tribals.

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Ambedkar Center for Justice and Peace (ACJP) today has declared 'ACJP National Justice Awards' for the persons who have done outstanding contribution in the field of Social Justice & empowerment of indigenous & marginalized Dalits and Tribals in India.

[1] Justice Dr. K. Ramaswamy (Rtd. Justice, Supreme Court of India)

During his service as a High Court and Supreme Court Justice, he had taken keen interest in cases of Social injustice including Child Labour, Bonded Labour, Child Prostitution (Devdasi System), Caste based Discrimination etc. and his judgments have long term and positive impact on the lives of millions of the most marginalized Dalits and Tribals in India.

As a member of National Human Rights Commission he also played an important role in world Conference against Racism, Durban, 2001 to represent the real picture of Dalits and Tribals and suggested ways for improvement in social conditions in years to come due to excellent India Constitution.

[2] Bhadant Arya Nagarjuna Shurai Sasai (Member, National Commission for Minorities)

He has been working tirelessly for the last 40 years for the rejuvenation of Buddhism and to bring the message of lord Buddha on Compassion, Social Justice and tolerance to the people of India especially followers of Dr. Ambedkar. He took up the issue of Holiest of the holy places of Buddhists 'Mahabodhi Mahavihar' at Boudh Gaya where Lord Buddha was enlightened 2500 years back, with the United Nations in order to educate them about the importance of rightful administration of Mahabodhi Mahavihar by the Buddhist Society of India. He has been delivering Social Justice through National Commission for Minorities in thousand of cases of violations of Human Rights.

[3] Baban Kamble (Founder, Editor in Chief - Daily Vritya Ratna Samrat)

He started 'daily V. R. Samrat' - the Marathi Daily in the most difficult circumstances to administer the Social Justice through education and Socio - religious awakening as guided by the great son of mother India Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

He has made significant impact on the attitude and psychology of indigenous marginalized communities and succeeded in realizing them to unite for securing socio-economic justice through parliamentary democracy. He has been responsible for bringing Ambedkarite Society together and re-educating them for his mission and our duty.

The awards will be presented on 14th April, 2005, at 17:30 hrs on the occasion of 114th Birth Anniversary celebration function being organized by ACJP at Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai. A Megaplay 'Mahasurya' on the life & mission of Babasaheb Ambedkar will be performed by about 150 artists of 'Samayak Theater', Nagpur.

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