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RSS and Social Harmony?

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Rashtriya Sayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has been busy fomenting division and strife, violating the Constitution, subverting the rule of law, and sabotaging national unity right since its inception in the 1920s, and it has sowed its dragon's teeth in India that function as a salad of acronyms, polluting the polity and tearing the society.

Its existence depends upon perpetual violence, hatred, and liquidation of minorities. It is gnawed at by ingrained and bottomless inferiority complex: Muslims, because they built India into an affluent nation and as an enviable empire with a definitive territory and a viable administration; Christians, because they provided remarkable services in the fields of education and medical care selflessly and without any discrimination; tribals, because they rejected absorption in the stratified slavery of Hindu caste cauldron, viz., *varna vyavastha*.

RSS has been inimical to secularism, democracy, India's freedom, egalitarianism, and human rights. Its ideology and praxis repudiate these universal values as foreign. RSS and its affiliates, pledged to fascism and subservient to imperialism, pose the most serious danger to national security and social cohesion, national sovereignty and social solidarity.

This cancer in the Indian body politic needs urgently to be stamped out, forthwith taken out root and branch.

Not surprisingly noted Valmiki Sant Baba Prakash Shah organized a Samajik Samarasta Sammelan at his Ashram in Gannaur, Haryana on March 30 to laud service activities of RSS. The Sammelan was presided over by Swami Dayananda Saraswati of Delhi and the founder of the Art Living Sri Sri Ravishankar was distinguished guest on the occasion. Shri Dinesh Chandra, Uttar Kshetra Pracharak of RSS was also present.

Sri Sri Ravishankar in his speech said that the Hindus world over look at the Hindus living in India with lot of hopes. Therefore, if the Hindus of India remain divided and weak, it would benefit none, neither the Hindus nor the country. He said drawing inspiration from the life of Shri Ram, people should materialize the concept of Ramrajya where every-body was equal. Appreciating the service activities being carried out by the RSS, he said Indians should have inspiration from the Sangh and should cooperate in this divine task of serving the downtrodden.

Baba Prakash Shah said, no matter he was born in a so-called untouchable caste, as a saint he visits all the Mutts, Ashrams, temples and the offices of religious organizations and he gets tremendous respect from everywhere. He said the old conventions are broken and people are coming closer.

Shri Dinesh Chandra said the Sammelan would spread the message of Shri Ram to the masses. He stressed the need to organize such Sammelans in every part of the country. He said every citizen of the country should have respect to the

nation. Appreciating the efforts of Baba Prakash Shah, he said the RSS supports all the organizations that are working for strengthening social harmony. □□□