



NSS CELL

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Alluri Seetharamaraju Jayanthi on 4th July 2022

Alluri Sitarama Raju (4 July 1897 or 1898 – 7 May 1924) was an Indian revolutionary who waged an armed campaign against British colonial rule in India. Born in present-day Andhra Pradesh, he became involved in opposing the British in response to the 1882 Madras Forest Act, which effectively restricted the free movement of Adivasis (tribal communities) in their forest habitats and prevented them from practicing a traditional form of agriculture known as podu. Rising discontent towards the British led to the Rampa Rebellion of 1922, in which he played a major part as a leader. Mustering a force combined of Adivasis, farmers and sympathizers to their cause, he engaged in guerilla campaigns against the British colonial authorities in the border regions of the Madras Presidency part of the districts of East Godavari and Visakhapatnam (now part of Alluri Sitharama Raju district). He was nicknamed "Manyam Veerudu" (transl. Hero of the Jungle) by local villagers for his heroic exploits.

Harnessing widespread discontent towards British colonial rule in the backdrop of the non-cooperation movement, he led his forces against the British, aiming to expel them from the Eastern Ghats region through his guerilla campaigns. During this period, he led numerous raids on local police stations to acquire firearms for his under-equipped forces. After each raid, he would leave behind a letter written by him, informing the police about the details of his raids, including about the weaponry he parted away with, daring them to stop him if they can. Police stations in and around the areas of Annavaram, Addateegala, Chintapalle, Dammanapalli, Krishna Devi Peta, Rampachodavaram, Rajavommangi, and Narsipatnam were all targeted by his forces in raids which also saw significant police casualties. In response to these raids, and in order to quell the rebellion, the British colonial authorities undertook a nearly two-year long manhunt for him, resulting in expenditures reaching over ₹40 Lakh rupees then. Eventually, in 1924, he was trapped by the British at the village of Koyyuru in the Chintapalle forests. There, he was captured, tied to a tree and summarily executed by a firing squad. His resting place currently lies in the village of Krishnadevipeta.

After putting up a massive effort for nearly two years, the British managed to capture Alluri in the forests of Chintapalle, he was then tied to a tree and executed by shooting on 7 May 1924 in the village of Koyyuru. A tomb of him currently lies in the village of Krishnadevipeta, near Visakhapatnam.[30] His lieutenant, Ghantam Dora was killed on 6 June 1924, his brother

Mallam Dora was caught and imprisoned, who after independence became a member of the Indian Lok Sabha.

Historian David Arnold in his book *The Rebellious Hillmen: The Gudem-Rampa rising 1839-1924*, noted that because of his name, the tribals used to evoke the image of the Hindu deity "Rama" in Alluri, a honorary which despite being a religious man he never asked for.

The Independent Indian Government released a postal stamp in his honour at the village of Mogallu, considered by many to be his birthplace. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, besides building memorials at places associated with his life, granted a political pension to his surviving brother. Mahatma Gandhi paid his tribute to Alluri's life, saying, "Though I do not approve of his armed rebellion, I pay my homage to his bravery and sacrifice." Jawaharlal Nehru commented that, "Raju was one of those few heroes that could be counted on fingers." Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose noted that Alluri was fierce in his determination, and his unparalleled courage and sacrifice for people will ensure him a place in history.

In 2022, the Government of Andhra Pradesh carved out a new district named after Alluri from the erstwhile Visakhapatnam district, with Paderu as its headquarters.

In view of the Alluri Seetharamaraju Jayanthi **on 4th July 2022**, the NSS cell was organized in the **Seminar Hall-B**. On this auspicious occasion Dr. Thulasiram Naidu, Assoc. Dean R&D, MITS, Dr. Lakshaman Rao, Prof.& Head, Dept. of ME, MITS and Mr. P. Rajesh, NSS Programme Officer were attended and given inspirational speeches on Dr. Alluri Seetharamaraju. And also student volunteers given motivational speeches.

Glimpse of Painting event





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