

PLACES AND PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH FREEDOM
MOVEMENT AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya (1889-1928)

Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya was born in orthodox Brahmin family in 1889 in the Village of Penuganchiprolu in Nandigama taluk of Krishna District.

The name of the Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya has found a permanent place in the history of the freedom struggle in India on account of the unique non-violent no-tax campaign in Chirala-Perala (1919-21), Which he organized with Gandhiji's blessings. The contiguous villages, Chirala, Perala in the Bapatla Taluk of Guntur District. He organized Ramadandu known as Red Army to control and discipline society and he came to be known as Ramdas.

In 1928 Duggirala Gopalakrishnayya endearingly called the "Andhra Ratna", died of tuberculosis when he was at only 39.

Konda Venkatappayya: (1866-1949)

Desabhakta Konda Venkatappayya born at Guntur in 1866, was an eminent Freedom Fighter, Politician and Social Reformer.

He advocated widow remarriages denounced Purdha. Venkatappayya was a champion of people's rights and not vested interest. He had no fascination for office. He confirmed to Bismark definition of a great man symbolizing genorosity in design, humanity in execution and modernisation is success.

Kopalle Hanumantha Rao, the dreamer, Pattabhi Seetharamaiah – versatile genius and pragmatist and Mutunuri Krishna Rao epitome of culture. Constitutes with trio.

Parvathaneni Veerayya Chowdary: Andhra Sivaji, Leader of the great Pedanandipadu “No-Tax’ campaign of 1923. Born in Pedanandipadu village in Guntur District on 4th October 1886 in a Rythu family.

Unnava Lakshminarayana Panthulu : A leading figure of the Social Reform movement in Andhra at the age of ten. Inspired with Veeralingesam Social Reforms. Malapalle his master piece against Casteism. Unnava was excommunicated for his village for performing the first widow remarriage in Guntur District. Born in Vemulapadu Village in Guntur District on 4th December 1878. He worked actively in the Non-Cooperation movement, Khadi movement and Boycott of Foreign Goods. Set up Saradha Niketan and Gurukula Pathasala for girls in Guntur.

Unnava Lakshmibhai : Born in Aminabad a village in Sattenapalle Taluk of Guntur District. She was married to Unnava Lakshmi Narayana a leading Freedom fighter and Social reformer. She worked actively in Non-cooperation movement, Khadi and Boycott of foreign goods along with her Husband. When Lakshmi Narayana was arrested during the No-Tax campaign of Palanadu in 1921. She said the white man punished only half this body. The other half is outside and I will carry on the struggle. She was arrested during “Salt-Satyagraha” and she was awarded “Gruhalakshmi Swarna Kanakanam”. She accepted the honour and refused to wear the ornaments.

Vavilala Gopala Krishnaiah: Vavilala Gopala Krishnaiah, who was a patriot freedom fighter, renowned reformer and strong supporter and follower of Mahatma Gandhi. Was born in Sattenapalli Taluk of Guntur District. He actively participated in the Non-cooperation movement, Khadi movement and boycott of foreign goods. He sacrificed his personal life by deciding himself to be a bachelor for the cause of the Nation and Common man in the Society.

Acharya N.G.Ranga : He was Born in “Nidubrolu” village in Guntur District. On 17th November 1900. “Rythu Bandava” Prof.N.G.Ranga popularly known as Acharya Ranga rendered human service particularly to the forming community during a Freedom struggle in arousing rural masses throughout the country.

Other Important eminent persons in Politics:

The District produced four Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh.

1. *Tanguturi Prakasam*
2. *Kasu Brahmananda Reddy*
3. *Nadendla Bhaskara Rao*
4. *Bhavanam Venatram*

Achanta Rukmini : Was a rare women, Freedom fighter, Politician and Administrator. She was arrested for taking part in Salt-Satyagraha. She was health Minister in Tanguturu Prakasam cabinet in 1946. She was determined to set up a Medical Collage at Guntur.

K.Amareswari : The first Women Judge of Andhra Pradesh high court, Amareswari comes from a Middle class agricultural family in Appikatla village in Guntur District.

V.S.Rama Devi : Starting life as a Governemtn employee. Rama Devi rose to the position of Governer. Born in Chebrolu in Guntur District. Rama Devi is also a writer. Writing stories, Novels and Essays in Telugu.

Hemalatha Lavanam : Hemalatha was born during the thirtees in Vinukonda village in Guntur District. The youngest daughter of the famous Poet Gurrām Jashuva. She married Lavanam the son of well known the Social Reformer and ethiest gora.

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Yeleparti Nayudamma : Born in Yeleparru village of Tenali Mandal of Guntur District on 10th September 1922. A renowned popular International educationalist and Scientist. The first Andhra Vice Chancellor to J.N.University at New Delhi. He always tired to extend the fruits of Science and Technology to