



Alluri Sitarama Raju

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The Vice-President visited the birthplace of revolutionary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju (1897 – 1924) at Pandrangi, Andhra Pradesh.

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Who was Alluri Sitarama Raju?

- Alluri Sitarama Raju was an Indian revolutionary who waged an armed campaign against British colonial rule in India. He became a monk at the age of 18.
- Born in present-day Andhra Pradesh, he became involved in anti-British activities 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 (shifting cultivation).
- Rising discontent towards the British led to the **Rampa Rebellion/Manyam Rebellion of 1922**, in which he played a major part as a leader.
- He was **nicknamed "Manyam Veerudu"** (Hero of the Jungle) by local villagers for his heroic exploits.
- In 1924, Raju was taken into police custody, tied to a tree, and shot by a public execution, effectively ending the armed rebellion.

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