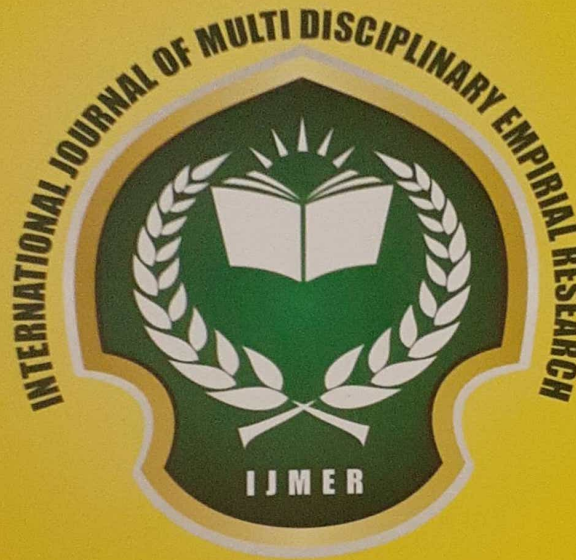


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TELANGANA BAPUJI KONDA LAXMAN BAPUJI AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF TELANGANA (1915-2012)

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ABSTRACT

Konda Laxman Bapuji was an Indian freedom fighter who participated in the Telangana Rebellion and Telangana activist. He fought for the state hood of Telangana all his life. All the Telangana activists know him has a hard core fighters, the backward class people call him their messiah, the weavers community glorifies him as its godfather. He is none other than the multifaceted personality Konda Laxman Bapuji. He was a lawyer of the masses and a revolutionary in the Gandhi cap. As an Arya Samaj and a Congress man. He participated in the revolt against Nizam.

This article was written about Konda Laxman Bapuji biography 27.09.1915 – 21.09.2012. His life and struggle for Telangana people. I have referred famous journals, news papers, telugu academy text books, articles, conversations with historians and intellectuals of Telangana state. According to all the above, Konda Laxman Bapuji contributions towards the society and nation must be record and will be give the knowledge for future generations regarding his services.

Konda Laxman Bapuji, led many a struggle for the sake of a separate Telangana since 1969 till his death in 2012. It is the duty of Telangana people to duly recognize his contributions to the cause of Telangana and the backward classes. Unlike most leaders from Telangana region, Konda laxman Bapuji had the courage to sacrifice and remained out of power for four decades to achieve Telangana statehood. In 2014, the Horticulture University in Hyderabad was name, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University by the Government of Telangana in his honour. His birthday is celebrated officially by the Government of Telangana.

Introduction

Konda Laxman Bapuji was an Indian freedom fighter who participated in the Telangana Rebellion and Telangana activist. He fought for the state hood of Telangana all his life. The true fighters fighter Bapuji. All the Telangana activists know him has a hard

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As an Arya Samaj and a Congress man. He participated in the revolt against Nizam.

Aim and Objectives:

This article was aimed at Konda Laxman Bapuji. He was Bapu of Telangana. His contributions towards Telangana is most remarkable.

Future generations of Telangana must learn from his services.

Konda Laxman Bapuji (27.09.1915 to 21.09.2012) was an Indian freedom fighter and Telangana activist. He fought for the statehood of Telangana all his life.

Konda Laxman Bapuji met Mahatma Gandhi in 1941 and inspired by his ideology of truth, non violence. These are the guiding principles to Bapuji.

Methodology:

This article was written about Konda Laxman Bapuji biography 27.09.1915 – 21.09.2012. His life and struggle for Telangana people. I have referred famous journals, news papers, telugu academy text books, articles, conversations with historians and intellectuals of Telangana state. According to all the above, Konda Laxman Bapuji contributions towards the society and nation must be record and will be give the knowledge for future generations regarding his services.

Beginning of Political Career:

Bapuji met Mahatma Gandhi in 1941 and inspired by Gandhian Philosophy of truth and non violence. He participated in the quit India movement in 1942 demanding an end to British Rule in India and Gandhi made a call to Do or Die in his Quit India speech.

He also waged battle against the Nizam and the Razakars. The Razakars were a private militia organized by Qasim Razvi to support the rule of Nizam Osman Alikhan, Asaf Jah VII and resist the integration of Hyderabad

state into the Dominion of India in 1947-48.

Fight for the cause of Telangana:

He participated in the 1952 Non-Mulki Agitation. This movement was started in 1952 after the annexation of Hyderabad state into the India Union, the administration was under Military Governor, J.N.Chaudhuri. There was a large scale recruitment, but the non-local new recruits occupied position by the erstwhile rules. The Nizam of Hyderabad. There was widespread discontentment among the locals which led to the agitation. In 1952 students led an agitation against non-Mulkis or non-locals. The popular slogans were Ghair Mulki go back or Non-mulki go back and Idli Sambar go back.

Konda Laxman Bapuji – Contributions to Telangana:

Konda Laxman Bapuji was the first elected as MLA from Asifabad constituency in Adilabad district in 1952. In 1957, Asifabad became a reserved constituency, so he shifted to Nalgonda district which had large number of Padmasali population. He won from Bhongir constituency in 1957 to 1960 and as Minister from 1960 to 1962. He unsuccessfully contested as MLA from Munugodu constituency in 1962 but later on served as MLA and Minister 1967-69 for two terms from Bhongir assembly constituency (1967-72, 1972-78).

He was a member of Telangana Sadhana Samithi. He announced. We solemnly declare statehood for Telangana on November'2nd. 2008.

Unlike most leaders from Telangana, Konda Laxman Bapuji had the courage to sacrifice and remained out of power for four decades to achieve Telangana statehood.

Konda Laxman Bapuji spent almost 80 years of his life for the public cause, served

the Telugu people MLA and Minister and he died penniless for the cause of separate Telangana. At the age of 95 he sat on hunger strike in winter at New Delhi. He was guided to Sri.K.Chandra Shekar Rao the president of TRS that spearheaded the second phase of Telangana Movement, in the initial days of movement.

The self made man Bapuji who hails from a village Wankidi in Adilabad district studied law course in Hyderabad and practiced law independently. He was a people's lawyer without charging a paisa he fought many public interest cases. He bear the charges himself and fight the Chkali Ilamma case in the Telangana armed struggle. He was the congress man but always stood by the side of communists whenever they well in need of legal help. The ideology them. This was the reason why people cutting across party line recognised him as their savior in separate Telangana movement.

The marginalized people always stood with him and called him 'Telangana Gandhi' a epithet that he rightly deserved.

All politicians encourage their children to join politics, but Bapuji's on Umesh joined the Indian Air Force. This is mainly because of Bapuji's advice. Umesh died while on the job.

Konda Laxman Bapuji service to the nation started by helping the helpless in legal matters. Later on he became the messiah of the downtrodden. Bapuji took keen interest in providing work to the handloom weavers in the 1950 it self. The miseries of handloom workers brought to the notice of M.K.Vellodi the then civil administrator with the Military Chief Minister of Hyderabad state. In the matters of social justice he led the backward class groups of Telangana to make representations to the Kaka Kalekar

Committee and demanded that the education and employment reservations should be implemented to the under privileged people. He led the leaders like Krishna Swami Mudiraj, Bojjam Narasimhulu, Yerran Satyanarayana, Sangem Laxmi Bayamma and others in their struggle for the betterment of backward classes. He never compromised with his ideas for the sake of political gains. Moreover he lost many opportunities for adhering to his chooses ideals. After becoming an MLA in 1957 he was elected as a deputy speaker of A.P. Assembly. Due to his active participation in politics he stopped going to courts and devoted his time totally for the service of the marginalized under privileged groups of society. Once in 1963, he was missed the Chief Ministership of Andhra Pradesh due to internal politics of congress party.

In 1969 separate Telangana movement was started, while Bapuji was in the forefront. He was first minister to resigned from the cabinet of the then Chief Minister Kasu Brahmanandha Reddy. His fire brand speeches in the assembly and public meetings were the main motivating force to Telangana crusaders. He toured all over Telangana in the Telangana movement and gathered public support for the cause of Telangana and inspired the masses.

Since then he stood sidelined in politics he chose social service as a road to serve the poorest of the poor. He constructed an old age home at Vankidi and built many hostels for the welfare of backward classes, especially the weavers community. His attire was white dhoti and full shirt often with a waist coat on, and Nehru cap on the head. His commanding personality forced everyone to wish him whenever they encountered him. He used to maintain a dignified appearance with a clean countenance that added to his impressive personality.

Konda Laxman Bapuji became the role models for the younger generations for Satyagraha. We can safely call him the Gandhi or Bapu of Telangana. Konda Laxman Bapuji not only preached Gandhism but practiced it in true spirit. Now that long cherished dream of this region has come true and Telangana State become a reality, it is imperative that memory of this path breaking pioneer is honored.

Konda Laxman Bapuji, led many a struggle for the sake of a separate Telangana since 1969 till his death in 2012. It is the duty of Telangana people to duly recognize his contributions to the cause of Telangana and the backward classes. Unlike most leaders from Telangana region, Konda laxman Bapuji

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