

## Alluri Sitarama Raju

### Alluri Sitarama Raju Biography

- Alluri Sitarama Raju was born on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1897 in a village called Mogallu near Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh.
- He completed his primary schooling in various places near his native village and went to Vishakhapatnam at the age of 15 to pursue his high school and university education.
- Alluri is best remembered for leading the **Rampa Rebellion** against the British in which he organised the tribal people of Vishakhapatnam and East Godavari districts to revolt against the foreigners.
- He was inspired by the revolutionaries of Bengal to fight against the British government.
- The Rampa Revolt was fought between the years 1922 and 1924. Alluri and his men stormed several police stations and killed many British officers and stole arms and ammunition for their battle.
- The fiery fighter had a lot of local support and he successfully evaded the British for a long time.
- The Madras Forest Act, 1882 disrupted the lives of the tribal people. It barred them from engaging in their traditional agricultural activities like shifting cultivation.
- The British were finally able to capture him. They tied him to a tree and shot him dead on 7 May 1924.
- The people honoured him with the title 'Manyam Veerudu' which translates to 'Hero of the jungles'.
- There are many statues of this great patriot in his home state of Andhra Pradesh.
- In 1986, India Post released a commemorative stamp in honour of Alluri Sitarama Raju.