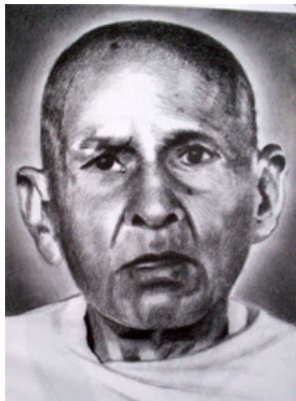


PROFILE OF THREE PANIGRAHI BROTHERS OF VILL. MANPUR (P.S.BHDEN, BARGARH SUB-DIVISION)

The well-known three PANIGRAHI BROTHERS of Manpur village who acquired legendary stature for their contribution to the freedom movement of India struck terror into the hearts of the then British administrators. These three brothers are :

1. Pandit Ghanashyam Panigrahi
2. Gananath Panigrahi
3. Chandrasekhar Panigrahi

A staunch disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, Ghanashyam Panigrahi was junior to him in age by thirteen years only. Veteran follower of Gandhian principles and Congress ideology, Sri Panigrahi used to spin yarn with his own hands and got it woven by a Harijan using Khaddar cloth only upto his knee. Though a Brahmin, strangely enough, he was initiated at the feet of a Harijan "Guru". Being an Ayurvedic physician he gave



medicine to the ailing patients of the neighbouring area free of cost. He volunteered to do social work whenever the villagers faced dangers due to outbreak of fire or failure of crop owing to drought when stored water in tanks was channelised for

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irrigation. He courted imprisonment several times opposing anti-national British policy. And his family underwent severe hardships and suffering during his absence from home being a political prisoner at frequent intervals .Sri Panigrahi at the fag-end of his life dedicated himself to the cause of Land Gift Movement initiated by Saint Vinoba Bhave.

.2. Being filled with profound regards and deeply felt inspiration for Mahatma Gandhi's genuine dedication to the cause of India's freedom from British rule, Sri Gananath Panigrahi, a man of strong resolve and few words, lent unreserved support and sincere co-operation to his elder brother Ghanashyam

❖ Love

The source of love is God
The Centre of love is sacrifice
The genesis of love is faith
The power of love is Prayer
The seed of love is sincerity
The harvest of love is happiness
The nature of love is trust
The pulse of love is concern
The essence of love is generosity

The secret of love is friendship
The joy of love is sharing
The miracle of love is forgiveness
The test of love is adversity
The beauty of love is growth
The result of love is service
The sparkle of love is hope
The wisdom of love is patience
The reality of love is fulfillment
The sound of love is harmony
The bliss of love is tranquility



Panigrahi in his sustained fight along with his country-men to end British rule in India. Gananath Panigrahi was a silent, but determined, tough social worker and organiser to mobilise public opinion in the countryside in favour of the freedom movement that was spreading

: 2 : slowly, but definitely in different parts particularly of the rural area. He always put on Khaddar- a sort of loin cloth like Gandhi. He opened an Ashram one K.M. away from Manpur where dozens of students hailing from Rairakhol State received not simply theoretical education, but also practical training in gardening, staging drama in the village for giving entertainment to people creating simultaneously in them an urge for welfare work among the down-trodden and depressed section of people living in the society in miserable conditions. Students passing out of this Ashram with such training were ultimately well-placed in life becoming popular by doing social service besides their routine duties as officers at different places. The Ashram was the centre or nucleus for social and organisational work for a long spell till the Trustees handed over the Ashram land to the local M.E. School as desired by departmental authority.

In a word, it may be said that Gananath Panigrahi, as an educationist and social worker, was held in high esteem by the distinguished village leaders of the neighbouring area of Manpur village. He was looked upon as an undemonstrative hero of indomitable spirit and exceptional courage.

3. A village photographer and grass-root level social worker, Sri Chandra Sekhar Panigrahi was the main prop of moral and economic support for the above two Panigrahi Brothers, but for whose help they would not have been able to perform smoothly their respective patriotic roles in the freedom struggle. The foundation of the above famous Manpur Ashram was actually laid by Chandra Sekhar Panigrahi who with his own hands did hard physical work even for constructing the boundary wall, the stone-walled well and for plantation of varieties of mango and other fruit trees in the Ashram Campus. In fact it was mainly his contribution. The "Purna Chandra Bhasa Kosh" (seven volumes), a valuable asset had been donated to this Ashram by Late Smt. Bhagabati Devi, wo. celebrated I.A.S. Officer late Sri Satchidananda Pujari of Sambalpur.

: 3 : Chandrasekhar Panigrahi was very generous and so very brave, fearless that even top officers, let alone Police Officer or Revenue Staff, could hardly dare to intervene in the internal affairs of Manpur village. They considered it a grave risk to visit the village or disturb its atmosphere and avoided going on tour to guarantee the peace of their village life.

That was the strong enviable position of the then Manpur village, the forte and pride of the PANIGRAHI BROTHERS.

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