

Pandey Ganpat Roy

Pandey Ganpat Rai was born on 17 January 1809 in Bhauraon village (Bhandara block) of Lohardagga. He belonged to a zamindar Kayastha family. His father's name was Ram Kishun Rai Srivastava, mother's name was Sumitra Devi. His wife's name was Sugandha Kunwar. His uncle Sadashiv Rai Srivastava was the Diwan of Nagvanshi King Jagannath Shahdev. After the death of his uncle, seeing his power, he was made the Diwan of the Nagvanshi kingdom. After becoming the Diwan, one had to go to these three places Palkot, Patiya Bhauro. At that time the headquarters of the Nagvanshi kings was Palkot. Patiya was the headquarters of the zamindari of Ganpat Rai.

During the revolt of 1857 AD, the rebel soldiers of the Ramgarh battalion were wandering in the absence of a powerful leadership. At that time, he made the rebel soldiers meet Vishwanath Shahdev. Vishwanath Shahdev established the Mukti vahini army with these 600 soldiers. Ganpat Rai was appointed the chief commander of this Mukti vahini army. The Mukti vahini army captured Doranda Cantonment on 1 August 1857. On August 2, the Mukti

Vahini army had a temporary right over the whole of Ranchi.

Along with Vishwanath Shahdev, he also fought against the British in the battle of Chatra. But due to this fight, both had to flee from Chatra. Later both of them continued guerilla warfare from the forests of Lohardagga. Ganpat Rai was arrested by the Captain Nation from the village of Parehpat. This arrest was due to the betrayal of the landlord Mahendra Shahi. Pandey Ganpat Rai was hanged on 21 April 1858 by hanging from a Kadamba tree near the main gate of Ranchi District School.

Vishwanath Shahdeb was hanged in this tree 5 days ago.

Pandey Ganpat Rai Memorial Badminton Championship was started in his honor from 2018. Ganpat Roy Indoor Stadium has been built in his honor at Mega Sports Complex in Ranchi.

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