

## **Biography of Great Freedom Fighter Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud**

**Sardar Sarvayi Papanna Goud** born in **Goud** Community at Khilashapur Village near Jangaon In Warangal District. He fought against the Muslim rule in Telangana. He constituted some mansions and protected the interest of poor. He lived during the period of Aurangzeb. Shivaji conquered Maharashtra from Muslim rule and at the same time Papanna occupied the Telangana area from Mughal rule between 1687 to 1724.

His name also spelt as **SardarSarvaiPapanna** or **SardarSarvay Papanna** or **Papadu** also built a fort in Khilashapur which was also considered as capital city.



### **Early Life :**

Papanna Goud was born in 1650, lost his father during his early years, and assisted his mother Smt. Sarvamma as a cattle herder. And later on, upon his mother's request and force, he took up Toddy tapping as his profession. Having seen the oppressions and atrocities committed by the Mughals, during that time, he raised a small army out of warrior castes through guerilla attacks on them.

He was a strong devotee of Lord Shiva and Goddess Yellamma. His victory inscriptions, and sculptures are also available in Buddhism dominant regions such as Dhoolmitta to show that he respected and loved Buddhism too.

### **Available Historical Evidence**

Papanna Goud's history came into limelight when the British historian J.A. Boyal recorded the folklore music during 1874 A.D. This combined with further studying of archeological evidence of ruined or existing forts, inscriptions, and temples brought the history of Papanna Goud into limelight.

Papanna during his reign of 30 years ruled Buwanagiri of Nalgonda Thatikonda of Warangal, Kolanupaka, Cheriya, Karimnagar, Huzurabad, and Husnabad regions.

Papanna constructed his first fort in Sarvayeeepeta in 1675 A.D. According to the historian Pervaram Jeganatham, with the aim of expanding his rule and conquering Golconda, Papanna constructed forts in Thatikonda, Vemulkonda during 1678 A.D. And between 1700 - 1705 A.D he constructed another fort at Shahpuram.

Existing Check Dam constructed during the rule of Papanna in Thatikonda shows that he is a king of development oriented. Existing Goddess Yellamma temple in Husnabad of Karimnagar constructed during the rule of Papanna show that Papanna was religious. This temple during times was added with new idols. But the original Goddess Yellama idol constructed of soil is still existing.

Papanna mostly raised the funds for war and army by guerilla attacks on Subedar, Zamindars, landlords. Upon reaching the popularity of Papanna news to Aurangzeb he advised Rustum-dil Khan to suppress Papanna. Rustum-dil Khan then sent Qasim Khan to fight Papanna and conquer Shahpura fort. Having Qasim Khan defeated and slayed by Papanna, Rustum-dil Khan himself entered the war and this went on for almost three months. Rustum-dil Khan finally fled the war and Papanna lost his friend and close associate Sarvanna in this war.

After the death of Aurangzeb in 1707 A.D, the then deccan Subedar Kambaksh Khan started losing the control of deccan. Papanna having seen the weak rule, attacked and conquered Warangal fort on April 1st in 1708 A.D.

Papanna then conquered Golconda fort during the beginning of 1708 A.D