

HISTORY
of
Maharaja Vijaya Rama Raju –II Memorial Junior College
Padmanabham

The battle of Padmanabham occurred in Padmanabham, Visakhapatnam district (now in modern Andhra Pradesh) on July, 1794. This battle was fought by the Zamindar of Vijayanagaram against Colonel Pendaragast, on behalf of British governor of Madras, Sir Charles Oakley. Zamindar China Vijaya Rama Raju died in the war.

During the expansion of the East India Company on 10 July, 1794, in Padmanabham, Vizianagaram, The East India Company commanders and leaders defeated China Vijaya Rama Raju, under the orders of colonel Prendergast. The casualties and losses were severe, including loss of solders. As a consequence of the war, Vizianagaram came under British rule entirely. It has been 200 years since the war; the battlefield at Padmanabham is now preserved as a memory of China Vijaya Rama Raju's life.

Once the people at Padmanabham have conducted a meeting in memory of China Vijaya Rama Raju and invited Dr. P.V.G. Raju to it as the chief guest. Local leaders and people participated in the meeting. The major issue discussed there was, people facing hardship for perceiving higher education. The students who have completed their 10th were unaware of the possible ways to perceive higher studies due to lack of guidance. Dr. P.V.G. Raju considered this as a serious problem and immediately announced an Intermediate level College to be situated at Padmanabham.

Other important issues like literacy rate among women being very low in the area were also brought forward in the meeting. That was the reason why MANSAS Education Institutions, established a Junior College in the area, named as **Maharaja Vijaya Rama Raju –II Memorial Junior College**, it was established on July 10, 1994 at Padmanabham.