

## Appendix-B

### The synopsis on the Historicity of Jaymati prepared by Dr. S.K.Phukan.

Dr. Sarat Kumar Phukan prepared the following synopsis. The synopsis was prepared in outlines. The talk was delivered at Kolakhetra on 8 July 2007 Guwahati on the topic 'Historicity of Jaymati Konwari'. No orthographical correction has been made here.

#### ‘A TALK ON HISTORICITY OF JAYMATI KONWARI BY SARAT KUMAR

#### PHUKAN: SANKARDEV KOLAKHETRA: 8 JULY 2007’

- Introduction of the topic –Historicity of Sati *Jaimati Konwari*, a historical character of medieval Assam.
- Recently-Scholars are of the various opinions that:
  - I. The character *Jaymati Konwari* was not at all there...
  - II. Among the Tai-Ahoms one group tries to hide the character *Jaymati* since it reflects the bad rule of Tai-Ahom rulers...
  - III. One group tries to glorify the character *Jaymati Konwari* as sacred lady (sati) and Holy lady etc.
  - IV. **Another group tries to find out *Jaymati Konwari* whether a real historical character or not and her name has been really reflected in unpublished and published manuscripts and histories...if it is reflected in which all histories or published or unpublished M.S.**

Through these kinds of debate we are damaging and distorting our history (such as the debate on name of Assam-Asom-Axom-A:Sha:m, whether Lachit sopped of his maternal uncle or not...Lachit a Chutiya or Ahom? And there will be a day Srimanta

Sankardeva was also not there and not a historical character and so on) so this topic of Discussion to examine Jaymati as historical character or not....

- In the context discussion on Ancient and medieval ladies of Assam who contributed for ancient-medieval Assam and relevance to character Jaymati and others.
- Proto-Tai situation in China and other parts to know Jaymati's and her forefather's ethnic background. Source materials...Saenweii, Shan. Wisdom, of China, etc. chronicles...
- Chronology...and legendary characters...of Tais...
- Chairepha Laengdon...and others
- Map of South-East Asia from A.D. 6<sup>th</sup>. Century until A.D. 1100.
- Map of South-East Asia...
- Map of Route showing Maolung to Mung-dun-chun-kham...
- Emperor Phu-chi and others...Chao, Chou, Chin etc.
- Tai or Tei-Tei Title...received in China in the reign of Emperor Chin-haw.
- Tai states of Nanchao, Mungkao, Maochan, Mungmao, Banchee, Shaenweii etc.
- Map showing ancient Tai roots yue, Baiyue, Chungkuo, Mungkao, Nanchao, Maoshan, Mungmao etc....
- Map of ancient Tai states... to coordinate Tai-Ahom country of Mung-dun-chun-kham....and relevance to Jaymati and her forefathers....
- Map of Mungmao...Mungli the province of Jaymati's forefather Phukimung Kangnan.

- Map of geopolitical situation of A.D.13<sup>th</sup> century when Siukapha reached here.
- Map of medieval Assam in A.D. 13<sup>th</sup>.century.
- Family tree or Lineage of Jaymati....since the days of Phukinmung Kangnan her forefathers.
- Jaymati's forefather Chekangan @ Kangan, chief of Mungli province of Mungmao kingdom...who accompanied Siukapha...A.D.1215.
- Adjoining country of Mungli Jaimati's forefathers place are...
- Kangan Helped Siukapha in conquering – Maolung, *Langimichekan*, *Malakphrang*....
- Kangan was made chief of greater Tipam region....
- **Chronology from Kangan...Lailangrak and others... and Jaimati's forefathers...**
- Vault of Lailangrak...(Source Late Bhuvan Handique).
- Laithepena... father of Jaymati.... his wife...12...
- Jaymati's brothers....24...
- Vault of Laithepena.... father of Jaymati.... (Source Late Bhuvan Handique).
- Laithepena Pukhuri, Malbhog's tank...brother of Jaymati...
- Jaymati's brother in laws...Siddheswari Konwari...
- Jaymati's sisters...13... (Kripanath Phukan)...
- Jaimati's paternal uncles were: Sen Laithepena and Kamalakanta...

- Jaymati's brother in laws or brother of Gadapani are: Aicheng, Ramjoy. Bhadiram and Phuladhar...
- Geopolitical maps of A.D.17<sup>th</sup>. century...
- Maps of Maduri, Gargao, Jerenga...
- Maps of major battlefields A.D.1200-1682...
- Photo- Jaysagar and Jaydol...where Jaymati's last breath was there...
- Photo Jaysagar...
- Photo- Phakua Dol @ Vault of Jaymati...
- **Jaimati died in Saka 1601 in the month of Chaitya**  
**13<sup>th</sup> day of Thursday** (Ref: Swahid Jaymati Konwari by Padmanath Bargohain, in Buranjie Parasa Rangpur....
- Folklore on Gadapani and Khampeng Buragohain...
- *Jaymarir geet* collected by *Harichandra Gogoi*- courtesy *Hem Buragohain's Asomiya Lokachar Biswas-Abiswas*, 1999, p.41
- Folklore tells onomastics of the time- toponyms, anthroponyms, surnames, eponyms, etc...
- *Changrung Phukanar Buranji* authored by *Ramesh Barpatragohain* refers name *Jaya @ Jaymati*
- *Bhubanchandra Handique* of Jayanagar, Sivasagar had two such MSs....*Sasti karowa thai Rajar Baharar Nikatate, Jerenga Patharat*....
- *Kashinath Tamuli Phukan* and *Harakanta Barua Sadaramin* edition in pp.53-55 states about *Jaymati Kunwari, Gadapanir Palayan, Kunwarir Patiprem, Satir Sasti* etc

- Dr.K.M.Master in Asiatic Society Journal, S.K.Bhuyan states-'*Jaymati Konwarik Lora Rajai Dhari loi etiya yat Jaysagar taloi niye aru ejopa dangar bargachar talat konwarik betere kobai sasti di mora hol. Etiya pukhurir homajat thaka khutitu yot seye sasti diya thai.*'
- Asomar Padya Buranji...direct reference of Gadapani's exile...indirect reference of Jaymati and her daughter.
- Kripanath Phukan of Tingkhong, originally from *Kharghoriya Doba*, Moran (reportedly, *Kripanath Phukan* wrote *Jaymati Malita* on the basis of MS preserved in his residence i.e. Shyam Lailik Buranji, written in Tai, which was procured by *Kripanath* from *Mandalay, North Burma*).
- Hem Buragohain, Chepon, *Jana Geetar Buranjit Jaymatik Bichari; Khvam-Rap*, Sadou Asom Bargohain Vamsavali, Sivasagar, 2004
- Lanmakhru...by Sarat Kumar Phukan, whose forefather *Lambodar Barphukan* Last of *Barphukans* also had one *Malita*...referring the name of Jaymati...
- Reference of B.C.Handique, Lila Gogoi etc on character of Jaymati...According to *B.C.Handique* he had personal knowledge about the historical reference of names of: character *Laithepena Bargohain, Laimati, Gadapani, Jaymati, Lai* and *Lechai* etc in the MS, which was preserved earlier with him Siujin Langkhuk @ Laomunglung Vamsavali, Siujin Langkhuk is the forefather of Laithepena Bargohain and this MS is still preserved in Maduri Gohain Gaon.
- Tungkhungia buranji: Introduction part also mentions reference of Gadapani and Jaymati and children...*It is matter of concern for all of us that there*

*was long standing debate among a few historians of the time on issue of physical existence of historical character called Jaymati Kunwari even some scholars dare (famous Historian Benudhar Sarma in Manideep, Dr Swarnalata Barua, Sri Sushil Kumar Gogoi, Dr. Numal Gogoi, Sri Lakshminath Tamuli and others) to ignore the historical character Jaymati.*

- *Issue of Jaydol dispute founded after a –Jayyatra, Jayyatra was much later than that of Jaysagar tank and temple complex.....Jaymati etc Jayasagar founded in A.D.1696 whereas the Jayyatra was in A.D. 1706 against the Jayantiyas by Rudrasimha.*
- *In support of historical character Jaymati: Dr.Suryya Kumar Bhuyan, Dr.Padmeswar Gogoi, Srijuta Chandrama Gogoi, Lt. Thanuram Gogoi, Prof.Jogendranath Phukan, Lt. Bimala Barua, Powal Duara and others and organizations like: Tai Ahom Sabha, Tai Sahitya Sabha, Tai-Ahom Satra Sangtha, Sadou Asham Phuralung Sangtha...stand before the cause.*
- *Systematic destruction of medieval relics by a section of people and institution are cause of concern for all of us now...preservation of all the heritage sites in Assam is call of the hour.*
- *MS with 63 pages preserved in the house of Bidyaphukan son of Damchao Dambaru Deodhai Phukan, the name of Jaymati is reflected.*
- *MS preserved in the house of Sri Puspa Mohan (70), a teacher, Tai Academi, Parijat, Bokata, Sanchipat, Tai-Ahom Script. FF.235 nos: *Where entire episode of Jaymati is reflected (The custodian and informant Chao Karuna Changbun Phukan, Patsaku, Bokota: displayed to us at his residence on 16.5.2006.**

- TwoMSs (Tai-Ahom) preserved with Sri Kesha Phukan of Patsaku Bailunggaon, Bokota son of Sri Janeswar Phukan and Grand son of Dangandeo Phukan and Aboni Phukan contains: The name of Jaymati and episode of life attempt on prince Gadapani by the attendance of Siulikpha a Lora Raja, Jaymati's punishment and place of death, death of Jaymati's lone daughter, sons Lai-Lechai etc.
- MS Jorhat (2) with Tolan Saikia, the name of Jaymati, Lai, Lechai. Jaymati's torture, Gadapani are reflected.
- The other MSs where Jaymati's names are there are:
- MS Sivasagar (4), Laksmi Nath Kakati Sivasagar. A.D. 1228-1744. 43x9 cm.
- MS Barpeta, A.D. 1497-1770. Opatjana Dihingiya Raja to Gaurinathsimha.
- MS Jorhat(I), A.D. 1614-1681, 9 lines, Sanchipat.
- MS of Naobaicha Phukan family was originally written in A.D. 1838 and first recaste in A.D. 1889 (from A.D. 560 to A.D. 1838)...
- MS Maduriyal Borgohain Vamsavali- mentions Phakua dol to be the vault of Jaymati, close to Demwmukh between Gajpuria Ali and rampart of Rangpur Jaydol and Jaysagar completed in AD 1698 whereas Rudrasimha conquered Jayantia and Kacharis in A.D. 1706, So finally the idea of Jayyatra being Jaysagar and Jaydol is a misnomer and distortion of utter historical facts.
- Rajeswarsimha, ed. By S.K. Bhuyan, 1975, mentions in p.15 regarding atrocities on Jaymati, wife of Gadapani at Jerenga Pathar in a spiky tree and the punishment was inflicted under the direction of Dakhinpatia Hazarika Gidagathi.

- *Itihashe Soara Chasata Bachar...the name Jaymati...reflected....*
  - *Yet Another MS (Tai-Ahom) preserved with Sri Kesha Phukan of Patsaku Bailing Gaon, Bokota son of Sri Janeswar Phukan Grand son of Dangardeo Phukan and Aboni Phukan contains the name Jaymati episode of attempt on Gadapani by the attendants of Sielikpha, Jaymati's punishment and place of death, Lai-Lechai etc., which was displayed to us by the owner in May, 2006.*
  - ***Late Lila Gogoi, Dibrugarh, ex-President, Asom Sahitya Sabha, 1994 now with Mrs Chandraprobha Gogoi, Milannagar, Dibrugarh.***  
*viz. Assam Buranji, MS Jhanji: ff 83-84; obtained through Yanjeswar Buragohain of Kaliyapani Gohaigaon, Jhanji in 1965: in 85 folios of thick paper like sanchipat coloured with yellow arsenic (haital):measuring 25 x 10 cm : each page with 9 lines in average.*  
*Period covered (A.D. 1228-1838): author- anonymous: script Gadganya, where Onomastics –names of Gobar Raja, Langi Gadapani, Chaodang, Jaymati, Lai, Lechai, Daoki Ali, Jerenga pathar, Guwahati, Chamaguria Konwar, Rangamati, Bandar Barphukan etc. and Date of death of Jaymati on 13<sup>th</sup>. Chaita, Saka 1601 are reflected.*
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