



Shri Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Dev one of the illustrious sons of Orissa was born On 26th April 1892 at Paralakhemundi, the headquarters of present Gajapati District. He was the son of Shri Goura Chandra Gajapati and Smt. Radhamani Devi. After completing his primary education Krushna Chandra went to Madras for his Higher Education. While continuing his studies at Madras he lost his father Goura Chandra Gajapati Dev. After completing his studies at Madras he returned to Paralakhemundi and in the year 1913 married to princess of Kharasuon State. On 26th April 1913 Krushna Chandra held the rein of the State. He was the first Prime Minister of Orissa from 1st April 1937 to 18th July 1937. Later on he assumed the Prime Ministership of Orissa for the second time from 24th November 1941 to 30th June 1944. Sri Gajapati is known as an Architect of modern Orissa. He attended the first Round Table Conference in London on 16th November 1930 wherein he made a fervent appeal for creating a separate province of Orissa on the basis of Language and homogeneity. As an eloquent spokesman of Oriyas, Madhusudan Das, the father of modern Orissa, felicitated him. As a scion of illustrious Ganga Ruler he espoused the cause of the poor and downtrodden. Later he played an important role in bringing together the vivisected parts of Orissa and laid the foundation of United Orissa. He was a member of old Madras Legislative Council, a member of royal commission of Agriculture and a member of Orissa Legislative Assembly. Sri Krushna Chandra Gajapati was an Educationist, Freedom fighter, Social Reformer and a champion of the poor. He established a permanent theatre at Paralakhemundi for promoting cultural activities. This illustrious He left for his heavenly residence on 25th May 1974.

