

2 Axed To Death, One Hurt Near Kamakhya

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GUWAHATI, Sept. 3—Srimati Sadanandamoyee Giri (65), the founder of the Ananda Niketan Ashram, on the slope of the Kamakhya Hills here and its Secretary Sri Gopinath Sarma (45) were axed to death last night by two workers of the Ashram, who were appointed about 10 days ago. Sadhu Sri Muktananda Goswami (45) who was also seriously injured by the assailants is now lying in precarious condition in the Gauhati Medical College Hospital.

The police said here today that the Ashram Secretary, Sri Sarma, was working in the candle making unit of the Ashram at about 7-30 p.m. when he was axed to death by one of the two assailants. Srimati Sadanandamoyee Giri, popularly known as Mataji, was busy in performing Puja in the Ashram temple. She came out possibly hearing the scream of Sri Sarma who died on the spot. Mataji was also given an axe blow and she fell down, then her throat was cut by the culprits using a scythe. She also died instantaneously.

They also attacked Sri Muktananda Goswami, who sustained grievous hurt. At that time a servant of the Ashram, who was away for sometime, came back and saw Mataji lying in a pool of blood. The assailants also rushed to the servant who ran for safety and informed of the incident to the members of the family of the Ashram Secretary, Sri Sarma at Kamakhya.

Police since last night have launched a vigorous man hunt to track down the culprits. They are said to be of Khasi or Manipur origin. The cold blooded murder has created sensation in the city.

The 35-bigha Ashram was established by the Mataji 25 years ago. It has one Sanskrit Tol, one music school, one Goshala, and a Nature Cure Centre besides the Candle making unit. Prior to the establishment of the Ashram, the Mataji was in the temple town Kamakhya for about ten years.

Srimati Sadanandamoyee Giri was the grand daughter of late Nani Gopal Banerjee, the famous Sitarist of West

Bengal. Daughter of a Zamindar family of Motinagar, Calcutta, Mataji was learned and also a good Sitar player. She has a large number of followers in Assam, West Bengal and other parts of the country.

The Guwahati police last night nabbed six young men when they tried to commit dacoity in a house of businessman at Bhutnath near Bhalumukh here.

The police said that those young men went to the house of the businessman and demanded money on the ground that the businessman was allegedly minting money indulging in food adulteration. A toy pistol is allegedly recovered from the possession of the arrested young men.

3-Man AAGSP Body To Study Proposals

By A Staff Reporter

GUWAHATI, Sept. 3—The All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad yesterday constituted a three-member committee to study the proposals forwarded by the Centre at the informal talks held between the representatives of the Central Government and the Assam movement leaders in Delhi recently.

The committee will submit its report at the Executive meeting of the AAGSP to be held on September 8 next where a draft will be prepared taking into consideration the interest of the people and the already announced demands in connection with the foreigners' problem.

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