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Report of the Programme 2024-2025

Lecture on the Centenary Celebration of Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj

1) Time : 11.00 to 12.30

2) Day and Date : Wednesday & 16 Octobar 2024

3) Objectives of the Programme

- 1) To learn about Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's disaster management policy.
- 2) To understand how the people of Kolhapur benefited from Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's disaster management policy.

4) Outcomes of the Programme

- 1) Information about Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's disaster management policy was obtained.
- 2) It was understood how the people of Kolhapur benefited from Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's disaster management policy.

5) Brief Summary of the Programme:

On Wednesday, 16th October 2024, as part of the centenary celebrations of Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, a special lecture was organized on the topic "Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's Disaster Management Policy". The event was jointly conducted by the Shahu Club, the Department of History, and the IQAC.

The lecture was delivered by Dr. S. V. Shikhare. On this occasion, Dr. Shikhare highlighted that the disaster management strategies implemented by Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj in Kolhapur State over 125 years ago during the plague epidemic and droughts continue to serve as a guiding model for the nation even today. The Principal of the college, Dr. R. K. Shanediwan, presided over the event.

Dr. Shikhare further stated that the policies and decisions undertaken by Shahu Maharaj for the eradication and relief of plague and droughts were visionary. Towards the end of the 19th century, Maharaj implemented a well-planned disaster preparedness model through efficient

administrative machinery, timely planning, and strategic execution. During his 28-year reign, the region faced five major droughts in the years 1896, 1899, 1905, and 1919. Maharaj personally surveyed the drought-affected areas and took appropriate and long-term decisions, including the construction of the Radhanagari Dam as a permanent solution.

The plague, which was even more devastating than the modern COVID-19 pandemic, had spread across India and the world. Maharaj took proactive and effective measures to curb the spread of the plague. His efforts were so commendable that even the Queen of England praised him. He imposed restrictions on religious fairs and festivals, established isolation camps far from villages, and ensured a supply of doctors and medicines. However, he did not believe in distributing aid for free. Instead, he offered people meaningful employment and fair wages. He initiated infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, lakes, and dams, and compensated people with grain, fodder for animals, and financial assistance in return.

He established fair-price grain shops and arranged for free meals to be delivered to the homes of the elderly and disabled. These initiatives remain rare examples of disaster management globally. Maharaj also eradicated corruption from his state and implemented strict laws. He issued many proclamations in the interest of the people and ensured their enforcement. His disaster management policies from over 125 years ago continue to inspire not only India but the world, especially during modern crises like droughts and pandemics such as COVID-19.Dr. R. K. Shanediwan reviewed various activities conducted in the college as part of the centenary celebrations and mentioned that these events continue to spread the thoughts and ideals of Shahu Maharaj.

The welcome and introduction were delivered by Librarian Dr. Pandurang Patil. The program was coordinated by Prof. P. K. Patil, and the vote of thanks was given by Dr. Vijay Dethe. College Manager Mr. Ravindra Bhosale, Superintendent Mr. Manish Bhosale, all faculty members, and administrative staff were present on the occasion.

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As part of the centenary birth anniversary celebrations of Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, a lecture by Dr. S. V. Shikhare was held on the topic "Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj's Disaster Management Policy."









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