

Editorial

His Highness Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj was a visionary and social Revolutionary king and the statesman of the Karveer Sansthan who laid the foundation of Social Justice in Maharashtra in his regime from 1874 to 1922 .He was a democrat social reformer, educationist, economist and the environment list. Rajashree Shahu Maharaj was truly the king of the people in Maharashtra. He is considered as a champion of social and economic revolution. He used his power to bring justice and welfare to Karveer Sansthan. His work in different disciplines like social reforms and upliftment of downtown, social Justice, political reforms, industry, agriculture, irrigation and environment protection, education, sports, fine arts etc. make him truly visionary king. The contribution of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaja is remembered in the 21st century with a sense of gratitude.

The year 2022 is being celebrated as the Death Centenary year of Rajashree Shahu Maharaj. The parent Institute of our, The New College, Kolhapur, Shri Prince Shivaji Maratha Boarding House, Kolhapur which was founded by Rajarahi Shahu Maharaja with a vision and mission of spreading education to the masses and promoting their educational development. The institute with its spread of ten branches, has successfully been working to spread education to the masses continuously for more than hundred years.

Through this two day interdisciplinary international conference on 'Rajarahi Shahu Chhatrapati : Contribution Perspective and Contemporary Relevance ' organised by the humanities departments and IQAC of The New college, we wish to pay a tribute to Rajarahi Shahu Maharaj. The objectives of this conference are to recall the contribution and perspective of contribution of Shahu Maharaja and to discuss the contemporary relevance of the same. The conference aims to provide a multidisciplinary global platform to the academicians, scholars, researchers, and thinkers for intellectual deliberation about unprecedented work of Shahu Maharaj.

The present volume contains 70 research articles in different languages like Marathi English and Hindi and the areas of research of these articles published in the volume refer to the contribution of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj in different fields of life and society. These research papers certainly focus on vision and its relevance of Shahu Maharaja's visionary work and its relevance in the present times. On the occasion of celebration of the centenary death anniversary of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and the Diamond jubilee celebration of Indian Independence, and the centenary anniversary celebration of the parent Institute Shri Prince Shivaji Maratha Boarding House, Kolhapur and the golden jubilee celebration of The New College, Kolhapur, we are very pleased to present this issue of Navjyot Interdisciplinary International Journal. We dedicate this issue to focus on contribution of Shahu Maharaj in social, economic, democratic, cultural aspects of the society. The prime object of this conference is to provide a multidisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, social activists, thinkers and policy makers to look at the contribution of Shahu Maharaja's visionary work and take inspiration from it to make our society just, fair, inclusive and to make progress in all walks of life.. that Shahu Maharaj had dreamed of....

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