

Shivswarajya Din - 06 June 2021



Shivaji Maharaj , was born on 29th February 1630, to Shahaji raje and Jijabai. Shivaji was devoted to his mother Jijabai, who was deeply religious. His studies of the Hindu epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, also influenced his lifelong defense of Hindu values. He was deeply interested in religious teachings, and regularly sought the company of Hindu saints. Education and training of young Shivaji happened under Dadaji Kondadeo

Over the course of his life, Shivaji Maharaj engaged in both alliances and hostilities with the Mughal Empire, the Sultanate of Golkonda and the Sultanate of Bijapur, as well as with European colonial powers. Shivaji Maharaj's military forces expanded the Maratha sphere of influence, capturing and building forts, and forming a Maratha navy

The Coronation of Shivaji Maharaj took place on June 6, 1674. On this auspicious day he began early morning, adorning white robes and praying to his deities. Gaga Bhatta the priest from Varanasi was present to perform Shivaji Maharaj's Coronation.

The two main rituals to take place in coronation was the 'Abhishek' on the king and holding of 'chatr'* over the king. On the golden platform Shivaji Maharaj sat with his wife Soyrabai and his son Sambhaji. His eight ministers were ready holding pot full of sacred water from rivers like Ganga. With religious spells from the priest, Abhishek on Shivaji Maharaj was carried out from the sacred waters by eight ministers. After this Shivaji Maharaj wearing red robes and ornaments,*

He then entered the coronation place and sat on the throne

People acclaimed " Shivraj ki Jai" "Shivraj ki Jai"... the skies were filled with the acclamations. Priest Gaga Bhatt placed pearl strings on Shivaji Maharaj's crown and uttered "Chhatrapati" Salutations were given from various forts blowing the cannons.

The event proved to be a milestone in Maratha history as it also marked the beginning of Hindavi Swarajya in India.

It was on this day when Shivaji was given the title of 'Shakakarta' which means 'founder of an era' in English and 'Chhatrapati' (paramount sovereign)..

The day is celebrated widely in Maharashtra, especially in Raigad where locals organise a coronation ceremony for Shivaji at Raigad Fort. Many devotees of Shivaji from outside the district also come to Raigad to witness the grand celebrations. They wish each other a happy coronation day and offer wreaths to the statue of Shivaji.

Shivswarajya Din was celebrated at Vivek College with great pride.

With great devotion we garlanded the photo of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and illuminated the lamp.

Maharashtra geet was sung by the members present. As a mark of respect salutation was given with three loud cheer and acclamations "CHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ KI JAI"

After the speeches students and teachers, the program ended with National Anthem.

On the theme of 'Shivswarajya din' and also to portray the magnificent and gigantic personality of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, College has also organized competition like sketching and creative video making

It was very important to celebrate the Shivswarajya Din so that the young generation can be sensitized about the greatness of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

**Abhishek – giving a bath with sacred water*

**Chatr – a canopy or an umbrella hold as a mark of protection*

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Sunday, 06 June 2021 at 11.00 a.m.





The recording of the programme is available on our college YouTube Channel.

Click the link to watch this programme:

<https://youtu.be/xFLZU1iCIIE>
