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CHHATRAPATI SAMHAJI IN THE CONSERVATION OF
HINDAVI SWARAJYA”**

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Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj founded the Hindu Kingdom in the Deccan against all odds, fighting against the mighty Mughals. He inspired and united the masses to fight the tyranny of Mughal ruler Aurangzeb, by inculcating a sense of pride and nationality in them. Shivaji Maharaj successfully led and marshalled his forces to cope and overcome several major enemy invasions of his territories. He was also relentless in expanding his Kingdom's boundaries. At the age of 16, he took a pledge to establish a sovereign Hindu state. He outshines all the Rulers and Generals of Bharat in the exemplary Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was one of the greatest kings in India who fought against many enemies and carved a Hindu kingdom in India. His father, Shahaji Bhosale, was a Maratha general in the services of Deccan sultanates. His mother, Jijabai, was the daughter of Lakhoji Jadhav. Conditions in Maharashtra Before the Birth of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj: At that time, Maharashtra was under the rule of 3 major sultanates viz. Adilshah of Bijapur, Nizamshah, and Mughals. Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj was born in Purandar fort on 14th May 1657. Saibai was mother of Sambhaji. Grandmother Jijamata took care of Sambhaji because of death of Saibai when he was just 2 years old. The contribution of Sambhuji Raje is immense and had long term impact in saving millions of Hindu lives. Islamization of Southern Bharat was stopped by Sambhuji Raje till he was alive. Freedom and Swarajya were truly practiced by our ancestral kings unlike terrorist muslims. Before killing dozens of muslims, the key Maratha commander Hambirao Mohite sacrificed his life for Hindu Swarajya, His death caused confusion in the troops, several defectors spread rumours that Hindu offense would not succeed, they began to desert the Maratha armies. Chhatrapati Shivaji loved his mother tongue Marathi and Sanskrit and made elaborate preparations for effective use of Marathi language. He wrote Rajvyavharkosh dictionary and Encyclopedia of Marathi words to be used for all administration work of his kingdom. He was of the view that if our language is slave, then our thoughts too become slave.