Jatis like yarna based on birth but unlike varna
had no limitation on its number.
New groups like the nishada or the goldsmith who
could not be adjusted in the varna fold were
assigned the status of jati.
Some of the common professions shared by the jatis
were called shrenis.
Stone inscriptions of Mandasor shows that generally
occupation was common but a few people were of
other professions.
Monks living in the sanghas were very simple,
received food in bowl and took alms for
which they were called Bhikkus.
They considered emotions of compassion and
fellow feeling as their real wealth, importance
was placed on conduct rather than birth.
A rug made by a Bhikku had to be used for
a period of six years.
The Lingayat movement was started by Shivaji Maharaj
in 1670.
He started the movement as a part of the
Swarajya initiative.
In this movement he planned to use the strength
of the common people against the oppressive
rule of the Mughals.
He was supported by Tanaji Malusare.