





SAMBHAJI MAHARAJ

1.Earlylife

Sambhaji was born at Purandar fort to the Maratha Chhtrapati, Shivaji, and his first wife, Saibai, who died when he was two years old.

2.Accession

When Shivaji died in the first week of April 1680, Sambhaji was still held captive at Panhala fort.

3. Military expeditions and conflicts

Shortly, following his accession, Sambhaji began his military campaigns against neighbouring states.

4. Capture, torture and execution

In the 1687 Battle of Wai, the key Maratha commander Hambirrao Mohite was killed and troops began to desert the Maratha armies.

5.Succession

The Maratha Kingdom was put into disarray by Sambhaji's death and his younger half-brother Rajaram I assumed the throne.



6.Governance

Sambhaji inherited the governance system created by Shivaji. He continued with most of his father's policies.

7. Education and writings

Sambhaji was sophisticated, educated and wellversed in Sanskrit and Hindustani in addition to Marathi.

8.Legacy

During his reign, Sambhaji was unable to accomplish much for his people. However, his death elevated him to the status of a martyr.

9. Historiography

Early historians had an overwhelmingly negative view of Sambhaji. The first author to write an extensive history of the Marathas was James Grant Duff, whose 1826 work painted Sambhaji as a debauched and unfit ruler.

10.Biographies

Kavindra Paramanand Govind Newaskar of Poladpur composed Anupurana, a partially-completed Sanskrit biography on the life of Chhatranati Sambhail up to the birth of Shabu Lag