**Introduction:**

The period of Chhatrapati Sambhaji (1680-1689) is traced as later phase of Shiv Shahi in medieval India. However, it would be interesting enough to examine and highlight Chhatrapati Sambhaji’s contribution separately as an independent entity. It would be interesting to throw light on contribution made by Chhatrapati Sambhaji in the protection and consolidation of Hindavi Swaraja in various fields such as political, socio economic, religious and cultural. Hitherto Sambhaji’s work is examined on the basis of Chitnis Bakhar, which was written as per order of Chhatrapati Rajaram. The biased information about Sambhaji is misleading and has been described as exaggerating and imbalanced. In order to make correct understanding of Sambhaji’s personality, life and work, his successes and failures, the present research work has been planned. This study will be conducted in the historical sociology perspective by making explorations in subaltern studies.

**Sambhaji’s period (1680-89) was most turbulent and conflicting and the entire Mogul army had invaded on the various provinces of South India and the masses along with the rulers were resisting the invasion with a perfect vision and mission. Historians like G.S.Sardesai, V.S.Bendre, Dr. Kamal Gokhale, Sadanand Shivde and Bahekar have focused on various dimensions of Sambhaji’s career but still the objective and critical analysis of Sambhaji’s contribution to Maratha history is lacking. While reexamining Sambhaji’s life and achievements, Dr. Bahekar has pointed that the fearless behavior of Sambhaji in Mogul camp was reflecting pride, loyalty to Swaraja and his immense dedication to the cause of independence. He never fall a pray to Emperor Aurangzeb’s promises and was devoted to the cause of freedom. He sacrificed everything for the protection of Swaraja. His sacrifice not only helped to enhance the Maratha pride but also it was digging of final burial of the Mogul emperor in Deccan.

**Necessity of research:**

- The studies in historical sources are based on scientific facts and evidences. Hence in order to examine Sambhaji’s career the use of authentic source material remains significant.
The study of Sambhaji's complex career can help to overcome many problems in the medieval history. A new sociological outlook can help to understand various aspects.

Much of the historical facts of medieval history are based on political aspects and less is known about social and cultural aspects. Hence the present work will be conducted in mass history viewpoint.

Chhatrapati Sambhaji as a shining star in the Maratha history had a bright performance of a decade, but his work was not carefully evaluated by Maratha historians.