• **Work Plan & Methodology:**
  The sources used after studying Shahu Maharaj's Period, are classified as:

1. Contemparary Original Document
2. Latter Period Documents
3. Bakhri, Kaifiyat, Shakavalya etc.
4. Letters and history books of Mughal era.
5. Document belonging to Portuguese, Dutch and English period.

The documents of Mughals, Dutch, British, who were rivals of Shahu Maharaj were examined, to know their attitude towards Maratha kingdom.

• **Review of Publish Material:**
  The review of books penned and published about Shahu Maharaj by Riyasatkar Sardesai, G.S., Yadunath Sarkar, Professor Khare G.H., Dighe. D.Q., Grant Daffe, Dr. Shivade, Herwadkar R.V., Ranade M.G. and Kadke R.T., was also taken.

• **Analysis of documents:**
  The analysis of documents collected and published about Maratha history by Rajwade V.K., Khare Y.V., Oturkar R.V., Sardesai G.S. and Parasnis D.B., was conducted to shed light on the life of Shahu Maharaj.

• **Literary Sources:**
  Study of contemporary literary works of Shahu Maharaj was carried out to focus on artistic and cultural aspects of the era.

• **Historical Research Method:**
  Historical Research Method was used for the study.

    The internal and external examination of documents and letters was conducted scientifically.
More stress was laid on balancing the thoughts of historian’s as certain subjects which were in controversy, taking into account references of these documents by putting look fresh.
• Primary Sources :

1. A letter written by Shahu Maharaj to Govind Dagoji Yangoji:

Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj wrote a letter to Govind Gopal. In the letter, it was mentioned that a 'Vrundavan' should be constructed at 'Vadu Budruk' where Yesubai was held in capacity. It was further stated that 'Pooja' of 'Vrundavan' should be kept continue.

• Secondary Sources :

It is necessary to take help of Bakhri for reviewing medieval history.

1 Bakhri:

One gets knowledge of striking political system of Marathas from Bakhri, so, it has been used as secondary sources.

1.1 Digvijay Bakhar:

It was described in the Bakhri that Sambhaji was held in captivity near Kashipant and Visajipant in Mathura this has affected the work of Shahu Maharaj.

1.2 Shrimant Maharaj Bhosle's Bakhar:

Shivaji Maharaj had left an order for his prime minister before his death. This was mentioned in this Bakhar. The same thing was also? Described in Shevgaokar's bakhar.

2. Persian Books:

G.H. Khare published a section about Shivaji Maharaj from a book "Tarikhe Khafikhan". Khafikhan says that a rumour was spread when Shivaji Maharaj returned from Agra.

Like western people Marathi people had no hobby of writing daily diary. The information of daily happenings was reported in Shakavalya Jedhe Shakavali is
considered important among Shivkalin Shakavalies. One can find important events of period from 1618 to 1697 in Shakavali.