

## Preface

The Kolhapur State under the enlightened leadership of Rajashri Shahu Chhatrapati entered into a new phase of Social reform. Spread of education and economic development. After his demise Shahu Chhatrapati was succeeded by his son, Rajaram.

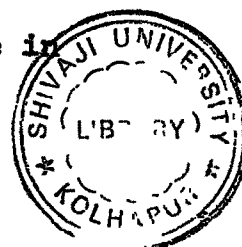
In this dissertation an attempt has been made to study the extent to which the economic growth, initiated by the benevolent policy of Shahu Chhatrapati was continued by his son.

In the dissertation the different aspects of the economic conditions viz, agriculture, industry and trade and commerce have been elaborated.

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