

## PREFACE

Solapur district is one of the leading and progressive districts in Maharashtra. The district has past glorious history and hoary antiquity. In ancient times Solapur area was ruled by Mauryas, Satavahanas, Vakatakas, Chalukyas of Badami, Rastrakutas, Chalukyas and Kalachuris of Kalyani. Solapur was the part of "Kuntaladesh"

We get inscriptions of Chalukyas and Kalachuris of Kalyani and Yadavas of Devagiri which speak about the association of these dynasties with Solapur area. Solapur district, as a matter of fact, figures with continuity in the history of ancient Maharashtra. Yet nobody has attempted to write the history of Solapur district for want of adequate source material.

Therefore, here an humble attempt has made in this work to study the history of ancient Solapur systematically by using original sources such as inscriptions and other secondary sources.

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