

PREFACE

Yashawantrao Chavan Ex-Chief-Minister of Bombay State first and Chief-Minister of Maharashtra was an able and most capable administrator. He rendered useful service to Indian National Congress, Maharashtra and India. During his tenure of Chief-Ministership Maharashtra attained great progress in all fields. Therefore he is regarded as one of the makers of Modern Maharashtra.

He hailed from Karad in Satara district of Maharashtra. He was born in 1914, in a small village and educated at Karad, Kolhapur and Poona, He passed B.A. and LL.B. and became a pleader. But due to the political situation of his time he took active part in the quit-India movement and left the pleadership. Being a follower of Gandhi and true congress-man he contested first public election in 1946 and got elected to the Bombay legislative Assembly. From 1946 to 1962 he remained in the politics of Maharashtra and latter on going to the centre where he became Defence, Home-Finance and foreign ministers and opposition leader.

The highest post occupied by Yashawantrao Chavan was Deputy Prime-Minister of India in 1979⁷⁹. He passed away on 24th, November, 1984, when he was sitting member of Parliament.

Thus many years Yashawantrao remained power politics of this country but he spent his whole life for the betterment of common man. Here in this work an attempt has made to study his work as a Chief-Minister of Bombay State and Maharashtra State by using original source, such as Bombay Legislative debates, speeches, reports etc. This is a descriptive cum interpretative study.

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