

APPENDIX II

WORTH SEEING PLACES IN HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE

1) Pratapgad :

In 1676 Shivaji Maharaj stayed for some months in the fort of Satara for rest as he was sick. In the same fort Shivaji Maharaj planned his Karnatak campaign. Shivaji Maharaj built Pratapgad in 1656. The height of the Pratapgad from sea level is 3543 feet. It is 9 miles to the west of Mahabaleshwar. On 10th November, 1659 the encounter took place between Shivaji and Afzalkhan. In it Afzalkhan was killed by Shivaji Maharaj. Due to this heroic deed Shivaji Maharaja's name fame spread all over India. On Pratapgad itself there is a temple of Tuljabhawani - Shivaji's family deity and there is a grand statue of Shivaji Maharaj of horseback. There is also a tomb of Afzalkhan at the base. In 1818 the fort was under the control of Maratha troops but later on the British took its possession.

Table No. 3.4

Showing names of Forts and Important

Religious Places in Satara District

Name of Taluka	Name of Forts
1) Wai-Khandala	Kamalgad, Pandavgad, Vairatgad, Kenjalgad
2) Jawali- Mahabaleshwar	Pratapgad, Wasota, Makarandgad
3) Satara-Koregaon	Ajinkyatara, Sajjangad, Chandan-Vandan, Nandgri

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Name of taluka	Name of Forts
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4) Patan	Dategad, Gurupawantgad, Bhairavagad, Jangli Jayagad
5) Karad	Sadashivgad, Vasantagad
6) Phaltan-Man	Tathawada, Warugad, Mahimangad
7) Khatav	Vardhangad, Bhushangad
Names of Temples	Place
1) Ganapati	Khind - Satara
2) Ganapati	Wai
3) Ram Temple	Chafal
4) Sevagiri Maharaj	Pusegaon
5) Gondavalekar Maharaj	Gondavale
6) Yamai Devi	Aundha
7) Khandoba	Pali
8) Natraj	National Highway, Satara
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2) Sajjangad :

To the west of Satara city at the distance of 12 kms. is Parali a holy place of the saint Shri Samartha Ramdasa. Sajjangad is situated near Parli . One S.T. bus goes upto Parali. There are 750 steps to reach Sajjangad. On the fort itself there is ashrine of Shree Samartha Ramadasa. On Das Navami day people visit the place in large numbers. There are

two lakes on the fort which are always full of water. Shivaji Maharaj won this fort in 1673. The Mughal attacked this fort in 1700 and capture it. But Marathas soon got back all their forts in Satara region. But later on the British got Sajjangad among other Maratha forts.

3) Ajinkyatara :

There is a big fort named Ajinkyatara to the south of Satara city. The height of this fort is 900 ft. The same place is known as Ajimatara or the Mangalal hill. In the past it had great strategical importance. Modern Satara city is situated at the foot of Ajinkyatara fort.

4) Kas-Lake and Shivsagar-Lake :

To the west of Satara city there is the Yavateshwar hill. There is a temple of Lord Shiva on the top of the hill. The devotees visit the place in the month of 'Shravan'. The location of Kas Lake is at the distance of 16 km. to the west of Yavateshwar. From the same lake drinking water is supplied to the old parts of Satara city. In the surrounding hilly area there is wild life. This place has got the importance for hunting and picnics. At some distance to the west of Kas Lake there Shivsagar Lake near village Bawnoli. The huge water reservoir of Koyana dam is known as the Shivsagar Lake. Now it has become a famous tourist centre where boating facility is available. The surrounding area is covered with dense forests.

Important Religious Places :

1) The Ganapati Temple at the Khind

To the west of Satara on Parali road at one mile distance there is a famous temple of Lord Ganapati. The devotees go there not only on every Chaturthi but all the time. The Trust has been established for the good administration of the temple.

2) The Jalmandir

The Bhawani temple of Jalmandir is very famous. Members of the royal family worship the deity in the temple.

3) The origin (source) of 5 rivers

Mahabaleshwar is a famous hill station and also holy place. It is the place of origin of famous five rivers viz. Koyana, Krishna, Saraswati, Gayatri and Savitri. Panchagani is another hill station which includes Moral Rearmament Centre. The students from foreign land too come here for education.

The Ganapati Temple, Wai

Wai is an ancient holy place which has got the status of Kashi. The Ganapati temple is very famous and it is situated in natural surroundings. There is plenty of water. Shooting the Hindi film 'Sargam' took place on this spot only. The main office of the Marathi Vishwakosh (Encyclopaedia) located at Wai.

Ram Temple, Chafal

Samartha Ramadas established at Chafal the idol of Prabhu Ramchandra. The place is at the distance of 35 kms. from Satara.

Sevagiri Maharaj Monastery, Pusegaon

There is famous monastery of Shevagiri Maharaj at Pusegaon which is at the distance of 36 kms. from Satara on Satara-Solapur State Highway. A huge fair is held at this place once in a year. There is also a Government Public School at this place.

Gondavalekar Maharaj Monastery, Gondavale Bk.

There is a famous Monastery of Gondavalekar Maharaj. Devotees visit the place on festival day. The lodging facility is also available here.

Ram Temple and Jain Temples, Phaltan

In Phaltan there is a famous Ram temple and a few old Jain temples. On every Ramanavami day a big fair is organized at the place. It is also one of the important centres of Jain culture. An imposing Mahanubhav monastery is also in Phaltan city.

Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum

This museum is rich with many things which belong to Maratha period. It is established in 1970. It includes weapons, pictures, inscriptions and important documents of Maratha period. Along with these things there are armours which were used in the war. There are also many portraits of historic events.

Shri Bhawani Museum, Aundha

The museum of Aundha has cherished historic, cultural ruins of the past. This museum is established in 1938 where more than 8000 articles are preserved. This museum reflects historical incidents of various provinces. There are historical picture carvings of marble, metal and wood. It also includes old watches, carvings of ivory etc. The temple of Yamai Devi is on the hill top at Aundha in Khatav Taluka. The Desara Festival is celebrated very joyfully. The temple of Yamai Devi is a sacred place of worship for hundreds of people.

National Memorial, Karad

The memorial has been built on the bank of the river Krishna and Koyna, where these two rivers meet at Karad. It is the memorial of the Late Chief Minister and the architect of new Maharashtra Yashwantrao Chavan. The great protective wall which will protect the memorial has to be built with the help of Central Government. The National Memorial of the late Yashwantrao Chavan spreads on the area of seven and half acres.

Khandoba Temple, Pali

The Khandoba temple at Pali is very famous one. Every year a big fair organized.

Natraj Temple, Satara

It is along the Pune-Bangalore National Highway near Station.

Besides there some other places of tourist attraction such as Dhom dam, Venna dam, Koyana dam, Sangam, Sainik School etc. in Satara city and the district.

Table No. 3.5
Showing the famous Restaurants,
Hotels, Theatres in Satara City

Name of Hotel	Location
1) Rajtadree	Powai Naka
2) Chetna	Godoli
3) Monark	Satara-Karad Road
4) Galaxy	Powai Naka
5) Meenakshi	Near Jai-Vijay Theatre
6) New Ajantha	Godoli
7) Gul-Bahar	Powai Naka
Name of Theatre	Location
1) Radhika	Pratapganj Peth
2) Jay-Vijay	Powai Naka
3) Raj-Laxmi	Palace Street
4) Chitra	Yadogopal Peth
5) Samaratha	Pratapaganj Peth

Table No. 3.6Showing some popular things
and Cloth Shops in Satara City

Popular things	Place
1) Satara Kandhi Pedhe	B.M. Latkar, Moti Chouk, Satara
2) Rajasthan Sweets	Near Kanya Shala, Satara
3) Aristocrat bags	M.I.D.C., Satara
4) Wooden articles and other things	Ex-servicemen's Training and Production Centre (T.C.P.C)

Name of Cloth Shops	Location
1) Rupsameer	Powai Naka
2) Navrang	Powai Naka
3) Dhan Laxmi	Powai Naka
4) Ranjana	Devi Chowk

Table No. 37Showing political situation
of Satara District

Sr. No.	Name of Leaders	Designation	Name of Taluka
1)	i) Abhaysingh Raje Bhosale	M.L.A.	Satara
	ii) Col. R.D. Nikam	M.L.A.	Satara
	iii) Laxman Mane	M.L.A.	Satara
2)	i) Vilasrao Patil	Cabinet Minister	Karad
	ii) Shamrao Ashtekar	State Minister	Karad
3)	i) Prithaviraj Chavan	M.P.	Patan
	ii) Vikramsinha Patankar	M.L.A.	Patan
4)	Chimanrao Kadam	M.L.A.	Phaltan
5)	Shankarrao Jagtap	M.L.A.	Koregaon
6)	i) Subhashrao Deshmukh	President Z.P.	Khatav
	i) Bhausahab Gudage	M.L.A.	Khatav
7)	Dhondiram Waghamare	M.L.A.	Man
8)	i) Prataprao Bhosale	M.P.	Wai
	ii) Mandanrao Pisal	M.L.A.	Wai
9)	G.G. Kadam	M.L.A.	Jaoli