

A Life Dedicated to History



Babasaheb Purandare spent his entire life studying the events related to Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's Life. He Started his journey at very young age and later compiled and published his knowledge into book called "**Thingya**". He also wrote other books such as Raja Shiva-Chatrapati and Kesari, and he also studied the history of **Peshwas of Pune** and wrote a book on life of Narayanrao Peshwa. He is widely known for a popular play on Shivaji Maharaj's life known as Jaanta Raja. This play was played in 16 districts of Maharashtra and was played 864 times, It has not only been played in different states of India but also been played in United States. The play consist of around 200 artist, camel, horses as well as elephants. The drama is played around the time of Diwali. He has been honored by government of India with awards such as "**Kalidas Samman**" and "**Padma Vibhushan**". He is also a collector of swords from the time of Shivaji Maharaj. Thus he is also awarded with the title of "**Shiv-Shahir**"

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