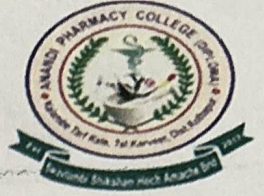
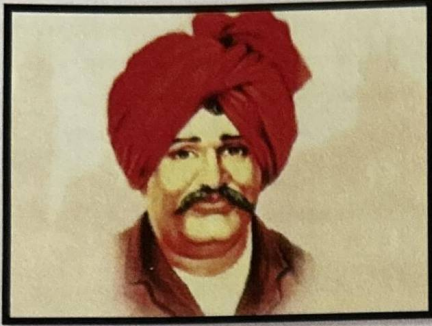




Anandi Shikshan Prasarak Mandal Sanchalit
ANANDI B. PHARMACY COLLEGE,
Kalambe Tarf Kale, Tal: Karveer, Dist: Kolhapur-416205 (M. S.) India
Approved by PCI New Delhi, Recognized by DTE, Mumbai,
Govt. of Maharashtra, Affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur
Email: anandipharmacycollege02@gmail.com



CHHATRAPATI SHAHU MAHARAJ JAYANTI

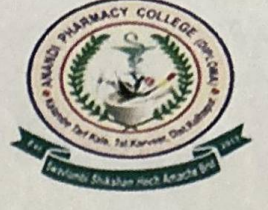


Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Jayanti is celebrated every year on **June 26th** to honor the birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, the progressive and visionary ruler of Kolhapur who was born in 1874. Shahu Maharaj is remembered as a pioneer of social reform and champion of equality in India, especially in Maharashtra. Ascending the throne at a young age, he dedicated his reign (1894–1922) to uplifting the marginalized sections of society, particularly the Dalits and other backward classes, through revolutionary policies that promoted education, social justice, and economic empowerment. He introduced one of the earliest reservation systems in government jobs and education to ensure fair representation for oppressed communities, a practice that laid the groundwork for future affirmative action in India. Beyond caste reforms, Shahu Maharaj was a strong advocate for women's rights, encouraging widow remarriage and female education while fighting against regressive customs like child marriage and untouchability. His reign was marked by a just and efficient administration that prioritized the welfare of his subjects regardless of caste or creed. The Jayanti is celebrated with great respect through cultural programs, seminars, and community events that highlight his contributions to social equality and inspire ongoing efforts toward empowerment. Today, Shahu Maharaj's legacy continues to influence social policies and movements, symbolizing the fight against social discrimination and the pursuit of justice in India.

He belonged to the royal Bhosale family and was adopted by Queen Anandibai of Kolhapur. Though born into royalty, Shahu Maharaj dedicated his life to the upliftment of the oppressed and marginalized communities. He is considered a pioneer of **social justice**, having introduced **reservations in education and government jobs** for backward classes as early as the early 1900s decades before India's independence. A strong advocate of **education for all**, especially for Dalits and women, he supported Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and other leaders of the social reform movement. His reign is remembered for progressive reforms in education, agriculture, and equal rights. Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Jayanti is not only a tribute to a legendary ruler but also a celebration of equality, justice, and empowerment values that remain relevant even today.

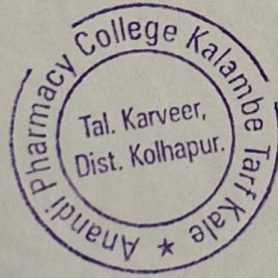


Anandi Shikshan Prasarak Mandal Sanchalit
ANANDI B. PHARMACY COLLEGE,
Kalambe Tarf Kale, Tal: Karveer, Dist: Kolhapur-416205 (M. S.) India
Approved by PCI New Delhi, Recognized by DTE, Mumbai,
Govt. of Maharashtra, Affiliated to Shivaji University, Kolhapur
Email: anandipharmacycollege02@gmail.com



Anandi Pharmacy College proudly celebrates **Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Jayanti** every year on June 26th with great enthusiasm and respect to honor the legacy of the great social reformer and visionary ruler. The celebration at the college is marked by a series of educational and cultural events aimed at spreading awareness about Shahu Maharaj's invaluable contributions to social justice, equality, and empowerment of

marginalized communities. The day usually begins with a tribute ceremony, including the garlanding of his portrait, followed by speeches from faculty members and student leaders highlighting his efforts in promoting education, reservation, and social reforms. To deepen the understanding of his vision, the college organizes seminars, essay competitions, and group discussions on topics related to social equality, the importance of education, and the relevance of Shahu Maharaj's reforms in modern society. Cultural programs such as skits, folk dances, and songs based on his life and ideals are performed by students to inspire their peers. The college also uses this occasion to emphasize the importance of inclusive education and empowerment, reflecting Shahu Maharaj's principles in the institution's own educational philosophy.



Prepared by	Verified By	Approved by
Ms. V.R. Parit	Dr. R.S. Adnaik	Dr. S.G. Killedar
NSS Incharge	IQAC Coordinator	Principal