"**Sources of Desgathi / Samsthanas of Belgavi District**"

Presentation on

**Glimpses on Personalities, facts and sources of history of Bombay Presidency'**

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# MOUNTSTUART ELPHINSTONE (1779-1859)

## Early Life

- ❖ **Founder of British Empire in Maharashtra**

- ❖ **Credit of Ending Peshwa Rule**

- ❖ **Birth**

- ❖ **Attributes**

- ❖ **Death**

# CARRIER

- ❖ **Beginning 17th –Calcutta for EIC**

- ❖ **Liking of Aboriginal Languages**

- ❖ **Assistant to Berry Close (1801)**

- ❖ **Second Anglo-Maratha War (1802)**

- ❖ **Resident in the Courts of**

| 1 | Nagpur | 1804-07 |
|---|--------|---------|
| 2 | Gwalior | 1807 |
| 3 | Kabul | 1808 |
| 4 | Calcutta | 1809 |
| 5 | Pune | 1811 |

# STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY

❖ **Appointed to end Maratha dynasty**

❖ **Coronated Pratap Singh as a Chhatrapati**

❖ **Using Divide & Rule Strategy created conflicts**

❖ **Pressurized Bajirao by Targeting Trimbakji Dengle**

**for murder of Gangadhar Shastri.**

# BAJIRAO II & DECAY OF MARATHA POWER

❖ **Bajirao Head of the unpopular Party & Educated in Prison**

❖ **Little sympathy with public of the nation**

❖ **Little desire for any enterprise in which he might require their assistance**

❖ **Treaty of Vasai: situation worsened.**

❖ **Selfish Motives & Weak policies are responsible for decay**

❖ **Sever his connections with almost all Jahagirdars & Feudatories of Pune.**

# ELPHINSTONE MISGUIDED PRATAP SINGH

- ❖ Declaring end of Maratha Empire all together would mean facing resistance

- ❖ Therefore he appointed Pratap Singh as a Chhatrapati

- ❖ People thought Chh. had the authority to remove Peshwa from his duties

  just as he could appoint him

- ❖ British Pressure- Chhatrapati declared Officially Bajirao is rebel

- ❖ Chh.Alluded Peshwa removed from job and no revenue officer should help him

- ❖ Public Fed up with Bajiraos administration & accepted this innocently

- ❖ British declared war with Bajirao

# BATTLE OF GOPAL ASHTI

- ❖ **Detention of Chhatrapati by Bajirao**
- ❖ **Bajirao's Fear –use of Chhatrapati against him**
- ❖ **Moved place to place along with Chhatrapati**
- ❖ **General smiths army surrounded to Bajirao**
- ❖ **Peshwa afraid & not ready to fight**
- ❖ **Bapu Gokhle –Met with martyrs end**
- ❖ **Chhatrapati retaliate**
- ❖ **Apr 1848 Lord Dalhousie disclaimed Chhatrapatis adopted son and lapsed the princely state of Satara.**

# ELPHINSTONE'S MAJOR WORK

- ❖ **Defeated Maratha in Third war**

- ❖ **Governor of Bombay Presidency (1819-1827)**

- ❖ **Promoted education system in India**
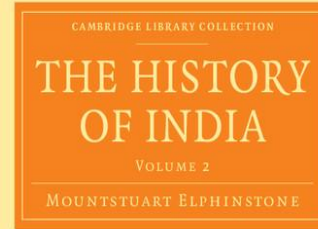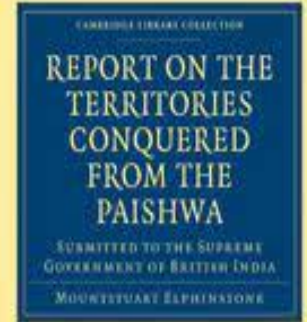
- ❖ **Started Ryotwari System**

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# FORMATION OF STATE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE'S

❖ In the commemoration 1857 revolt a committee of historians was

   appointed under the chairmanship of the contemporary

   Union Education Minister Maulana Azad <u>in order to search and publish</u>

   <u>the historical sources</u> <u>of uprisings against British</u>.

❖ The central government of India asked the states of to appoint state level

   committees to write the history of Revolt of 1857 .

❖ Accordingly, all states appointed their committees.

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# PUBLIC BETRAYAL THROUGH INAAM COMMISSION (1843)

❖ Commission started inquiries about the rights, inaam and watan of the noblemen, feudatory, landlords, the Deshmukh and Patil.

❖ Under the pretence of organizing the Peshwa registry, British officer Mr. Hart issued orders of submission of documents within a stipulated period.

❖ The collectors forwarded the lists of landlords and inamdaars from their districts to the commission. The Inaam commission inquired 32000 inams and confiscated 21000 gifted lands in want of evidence of ownership.

❖ Many evidences were forcibly burned and houses were confiscated. As a result, the public of princely states, the homeless, the landlords and watandars expressed their unrest by joining the 1857 Uprising.

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