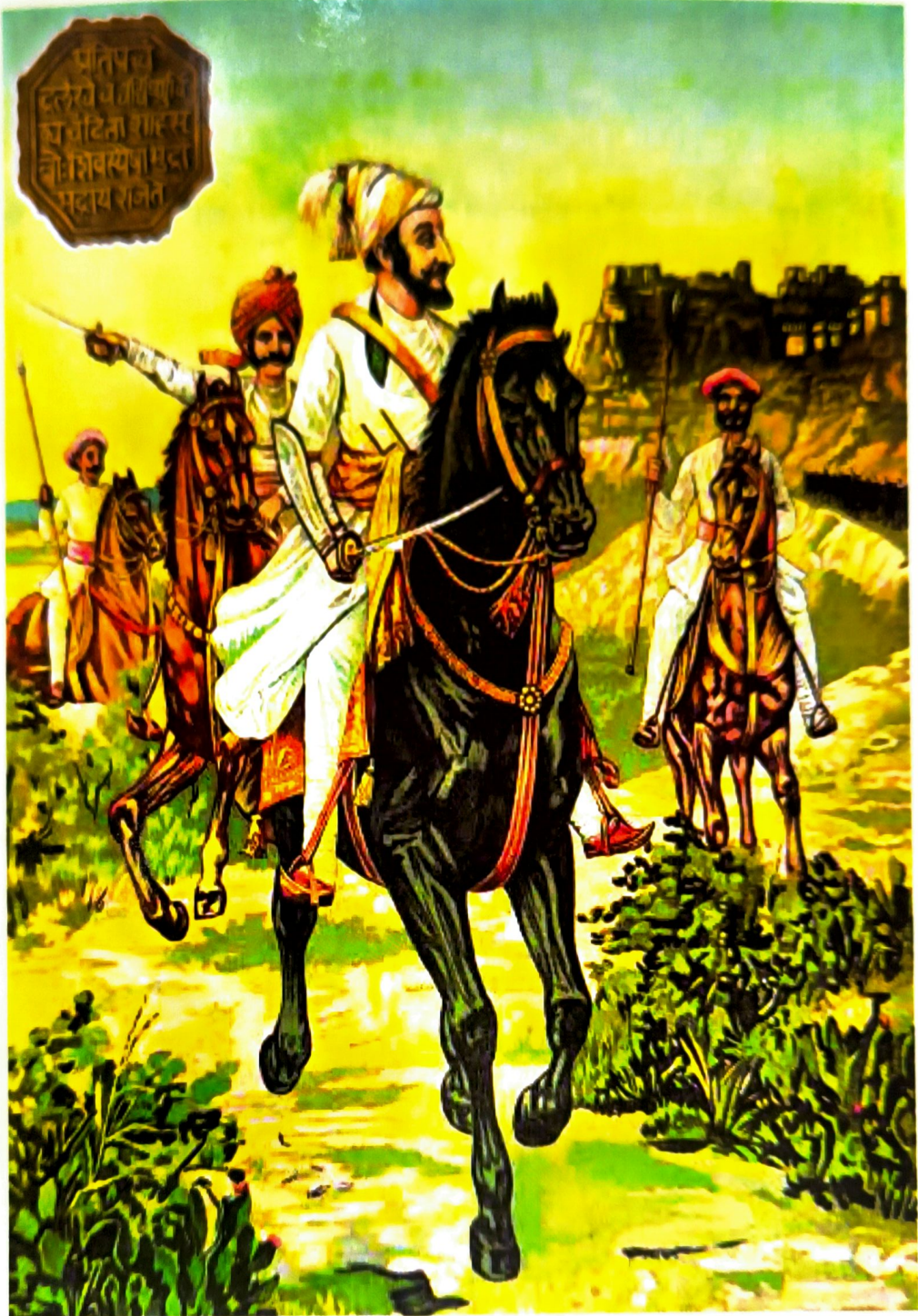


Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj



Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was 17th century Indian Warrior King who founded the Maratha Empire in Western India, fighting against the Mughal Empire to establish a sovereign Hindu Kingdom.

Invitation

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you, along with all the delegates and observers from the affiliated organisations of **All-India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers' Organisations (AIFRUCTO)**, to the IV Annual National Statutory Conference. This conference is organised by the **Retired College Teachers Association Pune (RCTAP)**, and it will take place in **Shirdi, Maharashtra, on January 27th and 28th, 2026**.

As you may know, the AIFRUCTO conference provides a platform for its members to discuss, analyse, and debate key issues related to education and other relevant fields in a global context. The All-India Federation of Retired University and College Teachers serves as a collective voice for retired educators, advocating for their rights, welfare, and dignity. By upholding the legacy of lifelong educators, the federation ensures that their contributions to society are recognised and that their post-retirement lives remain secure, purposeful, and respectful.

Shri Popatrao Baguji Pawar, the chief guest, is a prominent social worker who will inaugurate the conference. He was awarded the '**PADMASHRI**' by the Government of India in 2020 for his significant contributions to social work. His efforts in recharging groundwater have transformed **Hiware Bazar** (Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra) into a thriving village. He is a visionary leader who turned the drought-stricken Hiware Bazar into a model of rural development for India.

Professor Subhash Shankarrao Ware, a social worker and writer, is the chief guest for the valedictory session of the conference, and he is also the former President of **Rashtra Seva Dal**.

The theme of the conference is 'The Future of India's Higher and Technical Education: Issues and Challenges', *in relation to the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020*. **Dr Bhalchandra Mungekar**, an educationist and economist who is the former Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University, will deliver a speech on this theme. **Dr Pravin Raghuvanshi**, General Secretary of the Maharashtra Federation of University and College Teachers' Organisation (MFUCTO), will preside over this session.

We believe that the delegates at the conference will contribute effectively to the discourse of the theme, and AIFRUCTO will come up with concrete suggestions.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Yours

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Chairman, Organizing Shirdi conference committee

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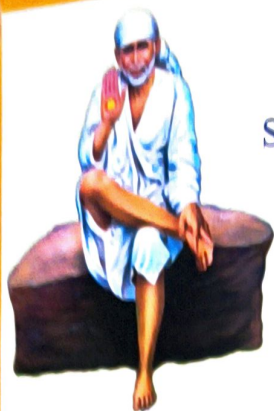
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Shirdi

Shirdi, also known as Sainagar, is a pilgrimage site in Maharashtra, India. It is famous for being the hometown of the 19th-century Indian saint Sai Baba.

The Temperature during Winter ranges from 12°C to 25°C degrees. It is a pleasant climate, still it is advisable to bring warm clothes.

How to reach Shirdi

- A) By Railway** –
Sainagar Shirdi Railway Station (SNSI)
Kopergaon – 10 km away from Shirdi
Manmad – 57 km away from Shirdi
Ahilyanagar – 88 km away from Shirdi
- B) By Road** –
From Pune – 186 km
Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (old name Aurangabad) – 115 km
Nashik – 93 km
Manmad – 57 km
- C) By Air (SAG)** –
Shirdi Airport (SAG) is located in Kakadi in the Rahata Tahsil area which is away 14 km from Shirdi. The nearest major airports are at Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar 115 km and Pune 186 km from Shirdi.

Tourist Attractions Near Shirdi

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

The city is a popular tourist hub featuring numerous heritage sites. Notable attractions include Bibi Ka Maqbara and Panchakki, which are located 115 km from Shirdi, while the Ajanta Caves are 100 km from Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. The Ellora Caves and Grishneshwar Temple (one of the Jyotirlingas) are situated 90 km away from Shirdi.

Nasik

Nasik, located 93 km from Shirdi, is an ancient holy city in Maharashtra. The Temple complex known as Panchavati is situated on the banks of the Godavari River. Nasik also hosts the prestigious Kumbha Mela, one of four locations where this major festival is celebrated every twelve years.

Tryambakeshwar

The Tryambakeshwar Temple is a significant Hindu pilgrimage site in Nashik, Maharashtra, and is home to one of the twelve sacred Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva. The unique Jyotirlinga here has three faces representing the deities

Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, and is located at the foot of the Brahmagiri Hill. The Temple is an ancient site with historical and mythological importance, and the sacred Godavari River is believed to originate from the Brahmagiri hills one of the Jyotirlingas. This location is 30 km from Nashik.

Bhimashankar

This location is 180 km from Shirdi and is a revered pilgrimage site known for housing one of the Twelve Jyotirlingas. It is surrounded by lush greenery.

Shani Shinganapur

Shani Shinganapur The place is known for its popular temple dedicated to Shani, the Hindu God associated with the planet Saturn. It is located 73 km from Shirdi.

Conference registration

Delegates are requested to complete the registration forms, either **individually** or in **groups**, according to the provided specimen. Please send the completed forms to **rctap.conference2026@gmail.com** and send a hard copy of the registration form to

Prof Magan M Tate,

Mobile : 9923411231 / Ph. No. 02114-223091

Mamata, 59 Vatan Nagar, Talegaon Dabhade,

Tal: Maval, Dist: Pune, Maharashtra 410507.

Contacts for Accommodation Services

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Accommodation will be provided on January 27th and 28th, 2026, only for registered participants. The fees cover delegation costs.

Delegate fees (Registration fees)

The delegate fee is **Rs. 2,500 (₹ Two thousand five hundred only) per delegate**. Payment can be made via demand draft or bank transfer, and it must be completed on or before **December 30, 2025**.

If you choose to pay by demand draft, please ensure it is made out to **Retired College Teachers' Association Pune (RCTAP)** and send it to the President, Prof Tate of RCTAP at the above address.

For the Bank transfer the details of the Bank A/c is given below.

Bank A/c Name : Retired College Teachers' Association Pune RCTAP
Name of the Bank : Bank of Maharashtra

Branch : Deccan Gymkhana, Shivajinagar, Pune
District : Pune
IFSC Code : MAHB0000003
MICR Code : 411014014
Account Number : 60494158240
A/c type : Saving

Conference Souvenir

A souvenir commemorating this conference will take the form of a book, which will be released in the inaugural function. We invite delegates and members to contribute their articles for this souvenir.

The theme of the conference is "The Future of India's Higher and Technical Education: Issues and Challenges," *with a special focus on the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020.*

Sub themes

- 1) Legacy and Learning : Shaping the future of the Education.
- 2) The Evolving landscape of Higher Education.
- 3) Mentoring the next generation of Educators.
- 4) Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Evolving Role of the Senior Educators.
- 5) Health and Well being for Retired Educators.

Please submit your articles to **aksharprinters.talegaondabhade@gmail.com** by **December 30, 2025**. The total length of the article should not exceed 2,000 words, including footnotes. Please also send an **abstract** of your article.

Please remember that the articles should not focus solely on the NEP 2020. It should be a minor part of the article.

Advertisement for the Souvenir

We seek your kind co-operation in arranging as many advertisements as possible. We expect at least one advertisement from every unit.

Tarrif rates (in rupees)

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Name	Single/ Couple	Gender	Name of the affiliated organisation	Phone No.	E-mail	Address (Mention State)

Details of Arrival

Date and Time	Name of Railway Station	Name of Airport

Details of Departure

Date and Time	Name of Railway Station	Name of Airport

Details of Payment of Registration Fee

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NEFT/RTGS				
Online Transfer				

* Use separate sheet to type the registration form exactly as this format
Please Note:-

- 1) Details of payment should be mailed to
rctap.conference2026@gmail.com
- 2) Accommodation will be provided only to those, whose
registration fee is received on or before 30th Dec. 2025

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Drawn on Bank vide number.
dated for Rs. (Rupees.....only)
OR RTGS. NEFT details

Yours Sincerely

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Name & Address: Mob./Tel.

We kindly request your presence at the Conference.

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Venue

**Siddha-Sankalp Marriage Lawns,
Shirdi - Rahata road, Shirdi, Maharashtra**

