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There are number of ancient historical sources available in India. Ancient Sanskrit, Pali Indian and non-Indian literature, inscriptions, coins, sculpture material and painting remains, description of foreign travelers, different materials which has been got by excavation etc. Through these sources we can collect the information about the ancient history. In these sources inscriptions are very important to collect the information. If we study these inscriptions carefully, we can collect the information about the political religious, social, historical and economical condition of ancient India as well as details, traditions, Literature, scripts and administrative system. Inscriptions has been also helped to study of painting, sculpture and literature. Inscriptions are contemporary that’s why inscriptions are trustworthy. Because of all these reasons number of India and foreign scholars have studied that inscriptions and published it.

Ancient script has written in unknown script so it was difficult to understand the most Indian ancient script Brahmi was inventor by James Prinsep in 1837 from that times the inscriptive writing was started studying scientifically.

The inscription was ferity editing through the eye-copies. But it was not believable but after some time ink-print technique was invented to study from not time the study of inscription become scientifically. From ancient time in India

There were number of dynasties in India from ancient time some dynasties were ruling in Solapur and I have studies only that dynasties. Written inscription or the temple of Mourya satvahan or Manyakhet’s has not found in Solapur, except vakkaleri copper plate of Chalukya Kirtivarman-II (745 to 757) inscriptions, architecture and documents strongly show that kalyani chalukya, kalchuri, yadav, Bahamani of kalburgi, Adilshah, Nijamshah of Ahmednagar, Mughal, Martha, Moharch and British were ruling in solapur district.

To develop a state is not only king’s responsibility. It’s need hard workers officers, beautiful persons and honest subjects. A lot of examples have found of such kind honest and faithful persons. Samant-Mahasamant, Mandlik-Mahamandleshwar, Pradhan-Maha pradhan, Dandnayak-Mahadandnayak, sahani etc. These people names with their deeds have found in the inscriptions of Tirth, Akkalkot, Mangalwadha, Aurad Tal – South Solapur etc. of Solapur District.

In the village of velapur Tal-Malshiras and wafale Tal-Mohol of Solapur some inscriptions has got. In these inscriptions the divisons and subdivisions of states have been found.

The system of measuring of land can not be same in the whole country. According to area and period it can be different research has shown that the different types of
measurement. Hands of man was the main measurement besides that ‘Mattar Danda’ or ‘Dand’ etc. were the measurement.

We get ample of information related to economics and sociology through inscriptions of Akkalkot, Malkavathe, Bhandarkavathe, Gurjegoan (Tal-South Solapur) etc. of Solapur district. Besides that we get the information about ‘Antu-Hitu’ The group of merchant (Guild). The group used to do various social work and they used to involve in the process of judgement. Also get the information about ‘Ayyawale Ainyrvaru’ The famous and strong merchant of that time inscriptions of vangi, Malkavathe, Kandalgoan (South Solapur) provide this information. Occupations and profession of the people of those time reveals through the inscriptions of pandharpur and solapur.

Through the inscription has mentioned various kind of taxes. In which in mardis (North solapur) one orticate has mentioned as pannaya lare.

In Malkavthe and kumbhari article there has mentioned ‘perjunk’ and ‘Herjunk’ kind of tax dunk vergade goyars and padnraj was appointed to

Maduveytere means a kind of marriage tax it mentioned in kalchuri soyideve and stone inscription in (Khurd) Taluk Mohal. There are number as names to currency in there has found. Do it is stydyable of pandharpur.s Eighty four inscription.

Agrahar is the certar of education. In middle age two or four Agrahar in solapur and exestance of Brahmpuri has proofed through inscription Jeur (Akkalkot) this village is famous Agrahar as a Agrahar Jeurge Alongwith.

Lavangi, (S. solapur) Pulunz (Pandharpur) that village also were agrehar.

Information about four originbal castes of Hindu has been written on the inscriptions of pandharpur, Malkavathe and solapur’s (Bhuikot fort). It is revealed from the inscriptions of the fort Bhuikot that untouchables also were living respectfully.

There was no unequality between man and woman. Number of women’s was helping to their husband. It shows us through the inscriptions of Mardi (N. Solapur), Malkavathe (S. Solapur), shivani (N. Solapur) etc. villages Through the inscription of Bibi-Darful. It has been mentioned that paittal devi The woman belongs form dynasty was ruling state. Inscriptions of Mangrule (Akkalkot district) reveals information about sahini Bhagaldev- A officer information about literature has got from the inscriptions of Mandrup (sourth solapur) and Aurad (sourth solapur)

Inscriptions of Madhala Maruti’s of solapur district is really appreciable for study of literature. In this inscription marriage of shiva-parvati is the subject of this inscription. So ti is called ‘Vivah-puran’
Religiously Shair, vaishanv, kalamukh, Jin religions were in solapur. Solapur was famous for veershaiv and pandharpur was famous for vaishnavi Religious work of siddheshwar maharaj is really appreciable in solapur. There were number of casts and religions in Solapur still there were healthy.

**Research Methodology**

**A. Objective of research**

i. To study of administration and political condition of the solapur district with the helps of research inscription.

ii. To focus on religious, social and economic life with the help of study of inscription

iii. To show the culture and literature of solapur district through the inscription

iv. To imply utility of new information through study to become useful for history.

v. To suggest the protection, conservation and research of inscriptions of solapur district.

**• Primary Research method**

**B. Primary sources**

**• Direct survey method**

i. To Make a list of inscription with sequence of the names of the villages.

ii. To make a survey of each village to measure of inscription.

iii. To take photo of inscription to observe it etc.

**C. Secondary souces**

i. To collect the reference book related to inscription and to study curiously.

ii. To visit sample of libraries and reading centers and to use reference book related inscriptions. To get monthly’s and to research of ph.D thesis for the reference.

iii. To study comparatively of inscriptions which got from the every villages of Solapur. Thus, we can use survey and libraries in the research.

**Limitation of Research**

This research topic is “A Critical Study Of Inscriptions In Solapur District.” Hence out of Solapur District inscription unfocused from this research so we can’t do whole study of inscription in Maharashtra, and this is limitation of this research. If this is limitation of our research but our conclusion is very important and useful for history of Solapur District.
Review of Literature

Some copper plates and inscription to Maharashtra – V. B. Kolte

According to period and condition the inscriptions which has been mentioned by V. B. Kolte in this book, writer describes about written materials of 1st BC to 18th century. Inscriptions of chalukya, Rashtrakut, shilahar, yadav, Parmar and Muslims dynasties in prakrut, sanstrit kannada and Marathi languages. Besides that the inscriptions on a coin of satvahan has also included in this book. These all inscriptions has found various places of Maharashtra.

Places of inscriptions, description, script, handwriting, periods, languages, theme historical importance inscriptions has also mentioned in the book. At last religious and political condition has included. That’s why this book seems very important as a historical material. On the last page of this book copper-plates and prints has also given – information of solapur’s inscription has not include in this book. But it useful for the study. (V. B. Kolte : 1977)

Ancient Marathi Inscriptions - S.G.Tulphule

Information of Marathi inscriptions has described in this book. Availability, descriptions, handwriting, written method, Languages, theme or subject and description of inscriptions is giver by the writer, so we get knowledge about the condition of those time. At the end we get the index page of prits of inscriptions number of inscriptions of solapur’s are in kannad language but only Marathi inscriptions has given in the book. This book is very useful for the study of solapur history. (S.G.Tulphule : 1963)

Middle age historical Literature of south Vol No. – I - G H Khare

Curiously writer has written about inscriptions of south India. In this part writer has given the details of inscriptions of pandharapur Mardi, Pulaj, Velapur, Availability of inscriptions, reading, handwriting, language, lineage, place and period has also given with sequence. With the number of many reference books writer wrote the book and also writer has given the political, social and religious condition of that time. Hardly 7 to 8 inscriptions of solapur has recussed. (Khare : 1934)
**History of Shilahar, s Dynasty and Inscriptions - V.V.Mirashi**

Inquisitively writer has studied about dynasty of shilahar in this book as well as inscriptions which has related to shilahar. We get the inscriptions which are related to shilahar hereditry rulers. Ex. Akkalkot, with the help of this book we get the information about political, social, economical and cultural condition. (Mirashi : 1974)

**Kannad inscriptions of Maharashtra – M. M. Kalburgi**

Geographical, religious, economical and social condition as well as names of persons surnames, names of villages and cultural history etc has included in this book. The book translated into marathi but only kannad inscriptions has presented in this book. This book is very useful for the kannad inscriptions. (Kalburgi : 2007)

**History of Solapur - V V Jakkal**

In this book writer has given the information about political, social, economical, cultural and geographical information has given. Detail information of solapur has included. The places of inscriptions and history has given in the book. But the information about all the district has not included in the book. Yet it is important for the study of solapur. (Jakkal : 1928)

**Annual Report on Indian epigraphy**

In this report places of inscriptions, states dates, languages, script and historical importance or inscripts has included. That’s why to get the clear knowledge of inscriptions. The information of number or inscriptions or Solapur has given in the book. We get short information about inscriptions not detail in this book. Yet it is very useful to get the historical information of Solapur. (A.R.I.E. : 1960 - 1961)

**Inscriptions of in the period of Marathas – M. J. Dixit**

This book is not only for the inscriptions of Marathi area. Some new inscriptions has involved in the book. We can study about architecture using this inscriptions.
Geographical pattern of these inscriptions is really studyable (admirable). 152 inscriptions has given in this book. Name of the district and villages also given. The distance between villages and famous cities also given – where and when the inscription found has mentioned using column place. After that the period (year). Bold letters has used and sequence has not given for the inscriptions in the book.

At last short notes has given to show the importance of inscriptions. The inscriptions in this book are so ancient but it is useful for the study of solapur. Only 2 to 4 inscriptions of Solapur has mentioned in this book. Kannad inscriptions remains unimportant in the book. (Dixit : 1963)

**Marathi Inscriptions of Marathwada – U. M. Pathan**

This book is different for many ways. Writer has collected and included different inscriptions of Marathwada. Because of effective introduction and curious research this book has become admirable writer has searched every corner and corner of Marathwada and collected. We get some old inscriptions and some new inscriptions of Marathwada.

Only inscriptions of Marathwadas has involved in the book. Total 108 inscriptions has mentioned in the book. No single copper writing in the book. Some inscriptions are newly round and some are so ancient. These inscriptions are of Mahakumar sighndev (11th century) and Ahilyabai Hokar (18th century) languages of all these inscriptions has changed. Various types of stone-writing has come in this book.

*Ex Veslekh, Dwarlekh, Payarilekh, Overlekh, stambhalekh, vaapilekh, Bhitilekh, Murtilekh, somadhilekh, marglekh* etc. at the end of the book some photographs of the inscriptions has given. Writer has given description of the inscriptions of Marathwada in this book. (Pathan : 1989)

**Karnatak inscription –Part-2 - R S Panchmukhi**

Reading and search of kannad inscriptions of Karnataka as well as solapur has given in the book by researcher this book is in English. The information of place, language, script dynasty, period of dynasty, names of persons, names of villages etc. has described in the book. We get the information about ancient time. This book is very important as source of material for the study of solapur. (Panchmukhi : 1951)
Sanshodhakacha Mitra – G. H. Khare

Study of inscriptions, reading, search, system of to take prints, inscriptions makes group, technique of inscriptive writing, faults, all these things has included in this book. So it is important book for study of inscriptions. But all the inscriptions of Solapur are not included in the book. Yet this book is useful for study of inscriptions. (Khare : 1960)

Solapur Nagar Palika Shatsavtysrik Granth – G. P. Kulkarni

History of Nagar palika has described in the book. Function of Nagar palika, administrative system revenue system, water facilities transport facilities, market etc has discussed in the book. The book tells us the information of historical places of solapur. So this book is important historically. (Kulkarni : 1953)

Sanshodhan Tarang - Anand Kumbhar

After surveying of 300 villages writer ha studied inscriptions of 3 taluka of Solapur district. This book is in Marathi so anyone can get knowledge about inscriptions. In this book the inscriptions of Akkalkot. Mohol, North Solapur and south Solapur has included. Specially god Siddheshwar Maharaj’s information has included in the book. Writer has proved in this book that the inscription of kudalsangam (south Solapur) is the most ancient Marathi stone-written. We get important information about Solapur district from this book. Study of remaining inscriptions of eight talukas of Solapur has not involved in this book. (Kumbhar : 1988)

Inscriptions from Solapur District - Shriniwas Ritti, Anand Kumbar

Inscriptions of solapur district has studied in this book. Kumbar has searched the inscriptions and I shriniwas ritti has read and described. The information about stone-written 1 to 40 his given. English and kannad language has used in this book. The information of only three talukas has given in the book. (Ritti, Kumbar : 1988)
Inscriptions from Nanded district – S. H. Ritti & G. C. Shelke

Scientifically this book is very important because writer has studied of ancient inscriptions in the book. 36 stone-writings of Nanded district has studied in this book. Ritti-the writer has written on solapur in his Inscription from solapur district like that he has written on Nanded and kolhapur district in this book. With the help of the inscription writer has focused on political, social, economical and religious condition so this is important source for the history. It is useful for the study of Solapur district. (Ritti, Shelke : 1968)

Rajwade Sanshodhan Mandal- Dhule - Anand kumbar

In this mangazine writer Anand kumbar focused on the inscriptions that related to soalpur. In the magazine writer has given the information about three Taluka of Solapur in sequence. Through the inscription the political, social, economical, religious, historical condition as well as the discussion fo literature Solapur has given. Thus this magazine seems important to study of Solapur through inscriptions. (kumbar : 2004)

Puratatva - Ek Paryalochan – Dr. Maya Patil

In this book inscriptions, sculpture, architecture, ancient coins, woman’s education, archaeology, system of excavation etc has focused with the help of history. The language of this book is very lucid and simple. So it is very useful for all the researches and all the readers. This book seems the store house of the knowledge for the researchers. (Patil : 2011)

Archaeology of Solapur district unpublished Thesis – Satyavrat Nulkar

In this book writer has focused on the Archaeological remains of Solapur district. Sculpture of temple, architecture, as well as inscriptions has given in the book. Religious of solapur also has studied in this book. The list of inscriptions has also given at the last page. This book is written in English. So it is useful Marathi people and other also.
All above books focused only three Taluka’s from inscription. In my research I have studied complete inscription from Solapur District. I have also discovered fifteen new inscriptions and studied it critically. I have did survey of village to village take photographs measurement of inscription. Hence complete inscription from Solapur focused in this research and get valuable information such as political, social and religious of Solapur District. (Nulkar : 1994)

In this research topic I have studied how to improve and change of geographical, political, Social and religious condition of Solapur District.

In this research I have use primary and secondary research method. In the primary research method I have use direct survey method such as photo, measurement and minutely observation of inscription.

In the secondary research method I have visited various library and refer their books, Ph.D theses, Magazine, related with my topic. I have analysis all this data and focused history of Solapur District.

We can Study critically of inscriptions. Inscription is primary archaeology source. We can study history with the help of inscription. so that inscription is important archaeological source number of inscription found the in Solapur District. Some of them new inscription. From these inscription I have study history of political, social, Economical and Religious in Solapur District.

I have selected this topic A critical study of inscription in Solapur District. This theses divided in six chapters.

In the introduction I have presented the scope of inscription definition, important of inscriptions. In sub topic I have focused historical and geographical condition of Solapur District. In the research method I have wrote objective of research and research methodology.

In the first chapter I have present history of writing skill, information writing sources and information of these writing tools.

In the second chapter I have did field work (Survey of Village to Village). I have present information of inscription such as a find spot of inscription, period measurement, language, village name, persons name and information of inscriptions etc. I have also present of information which inscription I have found from Solapur District. In last I have present of skill how to take a graph photo of inscription.
In the third chapter I have present information of political condition, administration which dynasties over ruled this region and which work done by them. All these information I have present analytical in this research.

In the fourth chapter I have give information of acceptation, trade, trade centre and wrote of trade, various taxes, coins, agriculture, measurement land etc.

In the fifth chapter I have present of possession of women caste system, orthodox, tradition and food etc.

In the sixth chapter I have present information of literature during this period, language, scripts, grammar etc.

In the cultural life I have present of important of temple, administration, religious system, sects, movement of bhakti.

In the conclusion completed I have my research objective give some suggestion for protection and preservation of inscription. I have also included photo and graph in inscription in sub index. In the end I have attached bibliography.

A critical study of inscription in Solapur District playing very crucial role in the related history of Solapur district. The Study involved to achieve objectives. A critical study of inscription in Solapur District explaining the administration & political condition of the Solapur district with helps of research inscription.

Inscription of Solapur district is fundamentally the of religious social and economic life. After the critical study of the inscription it seen the information about agricultural occupation e.g. farming of jower, Bajara, Rice and fruts like pophala.

The history of Solapur District depends on religion, social economical life.

The development of Solapur seen in the study of various in scription.

The study of inscriptions shows the economic and study of Social distribution by the caste & sub castes work.

The study of women was good and the family administration was strong and pure to the development of human beings. Women’s role was important in family as well as political administration.

During this period Shiv, Vaishnav, Jain, Kalamukh, and Muslim sect was main religion. All these sects Acharyas was made an important role for equality of society.

The inscription study shown the social equity and equality by the accepted work of Society in this period we can seen the different aspects of sanskrut literature. Inscriptions and deals with various subjects study with religious, knowledge etc. it also built the languages equality though the inscription of Solapur District.
Researcher have got all above information from inscription but there are some limitation and difficulty as following.

1. It is difficult to read language and script of inscriptions for researcher.
2. Inscriptions become wither so we can get very less information.
3. It create trouble to researchers to get correct information due to various reasons of migration inscription.
4. There could be to duplicacy in inscription but it is exceptional because of it create trouble to get correct information.
5. These sources is on the way of demolishing / destroying so it is necessary to take care by exaction officer
6. Younger researchers become passive to research on inscriptions.
7. If you want study of a society, a culture it is not enough one- two inscription. It’s new a lot of inscription.

In this way there are the many problems and faults in primary executive inscription. To avoiding that problems the following solution’s can be suggested.

1. It can get more inscription in satara kolapur, Ahamadnagr, through this district related to history of Solapur district. It is necessary to study of researches.
2. It essential to study comparatively of there district and other district.
3. It is essential to collect all inscription on one place which is being withered in solapur district.
4. The protection and conservation of inscription of solapur district it is new to help from social institution, education institution as well as researcher and administration

In this research I have studied the inscription of solapur district and studyid the political economical, social and cultural life of ancient days. But it is not enough for study of history of Maharshtra. It is the new study of inscription it shows the small efforts of these biggest subject if the research will become in this way the historical knowledge win become wide.
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