Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar will lead the people of the state in paying tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj the legendary Maratha warrior on the occasion of his birth anniversary to be celebrated at the state level at Farmagudi, Ponda on February 19, 2018.

The Department of Information and Publicity will organise the annual event in association with Village Panchayat Bandora and Zilla Panchayat member Kavlem. Besides the Chief Minister, the function will be attended by Minister for PWD and Transport Shri Ramkrishna Dhavlikar, Minister for Art and Culture Shri Govind Gaude, Shri Ravi S. Naik, MLA, Shri Subhash Shirodkar, MLA, Smt. Chitra Phadte, Member of Zilla Panchayat, Kavlem, Shri Ramchandra Naik, Sarpanch Bandora and Shri Sudhir Mahajan, IAS, Secretary Information & Publicity.

The function will commence with the garlanding of statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Farmagudi Fort premise at 8.45 am by Chief Minister and other dignitaries such as Minister for PWD and Transport Shri Ramkrishna Dhavlikar, Minister for Art and Culture Shri Govind Gaude, Shri Ravi S. Naik, MLA, Shri Subhash Shirodkar, MLA, Smt. Chitra Phadte, Member of Zilla Panchayat, Kavlem, Shri Ramchandra Naik, Sarpanch Bandora, Shri Sudhir Mahajan, IAS, Secretary Information & Publicity, president of Ponda Municipal council and president of freedom fighter association, Ponda which will be followed by presentation of Mardani Khel by Lokmany Group, Kolhapur and singing of Powadas by Bal Bhavan children.

Thereafter the Chief Minister and other dignitaries will attend the main function to be held in the precincts of Shree Ganapati Devesthan.

The highlight of the daylong celebration will be key note address to be delivered by historian Dr. Lahu Gaikwad from Pune. As part of the celebration there will be monologue competition with tradition attire involving school students and inter collegiate quiz competition involving college students on the life and times of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Later in the evening at 7.45 pm Marathi Historical Drama titled “Raigadala Jenvha Jag Yete” by Simant natyasaunstha Pune will be staged at Shree Ganapati
Precincts, Farmagudi. Prior to this there will be a display of fireworks. Similarly, on February 20, 2018 Marathi Drama “Aakash Mithi” by Shree Ravalnath Prasadik Natya Mandal, Nageshi will be staged at 7.45 pm at Farmagudi.

To Mark the celebration historical dramas on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji maharaj will be staged in other parts of the state from February 18 to February 22, 2018. These include Marathi drama “Raigadala Jenvha Jag Yete” by Simant natyasaunstha Pune at Ravindra Bhavan Curchorem on February 18, 2018 at 10.00 am and said drama at Ravindra Bhavan Sankhali at 7.00 pm. Similarly, same drama will be staged at Don Mad, Keri Sattari on February 20, 2018 at 8.30 pm and at Ravindra Bhavan Margao on February 21, 2018 at 9.00 pm.

Also Marathi drama “Raigadala Jenvha Jag Yete” by Omkar theatre Pernem will be staged at Hanuman Natyagriha Mapusa on February 20, 2018 at 7.00 pm. Similarly the said drama will be staged by Omkar theatre Pernem at Community hall, Korgao Pernem on February 21, 2018 at 7.00 pm and also at Rangaee Deavesthan Sabhagriha, Shigao-Kule, Dharbadora on February 22, 2018 at 7.00 pm.