



Y.N. alias Appa Tipnis

3/12/1876 to 25/3/1943

Appa was a founder member of the great, old Maharashtra Natak Mandli. He was a good actor. He would play Kank in 'Keechak Vadh' and Raghobadada in 'Bhaubandki'. His roles of Prataprao in 'Kanchagadchi Mohana' and Arjun in 'Baykanche Band' were very remarkable.

The play 'Kamla', based on Mary Correlli's novel 'Thelma' was produced by Maharashtra Natak Mandli in 1911. It was a social play and hence, different from the mythological and historical plays of the times. In 1912, Appa set up Bharat Natak Mandli and produced 'Matsyagandha', 'Radha Madhav', and 'Jarasandh'. Appa wrote 'Shaha Shivaji' at the insistance of Keshavrao Bhosale and it proved a hit.

Appa, in all, wrote 8 prose and 5 musical plays. He was a versatile director. He copied the western theatre by using grease paints for make-up. He had created special costumes and headgears, which were a speciality in Chhtrapati Shivaji's times.

