INTRODUCTION:

Hello friends. Today we are going to tell you about the greatest ruler in Indian history.

Can you guess who it is? Do you think it is Raj Raj cholan. The answer is yes but it is actually no. There is one king who is greater than him . can you guess who it is ?

MADHURANTAKA CHOLA:

Known as Parakesari Rajendra Chola I**,** the son of verakesari Rajaraja Chola I in 1014 C.E. as the Chola emperor. According to Thiruvelankatusepadu During his reign, he extended the influences of the already vast Chola empire to the banks of the river [Ganges](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Ganges) in the north and across the ocean.

CHANGE OF CAPITAL:

Rajendra chola decided to change the capital from thanjavur .He decided to sancitificate the new capital with water from Ganges but the king Mahipala refusesed to give water .Rajendra chola gathered the army and defeated many kings on the way to ganga. finally He defeated Mahipala, the Pala king of Bengal and Bihar and took water from ganga.

ARMY :

Rajendra cholan army was a well organized army. Each battalion has 200 doctors to care for the soldiers. Rajendra cholan army consisits of 10,00,000 foot soldiers, 1,20,000 cavalry, 60,000 war elephants whose foot steps made earthquake. Rajendra chola army has 70 sub divisions headed by

Senathipathi,Thalapathy,Anipathy. soliders family came under the direct administration of Rajendra chola.The Modern Indian army is organised based on this great kings army.

Through is magnificient army he defeated the kings till ganga and made the defeated kings to carry the water of ganga in golden pots in their head and sanctificated the new capital.

NEW CAPITAL:

To commemorate This victory, he named the capital called [Gangaikonda Cholapuram](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Great_Living_Chola_Temples" \o "Great Living Chola Temples) which has a temple and a lake. Gangaikondacholapuram is an ancient city exists as a heritage town located near to [Jayankondam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jayankondam" \o "Jayankondam), [Ariyalur district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ariyalur_district" \o "Ariyalur district). It became the capital of the [Chola dynasty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chola_dynasty) in c. 1025 by [Chola](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chola) emperor [Rajendra I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajendra_Chola_I), and served as the capital for around 250 years.

THE GREAT TEMPLE:

Gangaikondacholiswaram in the city seem to have been erected towards the northeast (*Isanya*) of the palace is the great temple of Siva. The other reason to construct the great temple out the fort is so that indicate that the temple is for both royal family as well as the common people. The temple is built in Dravidian style. This temple resembles the Brihadeeswara temple. This great temple has been declared as the world heritage site by UNESCO.

PROBLEM IN TRADE:

During this time a problem arise in trade due to Srivijaya empire. To solve the problem Rajendra sent a navy and extended territories to coastal [Burma](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Burma), the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, [Maldives](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Maldives), conquering the kings of [Srivijaya](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Srivijaya) (Sumatra, [Java](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Java_(island)), and Malaya in [South East Asia](https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Southeast_Asia)) and the Pegu islands with his fleet of ships.

NAVY:

Rajendra chola had strongest navy compared to his father Raj Raj chola. His navy had 1000 war ships. The ships are made for different purposes like coast guard ,deep sea attack, travel, trade ,sea guarding .Ships were built in such a way to carry cavalry, infantry, elephant force across the Indian ocean to capture the East Asian countries .Rajendra cholan ships used the science of water current to travel across the ocean fastly. Can you just imagine a Tamil king who built strong ships and captured nearly 36 lakh sq.km in and around the Indian ocean

CONSLUSION:

At present he city Gangaikondacholapuram is completely destroyed due to the Pandiya king jatavarma sundra pandiyan but do you think the city is destroyed only because of him . The people of the city used the stones from the palace wall and temple to built houses. still now in many temple the sculpture are painted so that the valuable information in the sculptures cannot be taken. Many of them know only about the alexandar the great ,Ashoka the great , muhamad gagini , nepoleon but Rajendran is greater than all. He not only captured east Asian countries but also the maritime silk route(important trade route during the period).so its our duty to protect and praise our history.