Hungal is recorded as *Panungal* in early documents. It was once the capital of a [feudatory](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Feudatory) of the [Kadambas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kadambas" \o "Kadambas). The [Kadambas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kadambas" \o "Kadambas)was an ancient dynasty of south India which ruled the region of the present day state of [Goa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goa) and nearby [Konkan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konkan" \o "Konkan) region from around ad 485 until the 11th century. They built temples in Hangal in the [Jain](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jainism) tradition.