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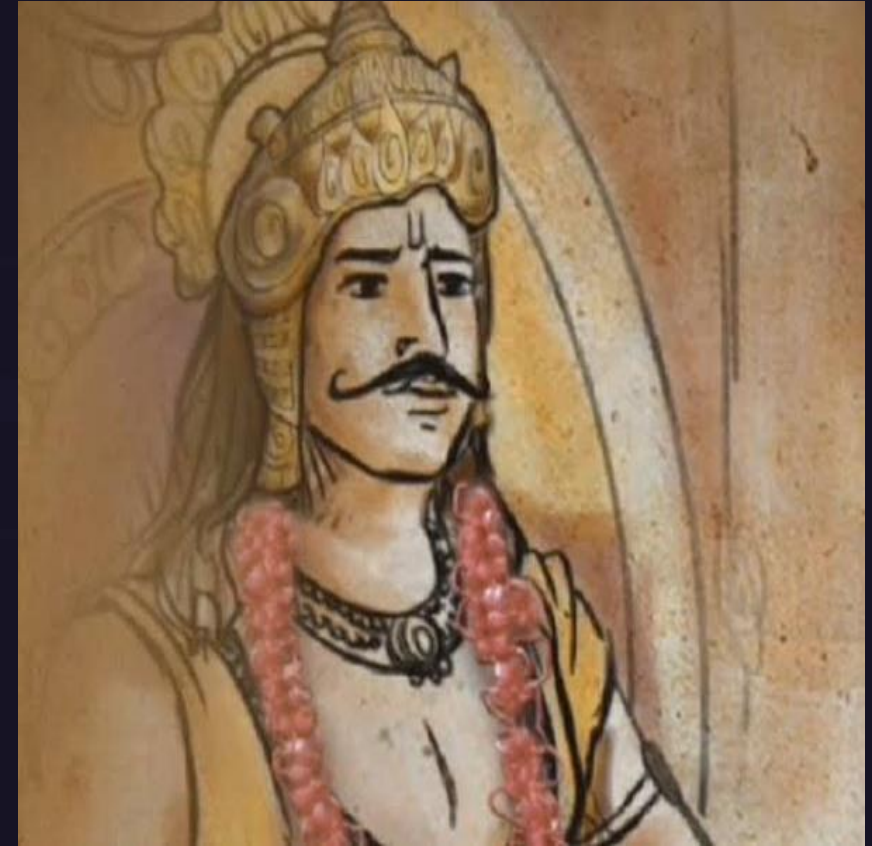
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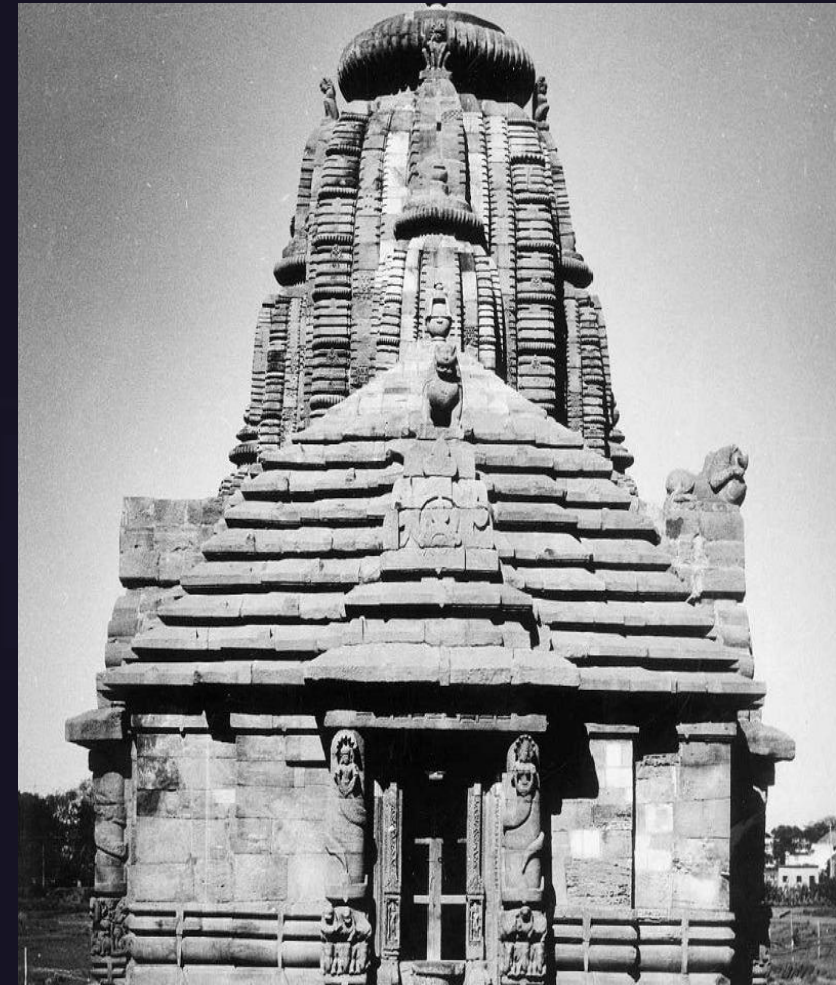


The Bhaumakaras (736 A.D. - 885A.D.)

- The Sailodbhava Kingdom was occupied by the Bhauma king **Unmattasimha alias Sivakaradeva I** who started the Bhauma era in 736 A.D.
- He was **the son of Kshemankaradeva** who was a devout Buddhist.



- In the **Bhaumakara dynasty** there was a succession of *eight Mahadevis (Queens)* seldom found any where in the world history.
- During this period **Queen Mohini Devi** built the **Mohini temple** at Bhubaneswar.
- The **Ganesh Gumpha of Udayagiri** in **Khandagiri-Udayagiri** hill complex was remodeled by a physician named **Bhimata, son of Nannata** who also built a **monastery** called **Arghyakavarati** at Dhauli hill.



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- **Queen Hira Mahadevi** built the temple of **Sixty-four Yoginis at Hirapur** on the bank of the Bhargavi.
- **Gouri Mahadevi** built the **Gouri temple** at Bhubaneswar.



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1. Who among the following historians does not holds the view that the Bhaumakaras belonged to Odisha?

- a) H. K. Mahatab
- b) N. K. Sahu
- c) Binayak Mishra
- d) K. C. Panigrahi

Answer: D

2. The Bhauma kingdom was built up by:

- a) Sivakaradeva-I
- b) Subhakaradeva-I
- c) Santikaradeva-I
- d) Tribhubana Mahadevi-I

Answer: A



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**3. The kingdom of the Bhaumakaras
was known as:**

- a) Kosala
- b) Trikalinga
- c) Tosali
- d) Odra

Answer: C



4. The capital city of Bhaumakaras was:

- a) Barabati
- b) Kalinganagari
- c) Guhesvarapataka
- d) None of the above

Answer: C



5. The capital city of the Bhaumakaras was situated on the bank of which of the following river?

- a) Brahmani
- b) Baitarani
- c) Budhabalanga
- d) Salandi

Answer: B



6. Which of the following Bhauma rulers assumed the Buddhist title 'Paramatathagata'?

- a) Santikaradeva-II
- b) Subhakaradeva-I
- c) Prithvi Mahadevi
- d) Sivakaradeva-I

ANSWER: D



7. Who among the following Bhauma ruler assumed the title of Parama Saugata'?

- a) Sivakaradeva-I
- b) Subhakaradeva-I
- c) Subhakaradeva-II
- d) Sivakaradeva-II

ANSWER: B

8. Who among the following Bhauam rulers was a Vaishnavite?

- a) Sivakaradeva-I
- b) Subhakaradeva-III
- c) Tribhubana Mahadevi-I
- d) Santikaradeva-I

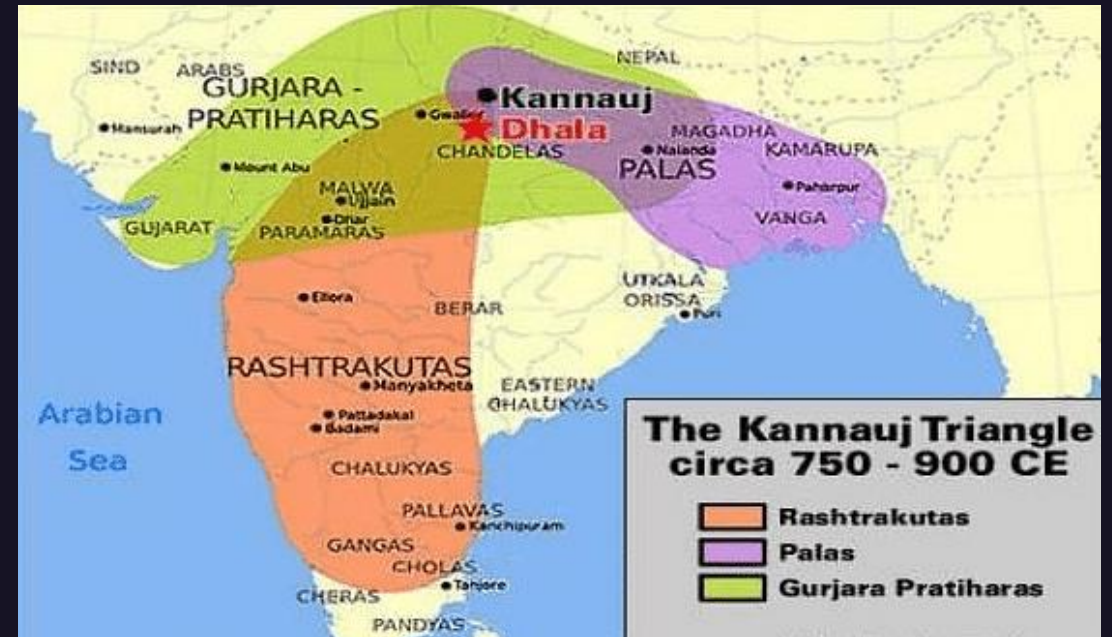
ANSWER: C



9. Which of the following kingdoms were contemporary ruling dynasties of Bhaumakaras?

- a) Rastrakutas
- b) Somavamsis
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Only (a)

ANSWER: C



10. In the Dhenkanal copper plate of Tribhubana Mahadevi - 1, the Bhauma King is described as:

- a) Paramabhattacharaka
- b) Paramesvara
- c) Indra
- d) Maharajadhiraj

ANSWER: C



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The Somavamsis (885 A.D.-1071A.D.)

- The **Somavamshi dynasty** ruled between 9th-12th century BC.
- The **capitals of the dynasty** were located at **Yayatinagara** (modern day **Binika**) and **Abhinava-Yayatinagara** (modern day **Jajpur**).



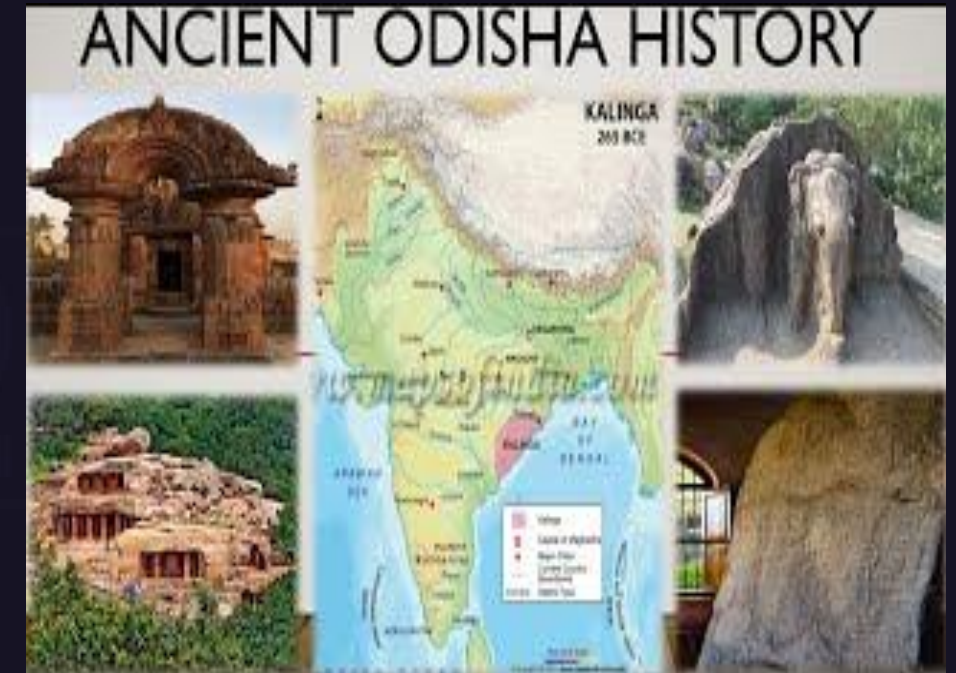
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The Somavamsis (885 A.D.-1071A.D.)

- They were the **first to unify Kalinga, Utkal, Kongoda and Kosaala** under a single authority.
- The most powerful monarch of this dynasty was **Tivaradeva**.



- **Tivaradeva** was defeated by **Dharmaraja** who occupied the **throne of Kangoda**.
- As a result of the defeat, **Tivaradeva** lost his hold over Utkal.



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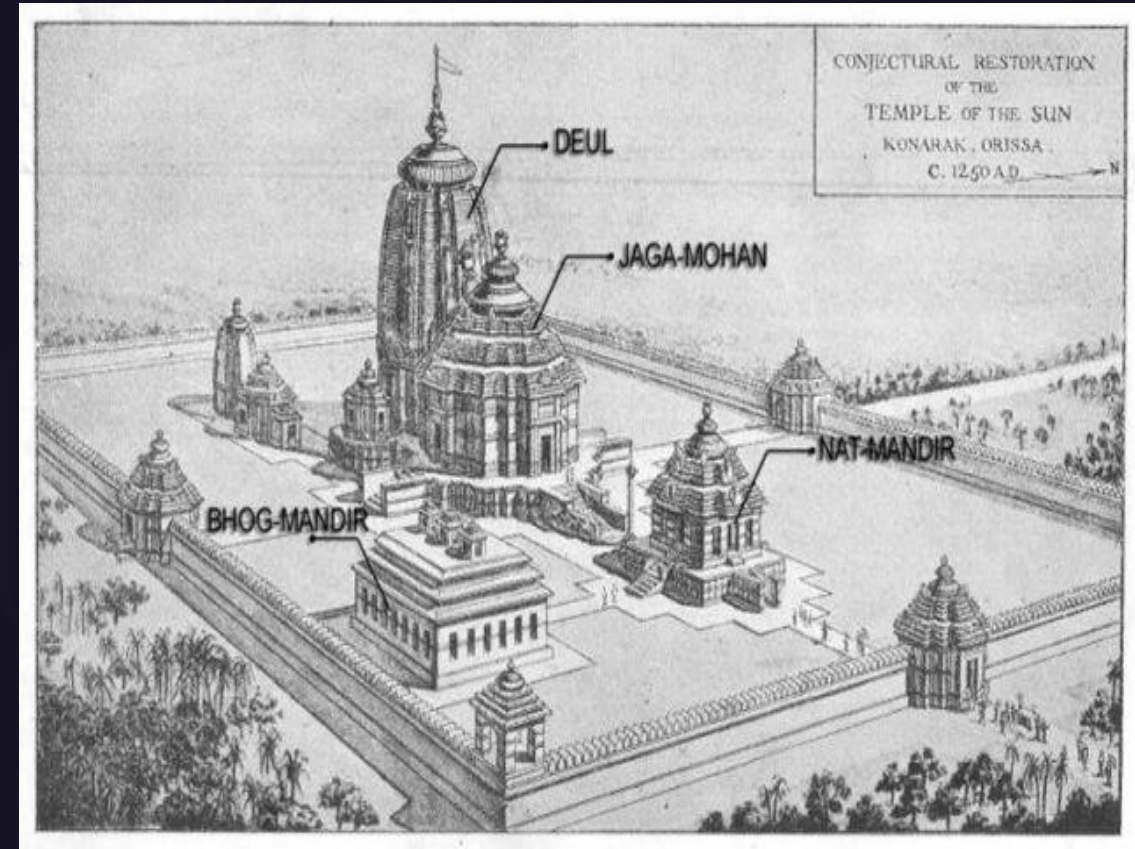
- Tivaradeva's grandson's wife **queen Vasata Devi** became the ruler of Kosala on behalf of her minor son.
- She was a devout worshipper of **Purushottama Narasinha** and built many Vishnu temples in Kosala.
- Her brother **Bhaskaravarman** patronized Buddhism in Kosala.



- **Mahasivagupta Jajati II** was an important ruler of this dynasty and his kingdom comprised **Kosala, Utkal** as well as **Kalinga** and **Kangoda**.
- He constructed **the Lingaraja temple** and his wife **Kolavati** has built the **Brahmeshwar temple** at **Bhubaneswar**.



- **Jajati II** was succeeded by his **son Udyota Kesari**.
- He was a **devout Saiva** and at the same times a **patron of Jainism**.
- He built the **Jagamohan of Lingaraja temple**.



- The **Navamuni cave** at **Khandagiri** was excavated by the **Jain monk Subhachandra**, a disciple of **Kalachandra**, in the 18th regnal year of **Udyota Kesari**.
- The dawn of 9th century AD saw the **invasion of Rashtrakutas**.



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- On gaining **independence** from the **Rashtrakutas**, they were **threatened** by the **Kalachuris of Ratnapur**.
- **Karnadeva** was the **last surviving** ruler of the **Somavamshi** dynasty, after which the empire fell to the **Gangas**.





1. The construction of the world famous Lingaraja Temple was completed during whom of the following Somavamsi kings?

- a) Udyotkeshari
- b) Yayati Keshari - II
- c) Puranjaya
- d) Karnadeva

ANSWER: A

2. Who among the following Somavamsis kings organized the famous Dasasvamedha sacrifice at Jajpur, which has been a great landmark in the cultural heritage of Odisha?

- a) Yayati-I
- b) Yayati-II
- c) Udyotkeshari
- d) Janmejaya - II

ANSWER: B

3. The Somavamsis who ruled over Odisha from the middle of the ninth century A.D. to the early part of the twelfth century A. D. was also known in the name of:

- a) Divyavamasis
- b) Suryavamsis
- c) Panduvamsis
- d) Raupyavamsis

ANSWER: C

4. Who among the following was the founder-ruler of the Somavamsi dynasty?

- a) Tivaradeva
- b) Janmajeya I
- c) Mahasivagupta Yajati
- d) Udayana

ANSWER: D

5. The construction of the gigantic Siva temple of Lingaraj was started by

- a) Yayatikeshari-I
- b) Yayatikeshari-II
- c) Udyotkeshari-I
- d) Udyotkeshari-II

ANSWER: B

6. What was the Chief Minister designated during the Somavamsi rule?

- a) Mahamantri
- b) Pradhanmantri
- c) Mantritolaka
- d) Mukshyamantri

ANSWER: C

7. Which of the following was the smallest unit during the Somavamsi kingdom?

- a) Bhoga
- b) Khanda
- c) Grama
- d) Bhukti

ANSWER: C

8. Who among the following Bhanja rulers was the contemporary of Janamejaya I?

- a) Narendrabhanja
- b) Ranabhanja
- c) Satrubhanja
- d) Rajabhanja

ANSWER: B

9. Who among the following is described as 'Second Parsurama' in the Brahmesvara temple inscription?

- a) Yayati - I
- b) Yayati - II
- c) Dharmaratha
- d) Bhimaratha

ANSWER: C

**10. Kolavatidevi who built the famous
Brahmesvara Temple in Bhubaneswar,
was:**

- a) Mother of Yayati-I
- b) Mother of Udyotyakeshari
- c) Mother of Janamejaya-II
- d) Wife of Janamejaya-I

ANSWER: B

11. The Jagamohan of Lingaraja Temple was built by:

- a) Yayati Keshari - I
- b) Yayati Keshari - II
- c) Udyotkeshari
- d) Kolavatidevi

ANSWER: C

**12. During the Somavamsi rule the
Commander-in-chief was termed as**

- a) Pradhansenapati
- b) Yudhyapati
- c) Mukshyasenapati
- d) Mahasenapati

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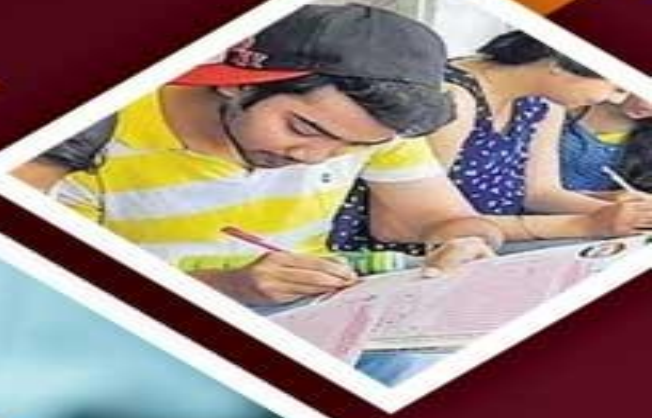
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Ganga Dynasty

- The rule of Gangas marked the **Golden age** for the **Kalinga**.
- They ruled for a period of **400 years** from **1038 to 1045 CE**.
- The first ruler of the dynasty was **Anantavarman Vajrahasta** who pursued the **policy of matrimonial alliances** for the expansion of his empire and maintained diplomatic relations with neighbouring countries.

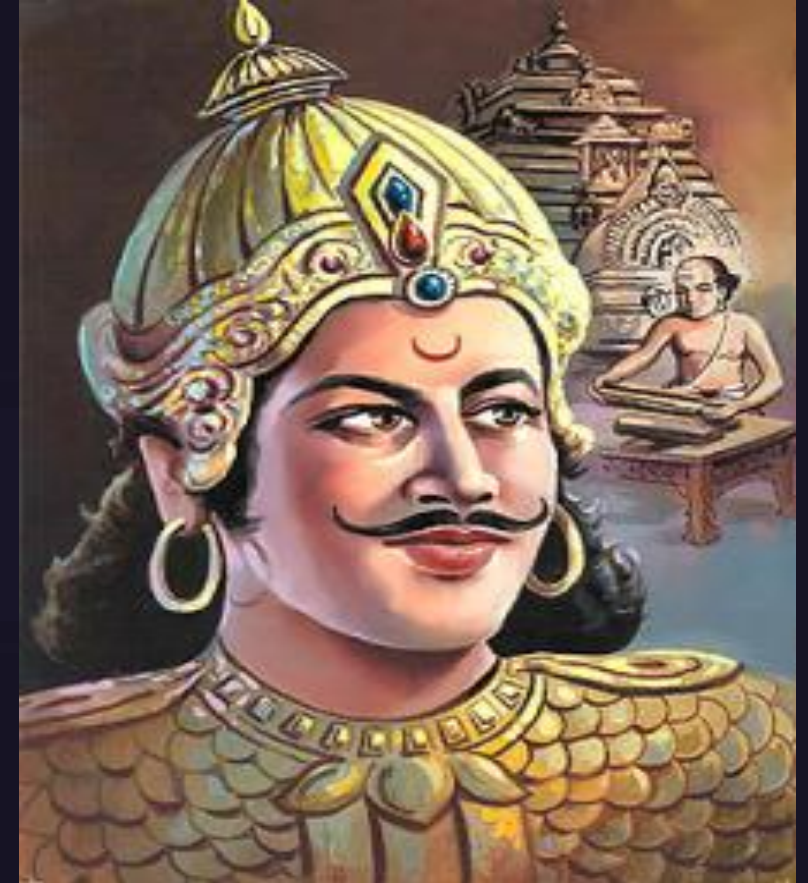


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- He made **Kalinga independent** by defeating the **Somavamsis** and declared **himself Maharajadhiraja**.
- He also received the title of **Trikalingadhipati**.
- By **1118 A.D. Chodagangadeva** annexed **Utkal and Vengi** to his empire which by that time extended from the **Ganga** in the north to the **Godavari** in the south.



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- Religious leader **Ramanujacharya** had a great influence on the **Raja Choda Ganga Deva**, who **renovated the Jagannath temple** at Puri.



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- The second son of Chodaganga named **Raghava** became the king in **1158 A.D.**
- During his time poet **Jayadeva** is known to have composed his famous work **Gitagovinda**.



- Next ruler was **Anangnagabhimadeva II**, the fourth and last son of Chodagangadeva.
- He was the only son of Chodaganga to have a son **Rajraj III**, who succeeded him after his death in **1198 A.D.**

- During the time of **Rajraj III**, the **Muslim power** dominated over northern **India** from the **Punjab to Bengal**.
- **Bhaktiyar Khalji**, the first Muslim ruler of Bengal sent **two Khilji Amins** named **Mahammed-I-Sheran** and **Ahmed-I-Sheran** against Odisha in **1205 A.D.**



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- This was the **first Muslim invasion** of **Odisha**.
- **Rajraj-III** defeated the **Sheran brothers** and killed many Muslim warriors.



- Rajraj-III died in 1211 A.D. and was succeeded by his son **Anangabhimadeva-III**.
- Anangabhimadeva-III died in 1238 A.D. and was succeeded by his son **Narasimhadeva-I**.

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- **Narasimhadeva-I** was successful in his campaigns against the Muslims.
- He is remembered in history as the builder of the **world famous temple at Konark.**



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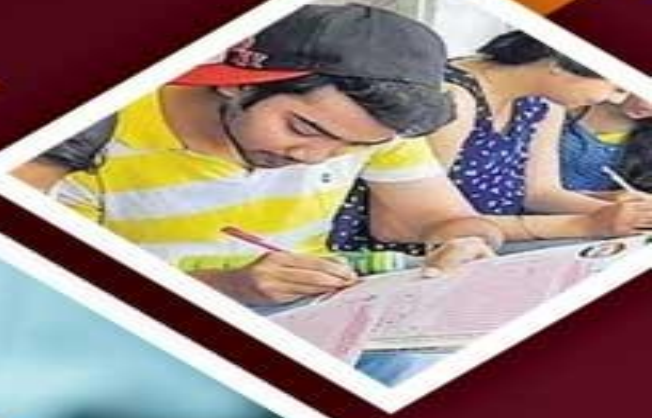
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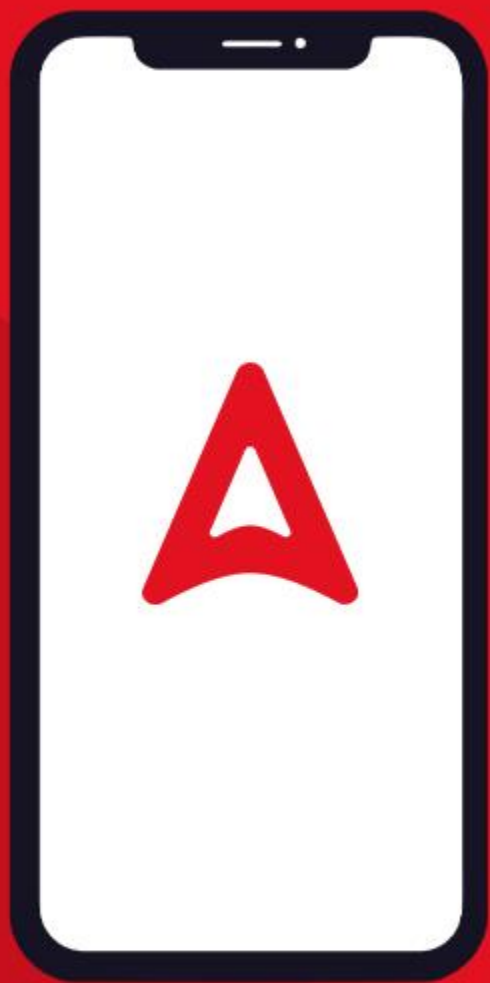
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