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**ODISHA HISTORY**

**CLASS-04**

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- **Odisha** is a state that is located in the **eastern part of India**. It is known for its geographical and historical importance.
- The state derived its name from Sanskrit Word '**Odra Vishaya**' which literally means '**Wished for Child**'. The state is known for its rich cultural heritage and mineral base.

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- **Orissâ** was granted the status of a separate province on **1st April 1936** as a province on linguistic basis during the British rule.
- It provides the first example of a province formed **on the basis of language**.



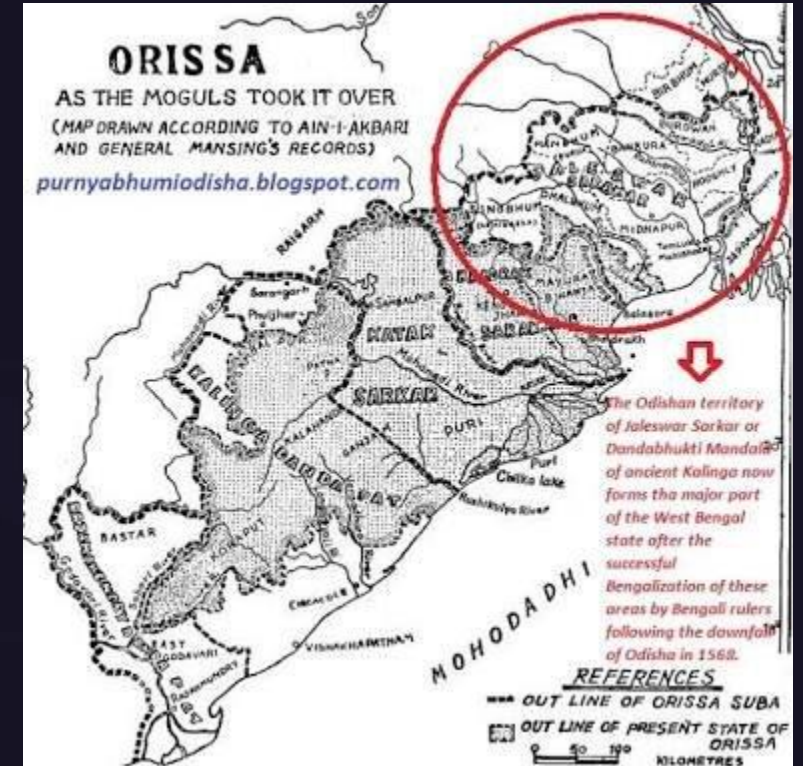
- It became Odishâ under a resolution of the Parliament on 23 September 2011, which substituted “Odiâ” for “Oriyâ” and “Odishâ” for “Orissâ”.

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- Odishâ is the modern name of the ancient Kalinga Empire, variously known as Udra, Utkal, Kalinga, Kosala, Toshala and Kangoda in different periods in history

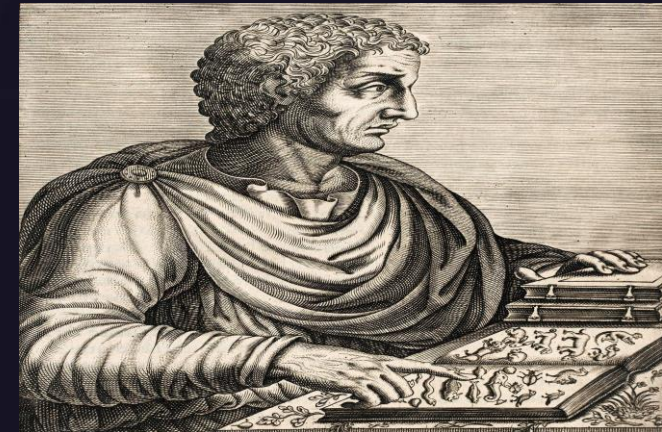
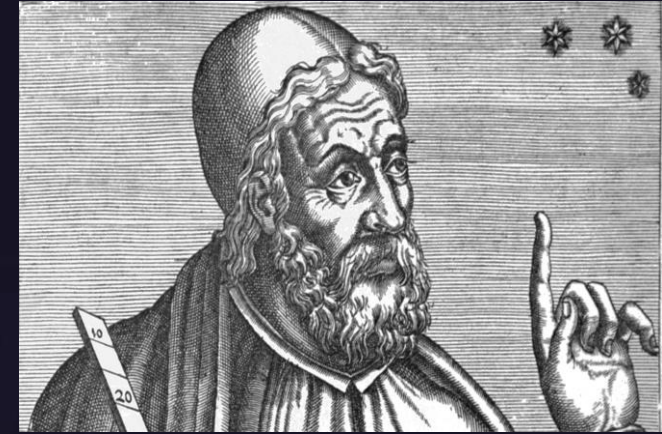




## Udra to Odisha

The name Odisha is derived from the words **Udra**, **Ora (Ura)** or **Odra Desa** or **Odra Visaya**

1. The first reference to the Odra language is found in **Bharat's Natyasastra**.
2. Ancient writers like **Pliny the Elder** and **Ptolemy** described the **Odra people** as **Oretes**.
3. In the **Mahâbhârata** the Odras are mentioned along with the **Paundras**, **Utkals**, **Mekalas**, **Kalingas** and **Andhras**.

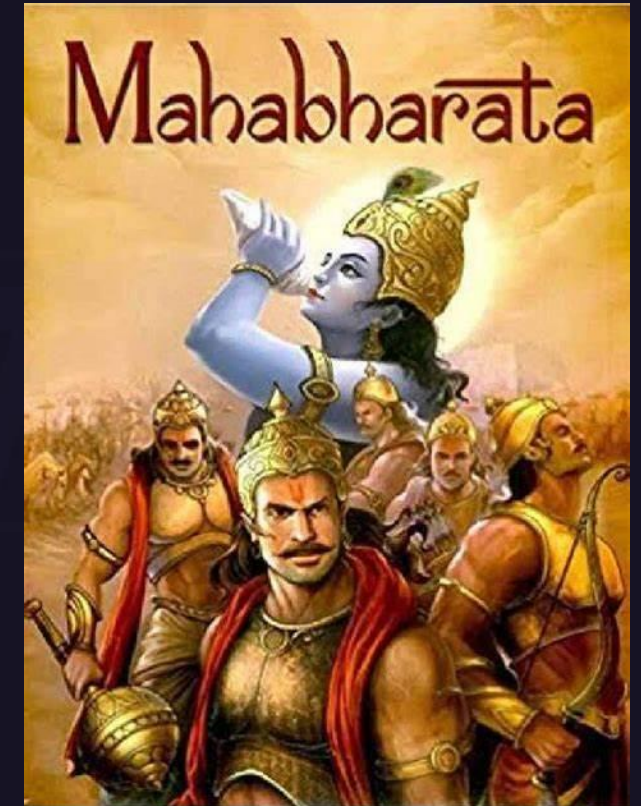


- According to **Manu** the Odras are associated with the Paundrakas, Dravidas, Kambojas, Yavanas, Sakas, Paradas, Pallavas, Chinas, Kiratas and Khasas.
- **Aniruddha Bhatta**, who authored “**Prakruta Kalpataru**” in 12th century A.D. mentioned **Utkali** and **Udra** as **Apabhramsa language**
- **Huien Tsang’s Si-Yu-Ki** where he describes it as **Wu-Cha**.



## Kalinga

- The name **Kalinga** occurs in the 19 Puranas in association with Anga, Vanga, Pundra and Sumha.
- In the Vana Parva the sage Lomasa pointed out, "This is the country of the Kalingas where flows the river Vaitarani."





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- **Kalinga** is mentioned in the **Âdiparva**, **Bhismaparva**, **Sabhâparva**, **Banaparva** and **Dronaparva** of the **Mahâbhârata**, **Kiskindâ Kânda** of the **Râmâyan**, **Trikândasesha**, **Skanda Purâna**, **Brahmânda Purâna**, **Mârkanda Purâna**, **Kapila SaAhitâ** and **Arthasâstra** of **Koutilya** etc.
- **Srutâyus** or **Srutâyudha**, the king of Kalinga, stated to have fought the **Mahâbhârata war** as an ally of the Kauravas.



- **Kalinga** is also mentioned as **Calingae** in **Megasthenes'** book on India, ***Indica***.
- **Megasthenes** states that **Magadha** and **Kalinga** were **Jain-dominated** kingdoms:  
*“The Prinas and the Cainas (tributaries of the Ganges) are both navigable rivers.*



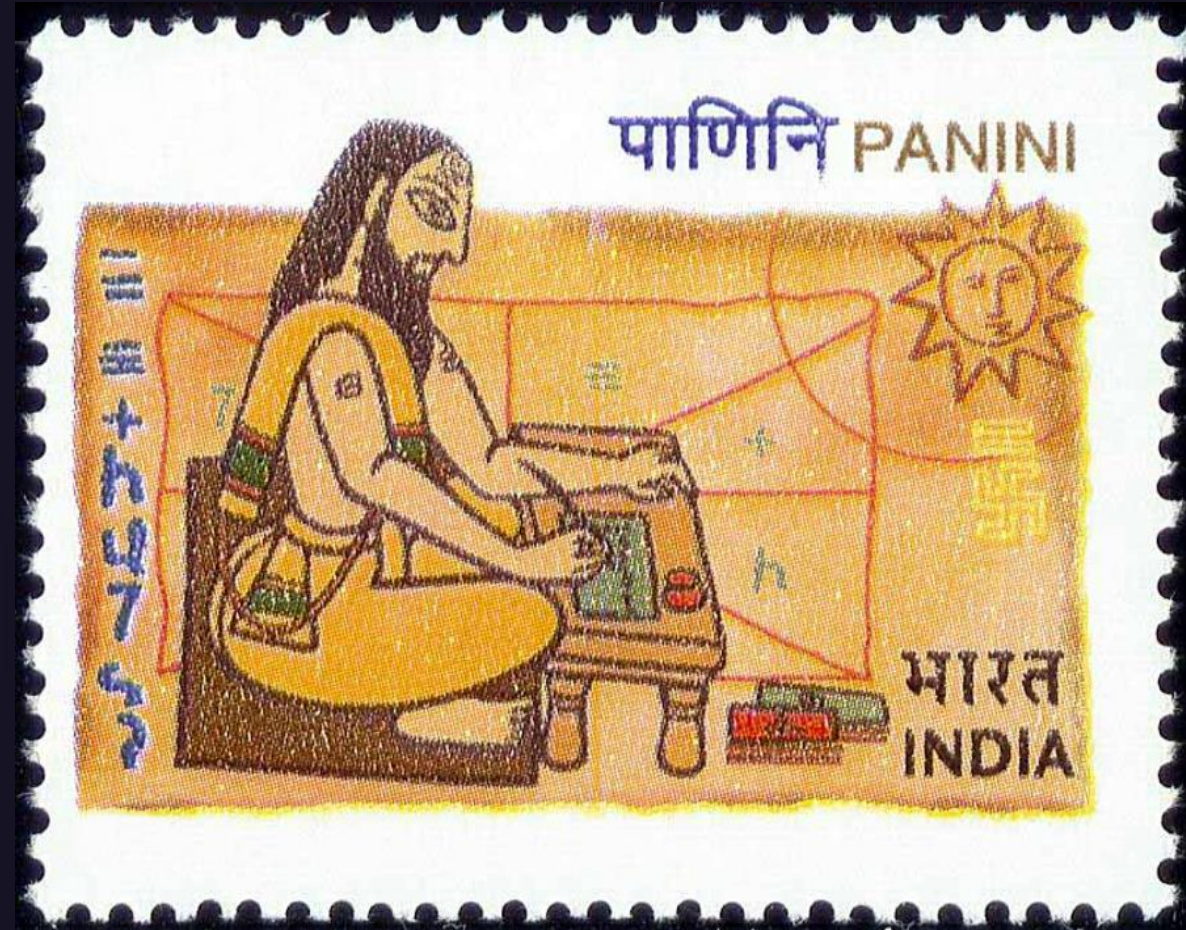


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- Panini's *Ashtadhyayi* refers to **Kalinga janapada**

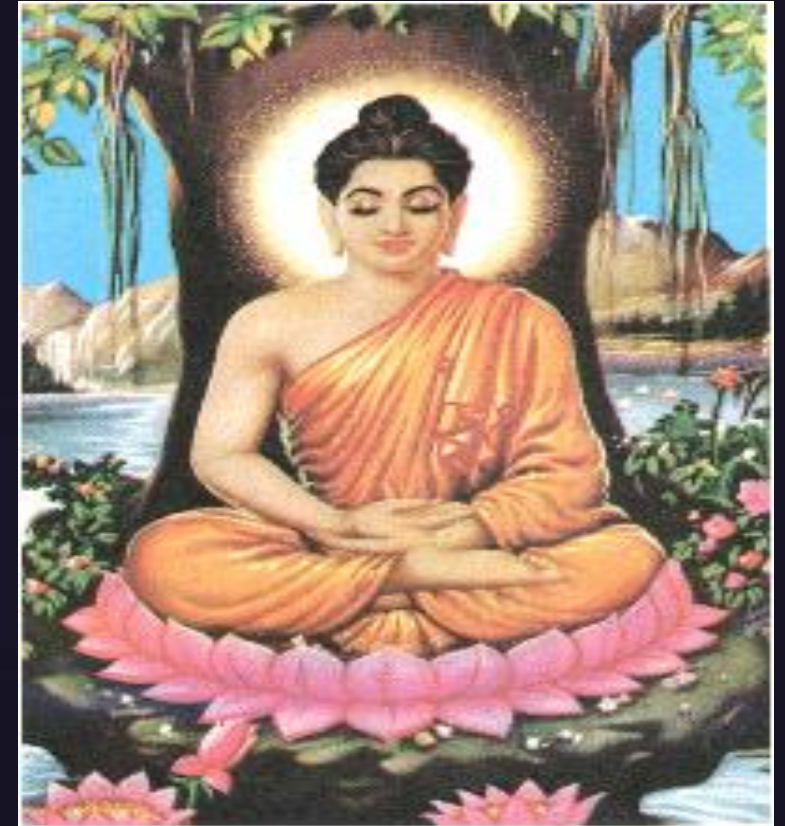


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- According to Boudha literature mahagovinda sutta of digganikaya, Kuru Dharma Jataka, Chullakalinga Jataka, Kumbhakar Jataka, kalingabodhi Jataka, **Kalinga was an independent country and its capital city was known as Dantapur.**





- The four famous kings of India, namely **Nimi of Videha**, **Dwimukha of Panchala**, **Nagnajit of Gandhar** and **Karakandu of Kalinga**, became the disciples of **Parswanath** and were engaged actively in the propagation of Jain religion.
- **Mahavir Jain** had come to Kalinga for the propagation of the fifth rule of Jainism known as “**Brahmachrya**”



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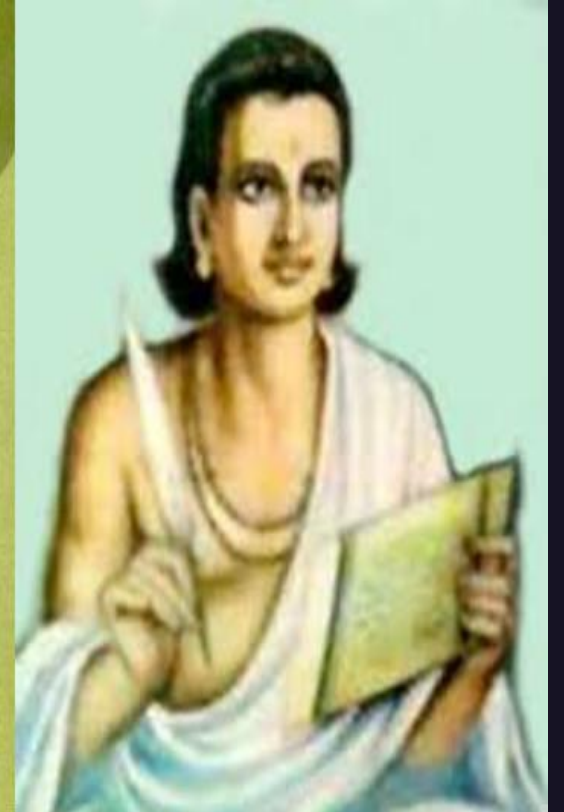
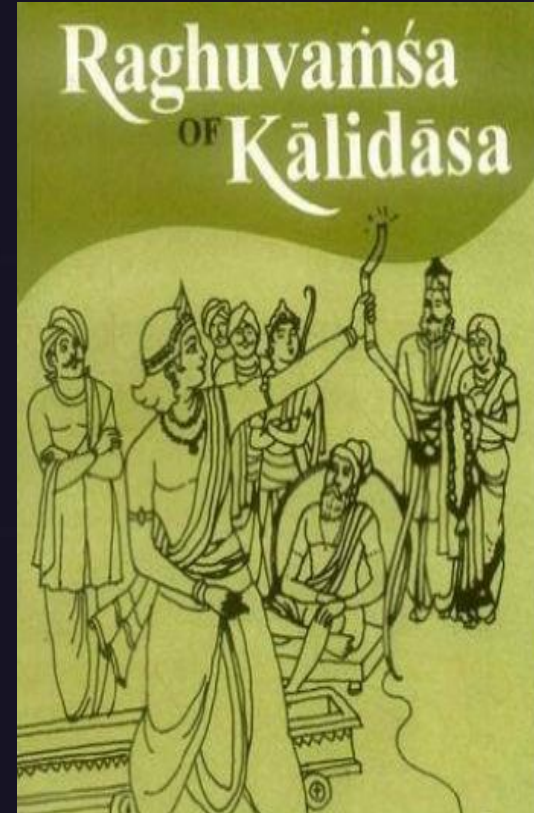
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## UTKALA

- Utkala has found mention in Kalidasa's Raghuvamsam.



- The name Utkala appears in Adhabhara plates of **Mahanannararaja** of **Sasivamsa** which includes **Utkala** in the early **Somavamsi Kindgom** of **Kosala**.
- The earliest capital of Utkala was **Viraja**



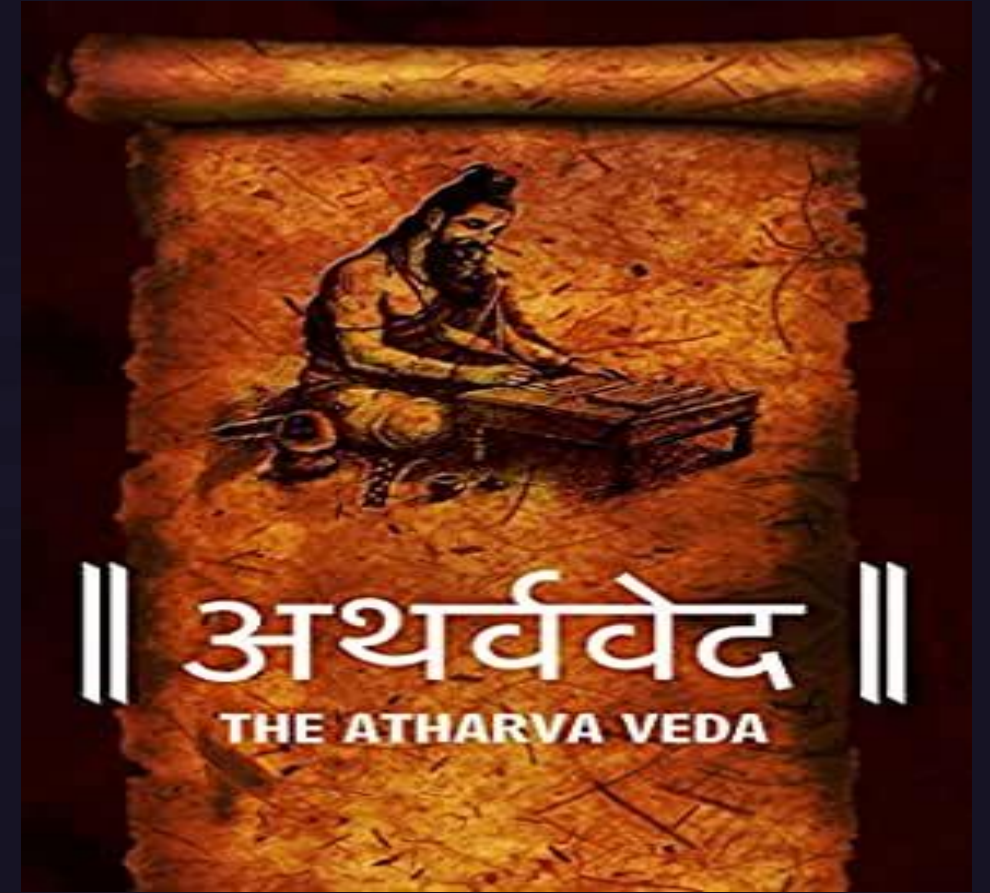
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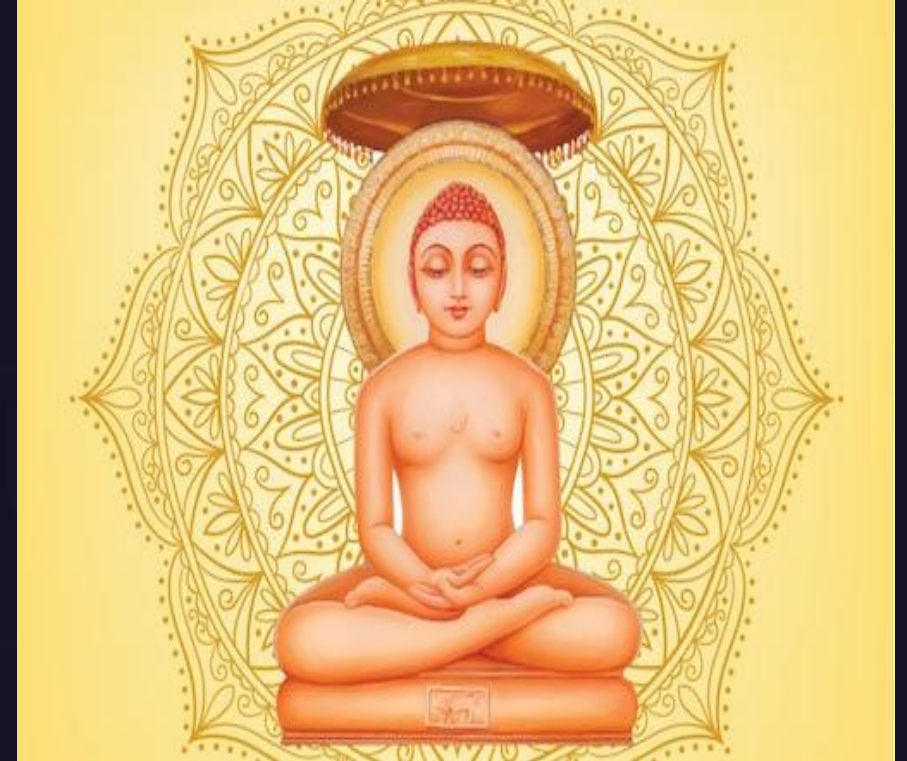
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## TOSALI

- It is mentioned in the 'Parisistha' of Atharva Veda



- The **Jaina** text **Avasyaka Niryukti** mentions about this land as follows:  
"Lord **Mahavira**, in the eleventh year of his monkship, came to **Tosali** where he was taken to be a robber and hit hard.





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- In Asoka's inscription at **Dhauili**, **Tosali** has found mention as a city which has been identified by some scholars with modern **Sisupalagarh**



## Kangoda

- **Kangoda** was another geographical unit of ancient Odisha.
- It was during the **Sailodbhava dynasty**, Kongoda came into eminence.
- Kongoda may be explained as the “**Land of Honey**” as **Kongu in Tamil means honey**.
- **Vijaya Kongodvasaka** appears to be the **capital of Kongoda mandala** which has been identified with modern **Bankada** in the light of the antiquities found there on the **river bank of Salia**.



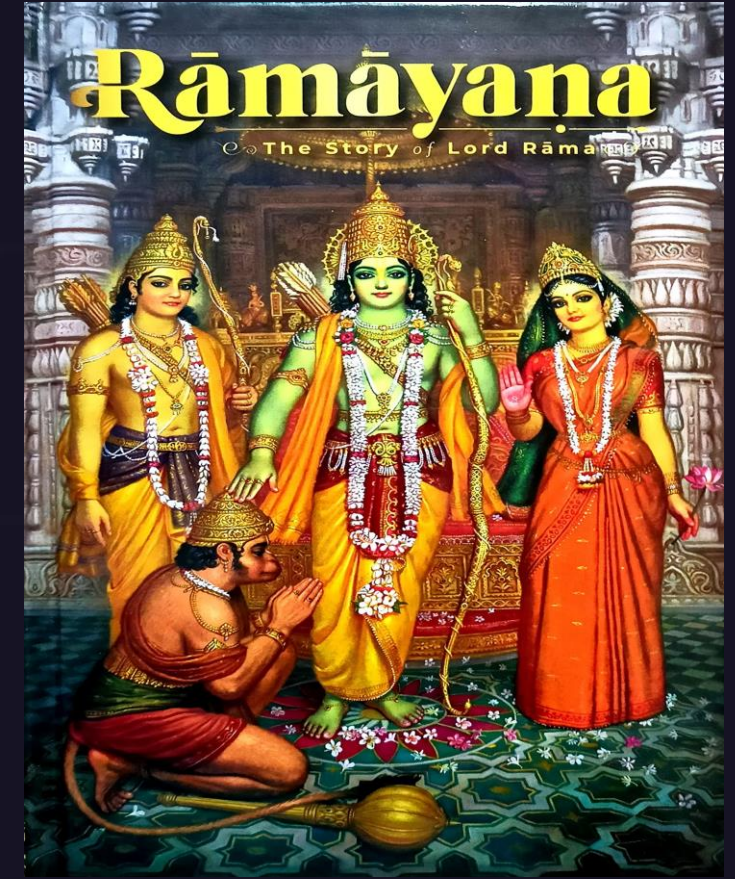
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## KOSALA

- The Ramayana projects the fact that after Rama, the kingdom of Kosala was divided between his two sons-Lava and Kusa holding sway over North Kosala and South Kosala respectively.





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- The Allahabad pillar inscription of Harisena includes Kosala among the territories of Dakshinapatha which were subjugated by Samudragupta.





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- Kosala also finds mention in the "Vana Parva" of the Mahabharata





**1. Kalinga is described in which part of the Mahabharata?**

- a) Vana Parva
- c) Shanti Parva
- b) Uttara Parva
- d) None of these

**ANSWER: A**



**2. According to the Mahabharata the capital city of ancient Kalinga was:**

- a) Kalinga Kataka
- b) Dantapur
- c) Vijayanagar
- d) Toshali

**ANSWER: B**

**3. Who among the following was the first historian to take up excavation Sishupalgarh?**

- a) Pyarimohan Acharya
- b) Satyanarayan Rajguru
- c) Kedarnath Mohapatra
- d) Braj Basi Lal

**ANSWER: D**

**4. The first major historical site of Odisha, Sisupalgarh was excavated by B. B. Lal in the year:**

- a) 1937
- b) 1949
- c) 1953
- d) 1969

**ANSWER: B**



**5. Odisha is believed to have derived its name from**

- a) Orya
- b) Urya
- c) Udyayan
- d) Odra

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Which of the following historical names of Odisha are mentioned in Kalidas'a Raghuvamsam?**

- a) Odra
- c) Utkala
- b) Kalinga
- d) Both (b) & (c)

**ANSWER: D**

**7. The original culture of Odisha was:**

- a) Aryan
- b) Tribal
- c) Dravidian
- d) Western

**ANSWER: B**



**8. According to some historians most of the tribals of Odisha belong to the:**

- a) Mongoloid group
- b) Mediterranean group
- c) Proto-australoid group
- d) Brachycephalic group

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Which part (Parva) of the Mahabharat mentions Kalinga as a land where river Baitarani flowed?**

- a) Sabhaparva
- b) Virata Parva
- c) Vanaparva
- d) Udaya Parva

**ANSWER: C**

**10. It is said that the ancient capital of Kalinga was:**

- a) Kalinganagar
- b) Toshali
- c) Malyabanta Nagar
- d) Dantapur

**ANSWER: D**



**11. Which of the following ancient works describes Odias as an ancient people?**

- a) Mahabharat
- b) Manu Samhita
- c) Ramayana
- d) Jatak Katha

**ANSWER: B**

**12. Alberuni in his account (11th century A.D.) mentioned Odisha as:**

- a) Odyadesa
- b) Urdavisau
- d) Odisa rajya
- c) Odivisa

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which of the names of ancient Odisha is NOT mentioned in Kalidas's Raghuvamsam? a)**

**Kalinga**

**b) Utkal**

**d) None of these**

**c) Toshali**

**ANSWER: C**



**14. Who among the following  
named his kingdom as  
"Sakalotkal" (the whole of Utkal)?**

- a) Mahapadmananda
- c) Chodagangadev
- b) Ashoka
- d) Samudragupta

**ANSWER: C**

**15. The familiar historical nomenclature of Odisha is found in:**

- a) The Ramayan
- b) The Mahabharat
- c) Buddhist literature
- d) All of these

**ANSWER: D**

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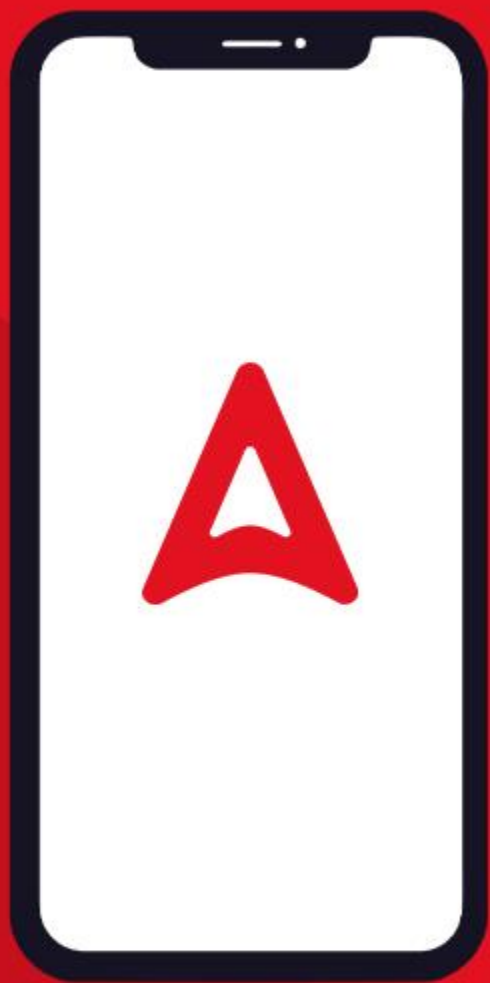
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