


The Naval Supremacy of Rajendra Chola: *A Conquest of the Seas*



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This slide introduces the topic of **Rajendra Chola's** naval dominance and his conquest of the seas. It sets the stage for the presentation and highlights the key aspects that will be covered.



Rise of the Chola Dynasty

The **Chola dynasty** was a powerful Tamil empire that ruled large parts of southern India and Southeast Asia from the 9th to the 13th century. Under their rule, the Cholas established a formidable naval presence and expanded their influence across the Indian Ocean.

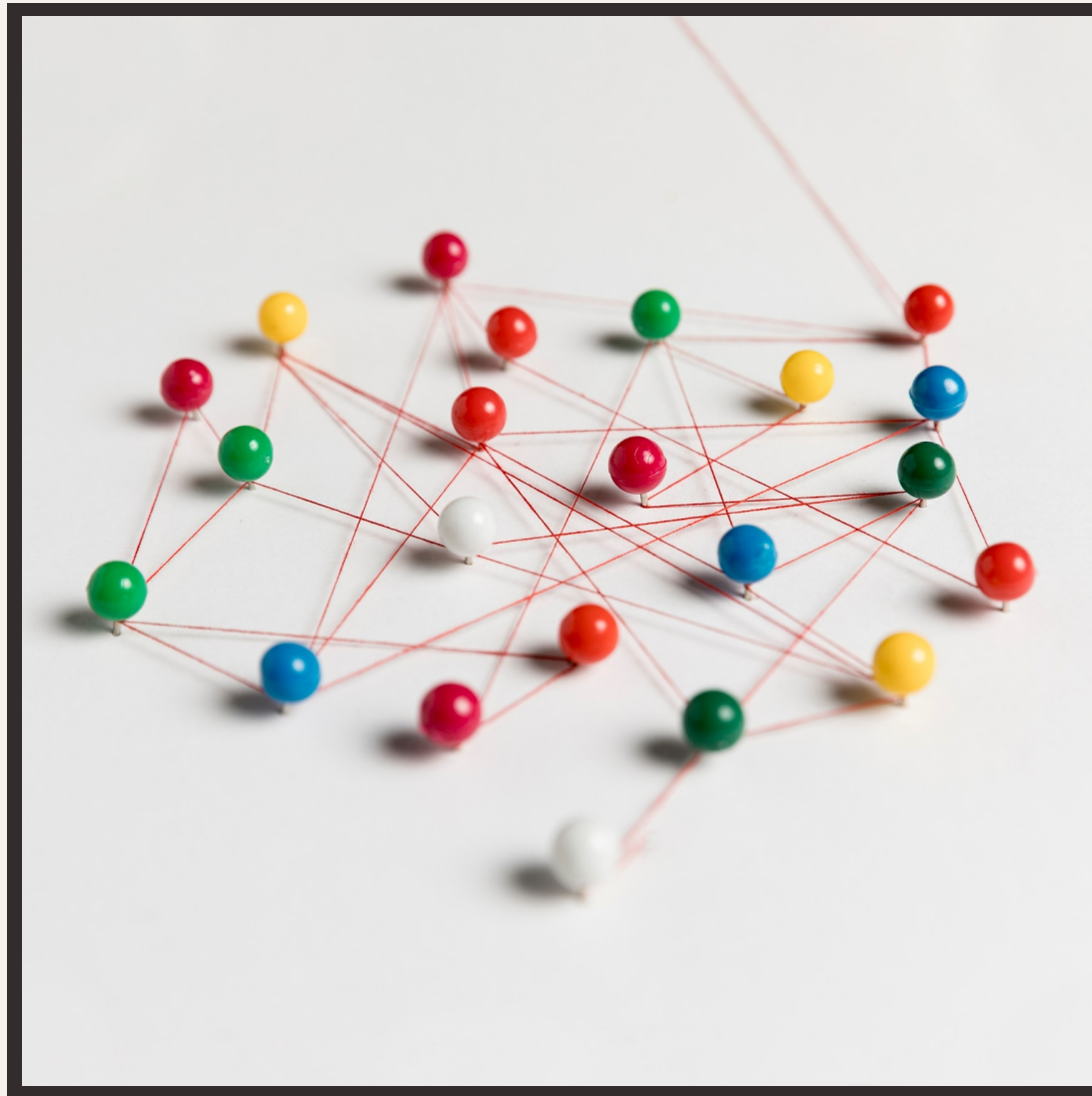
Rajendra Chola, the son of the renowned Chola king Rajaraja Chola, led several successful naval expeditions that expanded the Chola's maritime dominance. His campaigns reached as far as the Srivijaya Empire in present-day Indonesia and the Pala Empire in Bengal.



The Cholas were renowned for their advanced shipbuilding techniques, which included the use of **sturdy teak hulls**, **lateen sails**, and **sophisticated navigation systems**. These innovations allowed their ships to undertake long-distance voyages and dominate the Indian Ocean trade routes.



The Chola's Trade Network and Influence



The Chola's naval supremacy enabled them to establish a vast **trade network** that stretched from the Middle East to Southeast Asia. Their control of these lucrative trade routes brought immense wealth and power to the Chola dynasty.