

Raja Raja Chola I

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About Raja Raja Chola I:

- He was born as **Arulmozhi Varman in 947 CE**, he rose to become one of history's most illustrious and visionary rulers.
- He was revered as Raja Raja the Great, he inherited the legacy of his ancestors and crafted an empire that flourished both militarily and culturally.
- **Reign:** Raja Raja's reign, **from 985 to 1014 CE**, was marked by military prowess and profound administrative vision.
- **Military Conquest:**
 - During his reign, the Cholas expanded beyond South India with their domains stretching from Sri Lanka in the south to Kalinga in the north.
 - Raja Raja Chola also **launched several naval campaigns** that resulted in the capture of the Malabar Coast as well as the Maldives and Sri Lanka.
- **Titles**

- After the **defeat of the Pandyas** by him he took the title **Pandya Kulashani** meaning a thunderbolt to the race of the Pandyas.
 - He also adopted the title of **Mummudi Chola which means** the Chola who wears the three crowns.
 - In 1010, Raja Raja built the **Brihadisvara Temple in Thanjavur** dedicated to Lord Shiva.
 - The temple and the capital acted as a center of both religious and economic activity.
 - During his reign, the texts of the Tamil poets Appar, Sambandar and Sundarar were collected and edited into one **compilation called Thirumurai**.
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Q1: What is World Heritage?

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