

Ancient City of Sisupalgarh

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About Sisupalgarh:

- It is **located** near the city of Bhubaneswar **in Odisha**.
- It was **once the capital of Kalinga**, which is the ancient name of Odisha.
- It is considered **one of the largest** and best-preserved **ancient fortifications in India**.
- The fortifications are **over 2,000 years old** and **date back to the 3rd or 4th century BC**.
- **The remains** of the fortification were **discovered in 1948** by the Indian archaeologist B.B. Lal.
- **Features:**
 - It was **designed and constructed in a complete square shape** that was **surrounded by defensive walls**.
 - **Each side spreads for over half a mile**, and the interior is full of stone ruins and sculptures.
 - The **walls of the fortification** are a little over **nine meters (30 feet) tall**.

- There were **eight gateways into the city, two in each of the four sides** of the wall.
 - The **gateways were connected by streets** in a **grid-like arrangement** with the palace in the center.
 - The **gates were elaborate structures made of brick and stone.**
 - There is evidence of **stone-lined reservoirs** that were likely used for harvesting rainwater.
 - **Intelligent traffic management, pedestrian-friendly pathways, grand gateways with guard houses,** wide roads, and a vast open space were some of the key features of this ancient city.
 - The city is believed to have a **population of around 20,000 to 25,000.**
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Q1) Which region was known as Kalinga during ancient times?

Kalinga, ancient territorial subdivision of east-central India. It corresponds to present-day northern Telangana, northeastern Andhra Pradesh, most of Odisha, and a portion of Madhya Pradesh states.

Source: [Land mafias damage rampart of ancient fortified city of Sisupalgarh](#)

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