

Cholas

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About:

- The Chola kingdom stretched across present-day **Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and parts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka**. During the period of the Cholas' rise and fall (around 9th to 12th century AD), other powerful dynasties of the region would also come and go, such as the Rashtrakutas of the Deccan who defeated the Cholas, and the Chalukyas of the Andhra Pradesh region whom the Cholas frequently battled.
- The **dynasty was founded by the king Vijayalaya**, described as a "feudatory" of the Pallavas by historian Satish Chandra in the book 'The History of Medieval Era'.

Society under the Cholas

- One of the biggest achievements of the Chola dynasty was its **naval power**, allowing them to go as far as Malaysia and the Sumatra islands of Indonesia in their conquests.

- While the extent of this domination is disputed, the Cholas had strong ties with merchant groups and this allowed them to undertake impressive naval expeditions.
 - **Succession wars were natural** which is set in the time after the Rashtrakutas defeated the Cholas.
 - Another feature is how the **practice of building grand temples**. The grand **Brihadeeswara temple of Thanjavur**, built by the Cholas, was the largest building in India in that period.
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