

MEDIEVAL HISTORY

PANDYA DYNASTY

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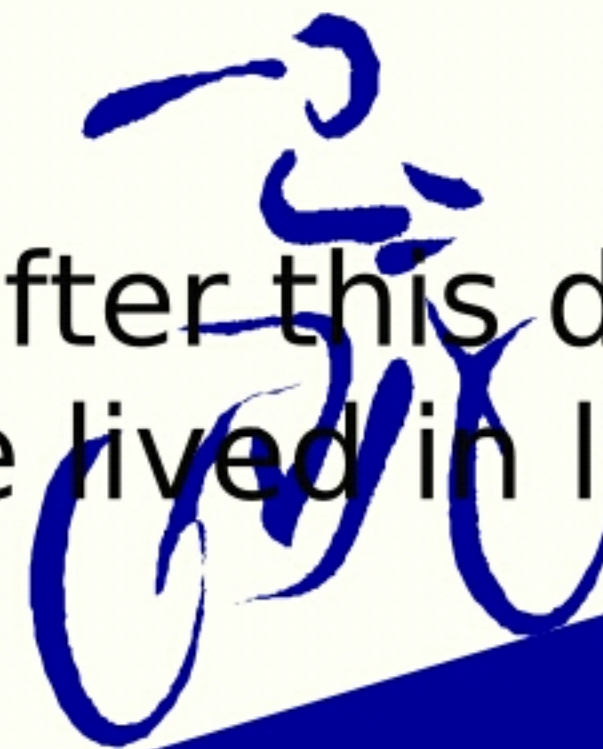
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- The kingdom was ordinarily divided into 5 principalities -"Five Pandyas". The early days capital of Pandyas is Korkai.
- **Korkai** - cradle of South Indian Civilization - Home of three brothers who were supposed to have founded the Pandya, Chera and Chola Kingdoms.
- After Korkai, the commercial capital of the Pandyas was shifted to a new port of at a town **Old Kayal**, which were about one and half kilometers from the mouth of river **Tambraparni**.

- Visit of Marco Polo – Richest Empire – Old Kayal
- Capital – Madurai - Central seat of Tamil Sangam literature
- Mathuraikkanchi - This work praises a Pandya King **Nedunchezhiyan.**
- First Pandya Empire Post Sangam period, the first Pandyan empire was established by a King named **Kadungon**



- Last King of this first Pandyan Empire - **Maravarman Rajasimha II**.
- He was a contemporary of the Chola King **Parantaka Chola I**, who overran his kingdom and captured Madurai.
- Parantaka Chola-I after this victory, earned the title of **Maduraikonda**.
- Rajasimha II fled to Ceylon after this defeat and returned to Kerala, where he lived in low profile under a **Chera King**.



- In the turn of the 13th century, a vassal of Chola Empire named **Jatavarman Kulasekaran I** ascended to the Madura Throne in 1290, turned rebel to Cholas.
- Surrendered to Chola king **Kulothunga** - and acknowledging his surrender, he was returned his capital. But during this, the ancient coronation hall of Madurai was destroyed - No records
- **Maravarman Sundara Pandyan**, who came into power in 1216 AD, invaded the Chola Kingdom.



- This was the revival of **second Pandyan Empire**.
- Succeeded by Jatavarman Sundara Pandyan - **Second Rama**.
- Dispute arose about the succession of the Pandya throne and one of the claimants appealed to the Sultan of Delhi, Alauddin Khilji.
- Resulted in invasion by **Malik Kafur**.
- Malik Kafur was followed by two other expeditions from the Delhi Sultanate in 1314 AD led by **Khusrav Khan** and in 1323 AD by **Ulugh Khan**

- Later Muhammad Bin Tughlaq created a southern province and placed **Sayyid Jalal-ud-Din Ahsan** as its governor.
- In 1333 AD **Sayyid declared his independence** – Madurai Sultanate
- Nayak Governors till british



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