

## IBRAHIM QUTUB SHAH WALI

Born	1518
Died	5 June 1580 (aged 61–62)
Spouse	Bhagirathi of <a href="#">Vijayanagar</a> Bibi Jamil (daughter of <a href="#">Hussain Nizam Shah I</a> )
Issue	<a href="#">Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah</a> Mirza Muhammad Amin Chand Sultana (married to <a href="#">Ibrahim Adil Shah II</a> )
House	<a href="#">Qara Qoyunlu</a>

- ❑ Ibrahim Qutb Shah Wali (1518 – 5 June 1580), also known by his Telugu name Malki BhaRama, was the fourth ruler of the kingdom of Golconda in southern India
- ❑ He was the first of the Qutb Shahi dynasty to use the title "*Sultan*".
- ❑ He ruled from 1550 to 1580. He lived for seven years in exile at the court of Vijayanagara as an honoured guest, but fifteen years after going back to his kingdom, he betrayed his former hosts and friends, joined hands with certain other Muslim rulers, and destroyed Vijayanagara.

- ❑ Ibrahim was born the son of Quli Qutb Mulk, founder of the Qutb Shahi dynasty of Golconda.
- ❑ His father, an ethnic Turkmen, had emigrated to India with his family as a young man and taken employment in the court of the Bahmani Sultanate in the Deccan.
- ❑ He had risen steadily in the army and, when the Bahmani sultanate had splintered and collapsed, he had carved out a sizable principality for himself by force of army. Ibrahim was one of his younger sons

- ❑ He returned to Golconda and took the throne in 1550. Here again, Ibrahim employed Hindus for administrative, diplomatic and military purposes within his sultanate.
- ❑ A patron of the arts and of Telugu literature, Ibrahim sponsored many court poets, such as Singanacharyudu, Addanki Gangadharudu, and Kandukuru Rudrakavi.
- ❑ He also patronized Arabic and Persian poets in his court. He is also known in Telugu literature as Malki Bharama

- ❑ In 1565, Ibrahim took the advantage of internal conflicts in Vijayanagara, which had given him shelter in exile during 1543-1550.
- ❑ He became part of a cabal of Muslim rulers of small states which banded together to destroy the powerful Hindu kingdom of Vijayanagara.
- ❑ He thus personally betrayed Aliya Rama Raya of Vijayanagara, who had given him shelter during his exile in 1543 to 1550. In the Battle of Talikota which ensued, Aliya Rama Raya was killed and the city where Ibrahim had spent seven happy and safe years was razed to the ground; the remnants of its former glory can be seen in the ruins of Hampi today.