

Bahmani and Vijayanagara Kingdoms

Bahmani Kingdom:

- The decline of the Sultanate of Delhi gave birth to two mighty states in South India the Bahmani Kingdom of Gulbarga and the Vijayanagara Empire.
- The Bahmanis were **Muslim rulers**, while the rulers of the Vijayanagar were **Hindus**.
- The Bahmani kingdom was founded by **Zafar Khan** (Hassan) who took the title of Alauddin **Bahman Shah**. He selected **Gulbaraga** as its capital and renamed it **Ahsanabad**.
- There were total eighteen Sultans and they ruled from 1347 to 1527.
- **Muhammed Gawan** was the famous minister of Bahmini kingdom.
- The last prince of the Bahmani Kingdom was **Kalimullah**.
- By 1527, the Bahmani kingdom was split up into five independent principalities.
- **The Adil Shahis** of Bijapur -founder – Yusuf Adilshah (1489 - 90)
- **The Nizam Shahis** of Ahamadnagar - founder - Malik Ahmad (1499)
- **The Imadshahis** of Berar - founder -Fateh Ulla Imadshanti (1490)
- **The Qutubshahi** kingdom of Golconda – founder - Qutabshah (1512)
- **The Baridshahis** of Bidar - founder - Amir Ali Barid (1527).
- Muhammad Adil Shah built Gol Gumbaz, a tomb with world's second-largest Dome at Bijapur
- Muhammad shah built the city of **Hyderabad** (Bhagyanagar)
- Berar stayed out of the Battle of **Talikotta**

Vijaya Nagara Empire:

- The founders of Vijaya Nagar Empire were **Harihara** and **Bukka Rai**, the revenue officers of the Kakatiya ruler Pratap Rudra Deva II of Warrangal.
- They founded the dynasty in 1336 with the capital as Vijaya Nagara on the banks of **Tungabhadra** river with the help of **Saint Vidyaranya**.
- Vijayanagara kingdom lasted for 230 years and produced four dynasties.
- **Sangama (1336 - 1485)**
- **Saluva - (1485 - 1505)**
- **Tuluva (1505 - 1565)** and
- **Aravidu (1565 - 1672)**
- **Krishna Deva Raya** (1509 - 1529) belonged to the Tuluva dynasty. The Italian traveller Nicolocont visited his court.
- Krishnadeva Rayar is known as '**Andhra Bhoja**' He wrote **Ushaparinayam** and **Amuktamalyada**

- **Allasani Peddanna**, a Telugu poet was a courtier of Krishna Deva Raya. He is considered as the "**Andra Kavita Pitamaha**" the Grand Father of Telugu poetry.
- '**Ashtadiggajas**' was the famous Scholastic Assembly in the court of Krishna Deva Raya. Vijayanagar Empire was visited by many foreign travellers:-
- **Nicolo Conti** - Venitian traveller, visited during the reign of Devaraya I.
- **Abdur Razzak**: Ambassador of Sulthan ShahRukh to the court of Devaraya II.
- **Damingos Paes**: He visited Krishna Devaraya's court.
- **Feron Nuniz**: A Portuguese who visited during Achyuta Raya's reign.
- **Durate Barbosa**: A Portuguese who visited Krishnadeva Raya's court.
- **Athanasius Nikitin (1415)**: He was a Russian, who visited during Deva Raya I's period. He wrote, 'Voyage to India'.