

Ancient Kingdoms of the South

Chapter 9: Ancient Kingdoms of the South · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Chola, Chera, and Pandya kingdoms, collectively known as the 'three crowned kings,' ruled different regions of ancient South India.

These kingdoms were known for extensive maritime trade with regions like Rome, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the ancient world.

Ancient Tamil literature, called Sangam literature, flourished during this period, providing insights into society, culture, and values.

The kingdoms of the south developed distinct art, architecture, and cultural traditions, significantly influencing South Indian heritage.

Quick Revision Notes

- Three main kingdoms: Chola, Chera, Pandya.
- Called the 'three crowned kings'.
- They ruled different South Indian regions.
- Known for extensive maritime trade.
- Traded with Rome, Southeast Asia.
- Sangam literature flourished during this period.
- It offers insights into society, values.
- Distinct art, architecture developed too.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research one of the three South Indian kingdoms.
- 2 Discuss the maritime trade of these kingdoms.
- 3 Research Sangam literature and its significance.
- 4 Discuss the art and architecture of South India.
- 5 Draw a map showing these kingdoms' locations.
- 6 Discuss the cultural heritage of South India.