

The Cholas

Chapter 7: The Cholas · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Cholas, particularly under rulers like Rajaraja Chola I and Rajendra Chola I, built a powerful navy that extended their influence to Southeast Asia.

Chola temple architecture, like the Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur, showcased remarkable engineering and artistic achievement.

The Cholas developed an effective local administration system, with village councils playing an important role in local governance.

The Chola Empire's naval expeditions and trade connections significantly influenced the spread of Indian culture across Southeast Asia.

Quick Revision Notes

- The Cholas were a long-ruling South Indian dynasty.
- Rajaraja Chola I and Rajendra Chola I were notable rulers.
- The Cholas built a powerful navy.
- This extended influence to Southeast Asia.
- The Brihadeeswarar Temple showcases Chola architecture.
- It's in Thanjavur.
- Village councils aided local administration.
- Chola trade spread Indian culture across Southeast Asia.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research Rajaraja Chola I's achievements.
- 2 Research the Brihadeeswarar Temple.
- 3 Discuss Chola naval expeditions to Southeast Asia.
- 4 Explain the role of village councils.
- 5 Research Chola influence on Southeast Asian culture.
- 6 Create a timeline of the Chola dynasty.