

The Vijayanagar and Bahmani Kingdoms

Chapter 6: The Vijayanagar and Bahmani Kingdoms · Topic 1

Key Concept

The Vijayanagar Empire, founded in 1336 CE, became a major Hindu kingdom in South India, known for its wealth, temples, and support of arts and literature.

The Bahmani Kingdom, founded in 1347 CE, was a Muslim sultanate in the Deccan region, often rival to Vijayanagar for territory and resources.

Both kingdoms had significant military and cultural achievements, with Vijayanagar particularly known for its capital city, Hampi.

The rivalry between these kingdoms eventually weakened both, though their contributions to South Indian art, architecture, and administration remained significant.

Quick Revision Notes

- The Vijayanagar Empire was founded in 1336 CE.
- It was a major Hindu kingdom in South India.
- It was known for wealth, temples and arts support.
- The Bahmani Kingdom was founded in 1347 CE.
- It was a Muslim sultanate in the Deccan.
- The two kingdoms were often rivals.
- Vijayanagar's capital was Hampi.
- Both left significant cultural and administrative legacies.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the Vijayanagar Empire.
- 2 Research the Bahmani Kingdom.
- 3 Research the ruins of Hampi.
- 4 Discuss the rivalry between these kingdoms.
- 5 Explain their contributions to South Indian culture.
- 6 Create a timeline of both kingdoms.