**An Outline Chronology of Kashmir History**

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**Sources**

1. Nilmatpurana Written in 6th – 7th Cent. (Oldest extant text)
2. Kalhana’s Rajatarangani Written in 1149 – 1150
3. Jonaraja’s Rajatarangani Covers 1150 – 1459
4. Jaina Rajatarangani by Srivara Pandit Covers 1459 – 1486
5. Rajavalipataka by Prajyabhatta Covers 1486 – 1512
6. Chaturtha Rajatarangani by Suka Covers up to the arrival of Asaf Khan

 (Shah Jehan’s, 1628-1657, Prime Minister)

**Chronology**

**Ancient Hindu Era**

3120 B.C. – 598 3,718 years 92 kings (chronology speculative – based on Kalhana

 and Ghulam Hassan Shah (1832 – 1898), in Tarikh-i-

 Hasan. The only source of 47 Lost Kings, based on

 Ratnakar Purana, compiled by Anand Kaul.

 Kalhana starts with King Gonanda I

Karakota Dynasty 600 – 855 255 years Hieun Tsiang visits Kashmir (631 – 633)

Utpala Dynasty 855 – 1003 148 years Suyya, the great engineer. Sopore named after him

 Lalitaditya Muktapida, built Martand Temple.

 Avanti Varman (855 – 883). Built Samarsvamin

 Temple in Avantipura.

 Vasagupta, founder of Kashmir Shaivism

 Ksemgupta (950 – 958). Married Didda.

 Didda (980 – 1003)

1st Lohar Dynasty 1003 – 1101 98 years King Harsha (1089 – 1101)

2nd Lohar Dynasty 1101 – 1339 238 years Pandit Kalhana wrote Rjatarangani during

 Jayasimha’s reign (1128 – 1154)

 Suhadeva (1301 1320). During his reign Dulcha,

 Rinchana, and Shah Mir came to Kashmir

 Rinchana (1323 – 1323). Converted to Islam.

 Udyandeva (1323 – 1338), brother of Suhadeva

 Kotarani (1338 – 1339). Murdered by Shah Mir.

 Lal Ded born in 1335

**Total Ancient Hindu Era 4,457 years**

**Muslim Era**

Sultanate 1339 – 1561 222 years Shams’Din (Shah Mir) 1339 – 1342)

 Sikandar Bhutshikan (1389 – 1413) –

 Most tyrannical to KPs. Forced conversion

 of KPs to Islam

 Zain-Ul-Abidin (Budshah) 1420 – 1470

 Most secular Muslim king. Death of Sheikh

 Nur-ud-Din Rishi

Chaks 1561 – 1586 25 years Habba Khatoon

Moguls 1586 -1752 166 years Rupa Bhavani (Shah Jehan’s reign 1628 – 1657)

Afghans 1752 – 1819 67 years Most brutal era for KPs

 Parmanand born in 1791

 Arnimal

**Total Muslim Era 480 years**

**Modern Hindu Era**

Sikhs 1819 – 1846 27 years Treaty of Amristar

Dogras 1846 – 1947 101 years Britain sold Kashmir to Gulab Singh for 75 lak rupees

 Master Zinda Kaul

**Total Modern Hindu Era 128 years**

**History of Srinagar**

The city of Srinagri was founded by King Ashoka (273 – 232 B.C.) at the present-day village of Pandrethan, about 3 miles of the present-day Srinagar. (Panderthan was called Purnadisthan until 14th cent.). Present-day Srinagar was founded by King Pravarsena The Second (Gonandiya Dynasaty) and used to be called Pravarpura. When the name Srinagri changed to Srinagar and replaced Pravarpura is not known.

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