

# An Outline Chronology of Kashmir History

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## Sources

1. Nilmatpurana	Written in 6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> 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)
1 <sup>st</sup> Lohar Dynasty	1003 – 1101	98 years	King Harsha (1089 – 1101)
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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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