

An Outline Chronology of Kashmir History

Sources

1. Nilmatpurana
2. Kalhana's Rajatarangani
3. Jonaraja's Rajatarangani
4. Jaina Rajatarangani by Srivara Pandit
5. Rajavalipataka by Prajyabhatta
6. Chaturtha Rajatarangani by Suka

Written in 6th - 7th Cent. (Oldest extant text)

Written in 1149 - 1150

Covers 1150 - 1459

Covers 1459 - 1486

Covers 1486 - 1512

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 Dynast

Utpala Dynasty

600 - 855 255 years

855 - 1003 148 years

Hieun Tsiang visits Kashmir (631 - 633)

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

2nd Lohar Dynasty

1003 - 1101 98 years

1101 - 1339 238 years

King Harsha (1089 - 1101)

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

Moguls

Afghans

1561 - 1586 25 years

1586 -1752 166 years

1752 - 1819 67 years

Habba Khatoon

Rupa Bhavani (Shah Jehan's reign 1628 - 1657)

Most brutal era for KPs

Parmanand born in 1791

Arnimial

Total Muslim Era

480 years

Total Muslim Era

Sikhs

Dogras

1819 - 1846 27 years

1846 - 1947 101 years

Treaty of Amristar

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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