



Southern Kingdoms in Medieval India - Part 2

Yadava Dynasty (1187–1317 AD)

- **Capital** – Devagiri (Daulatabad)
- **Founder** – Bhillama V (defeated Hoysalas, established sovereignty)
- **Extent** – Maharashtra, North Karnataka, parts of Madhya Pradesh
- **Sources** – Deolali inscription (mentions Seunachandra II)



Important Rulers

Bhillama V (1173–1191 AD)



- Title: Chakravartin Yadava (Mutugi inscription)
- Defeated Hoysala King Ballala II

Simhana II (1200–1246 AD)

- Defeated Shilahara King Bhoja II
- Patronized Sarangadeva (Sangeeta Ratnakara), Changadeva (Yoga Sangrama)

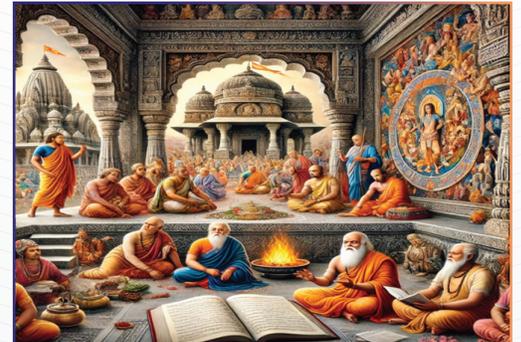
Ramachandra (1291–1309 AD)



- Defeated by Malik Kafur under Alauddin Khalji

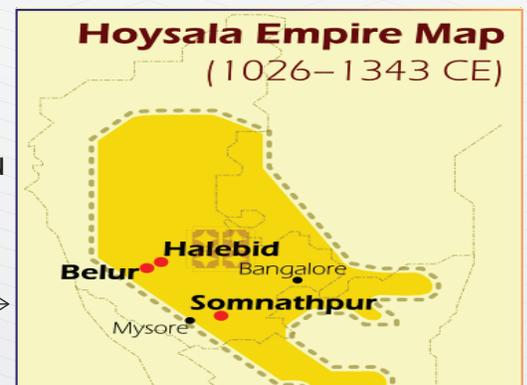
Art & Architecture

- **Gondeshwar Temple (Nashik)** – Panchayatana layout, Bhumija-style shikhara
- **Literature**
 - *Vivekasindhu* – Mukundaraja
 - *Dnyaneshwari* – Dnyaneshwar (commentary on Bhagavad Gita)
 - *Karnakutuhala* – Bhaskaracharya



Hoysala Dynasty (1026–1343 AD)

- **Capital** – Halebidu, Belur
- **Founder** – Sala (Belur inscription by Vishnuvardhana)
- **Extent** – Karnataka, parts of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
- **Religion** – Vaishnavism, Shaivism, Jainism
- **Administrative Divisions** – Kingdom → Nadu → Vishaya → Kampana → Desha



Important Rulers



Vishnuvardhana (1108–1152 AD)

- Titles: Bitti Deva, Talakadugonda
- Converted to Vaishnavism under Ramanujacharya
- Built Keerthi Narayana Temple (Talakadu) & Chennakesava Temple (Belur)

Veera Ballala II (1173–1220 AD)

- Patronized Jain poets Janna, Nemichandra and Brahmin poet Rudrabhatta



Decline

- **Veera Ballala III** (last ruler) died in Battle of Madurai (1343)
- Hoysala territory absorbed by Vijayanagara Empire

Art & Literature

Hoysala Architecture

- Soft soapstone, stellate plans, highly ornamented interiors, lathe-turned pillars
- **Notable Temples:**
 - Kesava Temple, Somanathapura (Vaishnavite, highly detailed sculptures)
 - Chennakesava Temple, Belur (Vishnu shrine, 48 unique pillars)
 - Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebidu (Shaivite, twin temples)



Literature

- Yashodharacharite – Janna
- Girijakalyana – Harihara
- Jagannatha Vijaya – Rudrabhatta



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