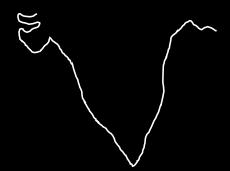
NCERT Class 6 History Chapter 10: Traders, Kings and Pilgrims

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- South India: Gold, spices, pepper, & precious stones
- Roman Empire: Pepper black gold



- Muvendar (3 chiefs) head of 3 families Cholas,
 Cheras & Pandyas (2300 yrs ago) each with 2 centers (1 inland & 1 port)
- Cholas Port Puhar or Kaveripattinam
- Cholas Capital Uraiyur
- Pandyas Capital Madurai
- Pandyas Port Korkai
- Cheras Capital Vanji
- Cheras Port Tondi & Musiri



Sangam Period

- No regular tax
- Tribute from neighboring area
- Kept some wealth & distributed rest
- Poems in praise of chief & were rewarded

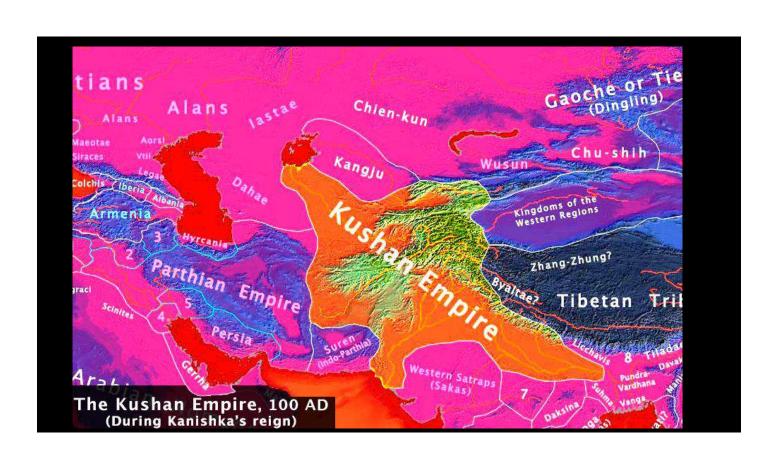
Satavahanas

- •In West India
- •Ruler Gautamiputra Shri Satakarni (about him from inscription by his mother Gautami Balashri)
- Kings called as dakshinapatha (route leading to south)
- •1st ruler Simuka
- Last ruler Yajnasri Satakarni



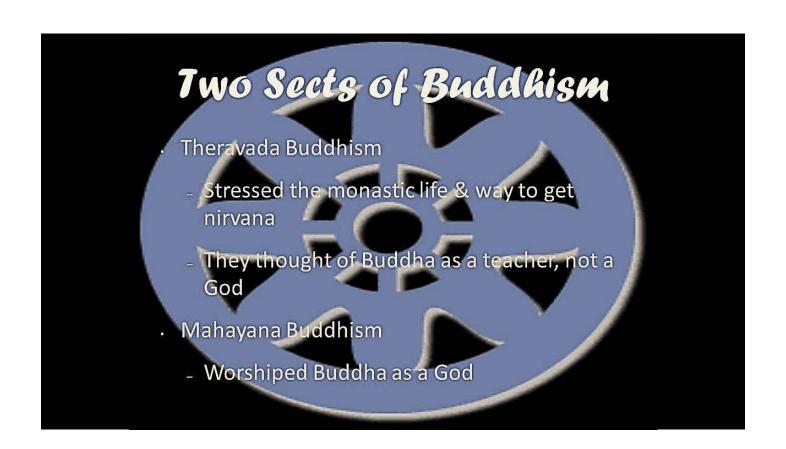
Kushanas

- •Best ruler of Silk Route period 2000 yrs ago
- Peshawar and Mathura center of power
- •Taxila included
- Branch extended till Indus R. shipped west to Rome
- Earliest to issue gold coins used for trade
- Major ruler Kanishka (1900 yrs ago)



Buddhism

- Kanishka Buddhists Council
- Ashvaghosha (poet): Composed biography of Buddha (Buddhacharita) lived in his court – Wrote in Sanskrit
- Mahayana Buddhism Statues of Buddha (Mathura, Taxila)
 before it was signs like peepal tree.
- Bodhisattvas Attain enlightment (isolation & meditate) rather remain in world & teach in C. Asia, Korea, Japan & China
- Spread to West & South caves carved out kings, queens and merchants
- Spread to Southeast Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia – Theravada Buddhism



Pilgrims

- Journey to holy places
- Fa Xian (1600 yrs ago) Chinese Buddhist Pilgrims
- Xuan Zang (1400 yrs ago)
- •I-Qing

Bhakti

- Word "Bhaj" meaning divide or share
- Devotee Bhakta/Bhagvata shares bhaga (good fortune)
- Hinduism: Shiva, Vishnu & Durga
- Anybody rich or poor, high or low caste, man or woman
- Given in Bhagvad Gita, Mahabharata
- Krishna Asks to abandon dharma & take refuge in him
- Moved to individual worship from elaborate sacrifices
- If devotee worship with pure heart, deity will appear
- Appar: Shiva Bhakta 1400 yrs ago & was vellala

Christianity

- •2000 yrs ago in West Asia
- Christ born in Bethlehem (part of Roman Empire)
- Savior of the world
- Treat others as you want yourselves to be treated
- Spread to West Asia, Africa and Europe
- •In Kerala Syrian Christians (amongst oldest Christian communities in the world)

