

CHRONOLOGICAL ACCOUNTS OF ORISSAN HISTORY

261 B.C.	*	The Great Kalingan War
177 B.C.	*	Coronation of King Kharavela
520 – 552 A.D.	*	Janmejaya, Father of Jajatikeshari ruled Kalinga
552 – 598 A.D.	*	Jajatikeshari ruled Kalinga
600	*	Sasanka, King of Gauda Desa conquered Utkal
631 – 675	*	Lalatendu Keshari ruled Kalinga
639	*	Huen-Tsang visited Kalinga
920 – 935	*	Nrupa Keshari ruled Kalinga
935 – 951	*	Markat Keshari ruled Kalinga
1078	*	Choda Ganga Dev, the Founder of Ganga Dynasty in Kalinga, became the king.
1115	*	Construction of Sri Jagannath Temple began at Puri
1156 – 1170	*	Raghav Dev ruled Kalinga
1170 – 1194	*	Raj Raj Dev-II ruled Kalinga
1190 – 1198	*	Ananga Bhima Dev-II ruled Kalinga
1198 – 1211	*	Raj Raj Dev-III ruled Kalinga
1234 – 1245	*	Langula Narasingh Dev built Sun Temple at Konark
1264 – 1278	*	Bhauma Dev-I ruled Kalinga
1278	*	Chandrika Devi, daughter of Ananga Bhima Dev-III built Ananta Basudev Temple at Bhubaneswar.
1278 – 1305	*	Narasingh Dev-II ruled Kalinga
1306 – 1328	*	Bhauma Dev-III ruled Kalinga
1328 – 1352	*	Narasingh Dev-III ruled Kalinga
1352 – 1378	*	Bhauma Dev-III ruled Kalinga
1378 – 1414	*	Narasingh Dev-IV ruled Kalinga
1414 – 1434	*	Bhauma Dev-IV ruled Kalinga
1435 – 1467	*	Kapilendra Dev, Founder of Orissan Empire
	*	The era “Kapilabda” started from the day of his coronation
	*	Founder of Suryavamsi Dynasty
	*	Sarala Das wrote Oriya Mahabharat during this period

- 1464 * Kapilendra Dev conquered from Ganges in North to Trichinapalli in South and hold the title Gajapati Gaudeshwar Nabakoti Karnat Kalabargeshwar.
- 1467 – 1497 * Purushottam Dev ruled Kalinga
- 1497 – 1540 * Prataprudra Dev ruled Kalinga
* Sri Chaitanya Dev came to Kalinga
- 1542 – 1549 * Govinda Bidyadhar ruled Kalinga
* Founded the Bhoi Dynasty in Kalinga
- 1560 – 1568 * Mukunda Dev established Chalukya dynasty
* Kalapahad, the terror destroyed temples of Kalinga
- 1568 * Suleiman Karrani conquered Orissa
* End of Independence of Orissa
- 1590 * Mughals started conquering Orissa
- 1592 * First battle between Mughals and Afghans near Subarnarekha
* Fall of Sarangagarh Fort
- 1593 * King of Khurda surrendered before Mansingh
- 1611 – 1617 * Raja Todarmal divided Orissa as Moghulbandi and Garhjat
- 1617 * Subedar Mukarram Khan invaded Khurda
- 1625 * Dutch founded their first settlement at Pipli of Balasore District
- 1633 * East India Company established their first factory at Haripur in Bay of Bengal Coast.
- 1660 – 1667 * Khan-i-Dauran took over Subahdarship of Orissa
- 1671 * East India Company granted free trade in Orissa during the reign of Aurangzeb.
- 1751 * Maratha Rule began in Orissa
- 1766 * East India Company occupied Ganjam
- 1803 * Barabati Fort occupied by East India Company from Marathas
* Northern Orissa conquered by East India Company
- 1817 * Paika rebellion in Khurda
- 1835 * Ghumusar rebellion
- 1862 * Surendra Sai surrendered before Major Imphey
- 1866 * Orissa famine called 'Naonka Durvikshya' occurred and took away major lives
- 1882 * Utkal Sabha formed as Gourishankar Ray its Secretary
- 1895 * Meeting held at Cuttack under Chairmanship of Madhubabu and resolution passed for amalgamation of Oriya speaking tracks.
- 1898 * Madhubabu elected to Bengal Legislative Assembly
- 1903 * Union Conference began
- 1907 * Representation made to Royal Commission for a Union of Oriya speaking tracks.
- 1909 * Satyabadi Bana Bidyalaya established (12th August)
- 1911 * Bihar-Orissa separated from Bengal province

- 1912 * Sitting of Jatiya Sammelan was held at Balasore for discussion about creation of a separate province.
- 1913 * Orissa Tenancy Act passed
- 1915 * Bagha Jatin died
- 1917 * Newspaper "The Oriya" started under editorship of Madhubabu for unification of Oriya speaking tracts.
- 1918 * Satyabadi Press established at Sakhigopal
- 1921 * (24th March) Mahatma Gandhi came to Orissa
- 1925 * (9th August) Gandhi came to Orissa
- 1927 * Gandhi came to Orissa
* Devastated flood in Balasore District
- 1928 * Gandhi came to Sambalpur
* Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das passed away
- 1929 * Meeting of Utkal Provincial Congress Committee held at Cuttack
- 1930 * Volunteers prepared salt in connection with Salt Satyagraha at Inchudi in Balasore district.
* (20th June) Meeting of Utkal Provincial Congress Committee held at Balasore
- 1934 * (5th May) Gandhi came to Orissa
- 1936 * (1st April) Orissa became a separate province
- 1937 * First Orissan Ministry formed
- 1938 * (25th March) Gandhi came to Orissa
* Gandhi attended Gandhi Sevasangh Annual Session at Berboi, Delang in Puri district.
* Baji Rout died in police firing
- 1939 * (5th August) Subash Chandra Bose visited Cuttack
* Jaiprakash Narayan visited Cuttack
* (4th November) Congress Ministry in Orissa resigned
* Major General Bezelgate attacked and killed at Ranpur of Puri district
* Netaji visited Orissa
* Endowment Commission started functioning
* Rabindranath Tagore visited Puri
- 1940 * Orissa Theatre founded by Kali Charan Patnaik at Cuttack
* Madala Panji edited by Prof. Artaballav Mohanty
- 1941 * Raghu Dibakar hanged in connection with Bezelgate murder
- 1942 * Lunia killing, nine people died in police firing
* 29 people died at Eram in police firing
- 1943 * Oriya songs transmitted for the first time from Calcutta Radio Station
* Eminent Communist leader Bhagabati Charan Panigrahi died
* Utkal University started functioning at Cuttack
- 1946 * (29th January) Gandhi came to Orissa
* Foundation stone of Hirakud Dam laid by Sir Hawthorne Lewis, Governor of Orissa.

- 1947
 - * Central Rice Research Institute established at Cuttack
 - * Biju Patnaik made a daring flight to Indonesia to bring Indonesian Leaders
 - * Princely States merged with Orissa
- 1948
 - * Foundation stone for New Capital of Orissa laid at Bhubaneswar
 - * All India Radio, Cuttack founded
 - * High Court at Cuttack founded
- 1949
 - * Capital of Orissa shifted from Cuttack to Bhubaneswar
 - * Bolangir district formed
- 1950
 - * Orissa Territorial map with 13 districts published
- 1952
 - * Biju Patnaik donated an amount of 1,000 pound to UNESCO to institute the Kalinga Prize.
 - * Both Oriya and English language introduced in Orissa Government transactions
- 1953
 - * Rourkela Steel Plant founded
- 1954
 - * Agriculture College established at Bhubaneswar
 - * Official Language Act passed in Orissa Assembly to introduce Oriya in official work.
- 1955
 - * Bhoodan lands distributed among the landless people of Orissa
- 1956
 - * Burla Engineering College established
 - * Prajamandal leader Sarangadhar Das died
 - * Construction of Rourkela Steel Plant began
- 1957
 - * Hirakud Dam inaugurated by Jawaharlal Nehru
 - * Orissa Sahitya Academy established
 - * Similipal Forest declared as National Park
 - * President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation stone of Museum building at Bhubaneswar.
- 1958
 - * Mihir Sen of Cuttack crossed the English Channel
 - * Dandakaranya Development Project constituted
- 1959
 - * Orissa State Government established Lalitkala Academy
 - * Veer Surendra Sai Medical College at Burla started
- 1960
 - * Orissa State Archives established at Bhubaneswar
 - * Nandankanan Zoological Park established
 - * Blind school established at Bhubaneswar
 - * First volume of Gyanamandal under the editorship of Shri Binod Kanungo published.
- 1961
 - * Orissa State Legislative Assembly building inaugurated
 - * Rourkela Engineering College started
- 1962
 - * Jawaharlal Nehru laid the foundation stone of Paradeep Port
 - * Sainik School at Bhubaneswar established
 - * Construction of Express Highway connecting from Daitari to Paradeep began
 - * Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology established

- 1963 * Russian Cosmonauts Valentina Terescova visited Orissa
* Utkal University building inaugurated
- 1964 * Jawaharlal Nehru laid foundation stone of Thermal Power Station at Talcher
- 1967 * Berhampur & Sambalpur University established
* Pandit Nilakantha Das died
- 1970 * Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Narayan Dev passed away
- 1971 * Sri Jagannath Sanskrit University established at Puri
* Acharya Harihar Das passed away
* Lance Naik Albert Ekka posthumously awarded highest Gallantry Award Param Veer Chakra for his heroic deeds in Bangladesh War.
- 1972 * Severe cyclonic storm hit Orissa Coast
- 1973 * Cuttack-Paradeep Railway line opened for Traffic
* Foundation stone laid for Naval Training Centre at Chilika
- 1975 * Dr. J. V. Bolton felicitated by Orissa Sahitya Academy for his thesis on 'Vyas Kabi Fakir Mohan Senapati'.
* Salt Water Crocodile Research Centre established at Dangamal of Bhitarkanika
- 1977 * Foundation stone laid for Fishery Research Centre at Kausalyaganga
- 1978 * Terrible Tornado hit Bandhagoda village of Keonjhar district
* Foundation stone laid for Upper Indravati Project
- 1979 * Sarala Puraskar founded by IMFA Public Charitable Trust
- 1980 * Prince Charles of England visited Orissa
* Biju Patnaik conferred as 'Bhoomi Putra' title by Indonesian Government
- 1981 * NALCO established at Angul
- 1984 * Foundation stone laid by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi for Ordnance Factory at Saintala in Balangir district.
* OREDA set up at Bhubaneswar
* Ex-Chief Minister of Orissa Shri Nabakrushna Choudhury died
* Ex-Chief Minister of Orissa Shri Biswanath Das died
* Foundation stone laid for Talcher-Sambalpur Railway line
* Ex-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi addressed her last public meeting at Bhubaneswar.
* Orissa Science Academy established
- 1985 * Eminent Sarvodaya leader & Bhoodan leader Rama Devi passed away
* First State level Lok Adalat held at Cuttack
- 1986 * Noted Editor of 'Gyanamandal' Vinod Kanungo received Padmashree Award
* Foundation stone laid for Pathani Samant Planetarium at Bhubaneswar
- 1987 * Ex-Chief Minister of Orissa Dr. Harekrushna Mahatab passed away
* Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium at Cuttack inaugurated

- 1987
- * Harekrushna Mahatab State Library at Bhubaneswar inaugurated
 - * Sachidananda Routray received Gyanapitha Award
- 1988
- * His Holiness Dalailama visited Orissa
 - * Cuttack Door Darshan Kendra started newscast in Oriya
- 1989
- * Bhubaneswar Stock Exchange started functioning
 - * Foundation stone laid for IB-Thermal Electrical Project
 - * Millennium Ceremony of Cuttack City inaugurated
 - * Rabi Ray elected as Speaker of Lok Sabha
 - * First test of Ballistic Missile Agni test-fired from Chandipur
- 1990
- * Justice Ranganath Mishra sworn in as Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India
- 1991
- * Eminent litterateur Kalindi Charan Panigrahi passed away
 - * Mahila Vikas Samabaya Nigam constituted by Government of Orissa
- 1992
- * Freedom Fighter Rajkrishna Bose passed away
- 1993
- * Eminent Singer Balkrishna Das passed away
 - * Thirteen districts of Orissa re-organised and number increased to thirty
- 1994
- * Similipal Reserve Forest declared Biosphere by Government of India
 - * Justice G.T. Nanavati sworn in as Chief Justice of Orissa High Court
- 1995
- * Indonesia awarded their highest National title "BINTANG JASUTTAM" to Biju Patnaik.
- 1997
- * Ex-Chief Minister Biju Patnaik passed away
 - * Eminent Archaeologist Dr. Satya Narayan Rajguru died
 - * Eminent Oddissi Dancer Sanjukta Panigrahi died
- 1998
- * Radhanath Rath, Editor of 'Samaj' passed away
 - * Social worker Malati Choudhury passed away
 - * Kalinga Stadium at Bhubaneswar inaugurated
 - * Talcher-Sambalpur Railway opened for Traffic
 - * 3rd SAARC Jamboree held at Khurda
- 1999
- * Ballistic Missile Agni-II test-fired from Chandipur
 - * Fakir Mohan University at Balasore and Uttar Orissa University at Baripada started functioning.
 - * Severe super cyclone devastated the Orissa Coast in the month of October
 - * Kujanga Gandhi Narayan Birabar Samanta died
 - * M. M. Rajendran sworn in as Governor of Orissa
- 2000
- * Naveen Patnaik sworn in as the Chief Minister of Orissa on 5th March
 - * Utkal University of Culture inaugurated
 - * Freedom Fighter Chintamani Panigrahi passed away

- * Foundation stone laid for Oil Refinery at Paradeep
- * Government of Orissa introduced Professional Tax
- * Second World Oriya Conference held at Rourkela
- * Severe drought in Orissa
- 2001 * Severe flood in Orissa
- 2002 * Severe drought in Orissa
- 2003 * Justice Sujit Burman Roy became the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court
- * Severe flood in Orissa.
- * Renowned poet Binod Nayak passed away on 15.11.2003
- 2004 * Padmashree award to Indian hockey defender Dilip Tirkey, Nrutya Guru Maguni Charan Das & Dramatist Manoranjan Das.
- * Dr. Prafulla Mohanty nominated for Kendra Sahitya Academy Award.
- * Doyen of Odissi Dance Kelucharan Mahapatra passed away on 7.4.2004.
- * Rupa Mishra an Oriya lady became the I.A.S. topper on 7.5.2004.
- * Naveen Patnaik sworn in as the Chief Minister of Orissa for the second term on 16.5.2004.
- * Pioneer of Modern Oriya literature Padmashree Sachi Routray passed away on 21.8.2004.
- * Poet Guru Prasad Mohanty passed away on 26.8.2004.
- * Eminent poet Purnananda Dani passed away.
- * Short-story writer, novelist and essayist Kishori Charan Das passed away.
- * Dr. Subas Pani joined as Chief Secretary of Orissa on 1.9.2004.
- * Ex-Chief Minister of Orissa Sri Nilamani Routray passed away on 4.10.2004.
- * Shri Rameshwar Thakur sworn in as the new Governor of Orissa on 17.11.2004.
- 2005 * BJD, MLA & Dy. Chief Whip Shri Sankarsan Naik passed away in a road accident.
- Mining Cess Policy introduced.
- Renowned litterateur, essayist and critic of Oriya literature Chintamani Behera passed away on 7.3.2005.
- * Retired Judge and well cultured personality Justice Naba Kumar Das passed away on 11.3.2005.
- Financial Accountability bill passed by Orissa Legislative Assembly.
- Introduction of VAT.
- Right to Information Act implemented in the State alongwith constitution of State Information Commission on 20.10.2005
- Edu-Sat project inaugurated.
- Hon'ble President of India's two day visit to Orissa (26th & 27th December).