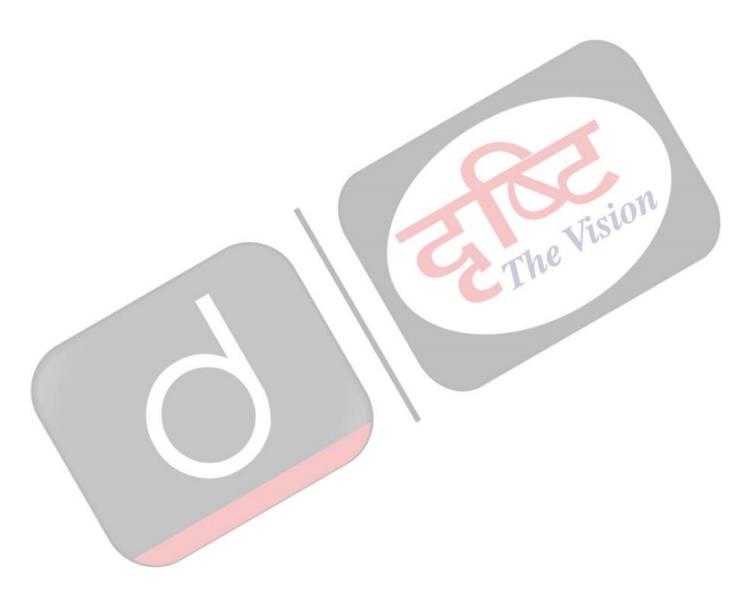


Inscriptions and Rock Edicts

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INSCRIPTIONS AND ROCK EDICTS



Sohgaura Copper Plate

- (UP) Location Sohgaura, Gorakhpur (UP)
- (Mentions Famine relief efforts
- (S) Language Prakrit*
- (5) Features Mauryan dynasty
 - Earliest-known copper plate
 - (Rare) Pre-Ashokan Brahmi inscription

Ashokan Edicts

- (S) Location Eastern India
- Mentions Ashoka's view of Dharma (Buddhist philosophy)
- (S) Language Magadhi Prakrit*
- (Section 2) Features 33 inscriptions (pillar edicts, Major rock edicts, Minor rock inscriptions)
 - (tangible evidence of Buddhism
 - Ashoka as **Devanampiyadasi** "Beloved servant of the God"

Rummindei Pillar Edicts

- (9) Location Lumbini, Nepal
- Mentions Ashoka's visit to Lumbini and tax exemptions he made there
- Script Brahmi
- Features Minor pillar inscriptions

Prayag-Prashasti (Allahabad Pillar)

- (Location Allahabad Fort (earlier Kaushambi)
- Mentions Ashoka Stambh but with 4 different inscriptions
- (5) Script Brahmi
- 4 Inscriptions include -
 - (B) Usual Ashokan Inscriptions
 - Queen's Kaurwaki edict
 - Samudragupta's conquests by Harisena
 - (B) Jahangir's inscriptions in Persian

Mehrauli Inscription (Mehrauli Iron Pillar)

- Location Qutub Minar complex, Delhi
- Mentions Credits Chandragupta II for the conquest of Vakatakas and Vanga countries
- Script Brahmi
- (Section 2) Features Gupta dynasty
 - (in honor of Lord Vishnu)
 - (B) Notable for rust-resistant metal composition

Kalsi Inscription

- (Location Kalsi town (Uttarakhand)
- (9) Mentions Ashoka's humane approach in administration, non-violence, spirituality
- Language Prakrit*
- Features Only place in north India to have 14 Ashokan rock edicts

Maski Inscription

- (Section Maski (an archaeological site in Karnataka)
- Mentions Dharma shasana (promotes Buddhist tenets)
- (h) Language Prakrit*
- Features 1st edict to contain Ashoka's name instead of Piyadasi.

Kalinga Edicts

- (Location Kalinga, Odisha
- (9) Mentions Kalinga war turning point for Ashoka
- (9) Language Magadhi Prakita, Script Brahmi
- Features Set of 11 out of 14 rock edicts
 - (b) 2 special rock edicts signifying pacification
 - Ashoka gave up **Digvijaya**, adopted non-violence Buddhism

Aihole Inscription

- Location Meguti temple, Karnataka
- (9) Mentions Pulakeshin II defeated Harshavardhana
- (Section 2015) | Danguage Sanskrit; Script Kannada
- () Features Chalukya victory→Pallavas
 - (Capital: Aihole→Badami
 - (Pulakeshin II's court poet)
 - (B) Samudragupta's conquests by Harisena

AIHOLE WAS THE FIRST CAPITAL OF CHALUKYAS

Hathigumpha Inscription (Elephant Cave Inscription)

- (9) Location Udaygiri-Khandgiri Caves, Odisha
- Mentions History of King Kharvela- a champion of Jainism
- Language Prakrit*
- Features Mahameghavahana dynasty

NOTE:*implies that wherever language is Prakrit, the script is Brahmi





