

Historical Names of Odisha

Odisha has been named by the following names during historical period:

Kalinga According to Puranas and Mahabharata, it was named after the prince

Kalinga son of king Bali and Queen Sudesna.

Utkala According to Mahabharata, Utkala was a part of Kalinga. Karna have conquered the kingdom of Utkala. Utkala included Northern part of Kalinga.

Mahakantara This name was found during Gupta period. It is usually identified with modern day Kalahandi and Jeypore region.

Udra It was the kingdom which included coastal region of Odisha.

Odra This name was given after Odra tribe. The hilly kingdom between Kalinga and South Kosala was the Odra land.

Oddiyana This name was mentioned in Buddhist texts. According to some scholars, it is referred to Odisha.

Kamala Mandala It means Lotus regions. It was named for the region of Narla in Kalahandi.

South Kosala It was named for the modern day Chhattisgarh and Western parts of Odisha. According to Ramayana, one of Rama's son, Kush ruled South Kosala. **Kongoda** This name was found on a copper plate in Ganjam district.

Trikalinga This name was found on copper plates in Sonepur. It literally means three Kalingas and referred to the three states of Kalinga, South Kosala and Kongoda. **Tosali** It was named for a city including subdivision of Kalinga during Asoka period. The capital of Tosala has been placed in modern day Dhauli.

Odivissa This name was referred in Buddhist texts for Odisha.

Jajnagar This name was used for Odisha in some texts like Tarikh-i-Nasiri, Tarikh-i-Firuz Shahi, etc.