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About us: *Odisha's past, told from the sources*

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Our mission

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Odisha has one of the richest histories in India — from Ashoka’s Kalinga War and Emperor Kharavela to the temple builders of Bhubaneswar, Puri and Konark, the Gajapati kings, the Paika Rebellion and the creation of the first linguistic province in 1936. Yet reliable, readable accounts of that history are hard to find online.

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