

## 5. Regional Kingdom

- The Ahom's of Assam
- Ahom migrated to Brahmaputra valley from present **day Myanmar**
- They suppressed the old political system of **Bhuiyans**(landlords)
- Ahom state was dependent on forced labor called **Paiks**
- Each village had to send a number of Paiks by rotation.
- Almost all male adult served in the king's army during war
- **Buranjis** is the historical chronicle of Ahom's
- Originally, Ahom worship their own tribal god but by 17<sup>th</sup>CE, they adopted Hinduism but they did not leave their tribal culture fully.
- Ahom society was divided into **Khel or clan**.
- **The Gonds**
- Gond lived in vast forestland mentioned as Gondwana
- **Akbarnama** mentions Gond kingdom in Garh Katanga.
- The kingdom was divided into –
  - Garh
  - Chaurasi (unit of 84 village below Garh)
  - Bahot (division of Chaurasi in 12 villages)
- The famous queen Durgawati belongs to this dynasty
- **Orissa**
- The Ganga dynasty ruled up to 15<sup>th</sup> CE
- Narsinghdeo of this dynasty constructed Konark Temple
- In the middle of the 15<sup>th</sup> CE there was a rise of Gajapati rulers they ruled Orissa until the end of Lodhi period.
- **Mewar**
- Rana Kumbha(1433-1468AD) was the most famous ruler.
- Rana Kumbha wrote books like Sangeet Priya, SudhaPrabandh, RasikPriya, KamRajRatisara etc.
- He constructed Kirti Stambh.
- **The Sharaqis of Jaunpuri**
- **Malik Sarwar** founded the kingdom
- Malik Muhammed Jaisi the writer of Padmavat was the court Poet
- Bahlol Lodhi Defeated the Sharaqis.
- **Kashmir**
- Zainul Abedeen was the greatest ruler of Kashmir
- Zaina Lanka the artificial island on the Wullur Lake was constructed by him.
- Many Sanskrit works like Rajtarangini, Mahabharat were translated into Persian under him.

- He still remembered as Bud Shah

- **Contribution of regional kingdom**

1. They utilized local culture and custom for their own purpose.
2. Develop and supported regional Architecture
3. Greater cultural rapprochement between Hindu and Muslims.

- **Why Regional kingdoms were not able to become central:**

1. They checked and balanced each other
2. Geographical limitation
  - Few don't have access to sea
  - Geographical of few was such that it can't support a large state  
Eg-Mewar etc.
3. Rise of Lodhis and their prolonged battle with Sharqi led to instability in Ganga Jamuna doab.