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Who ruled the State of Goa between 1510 and 1961?

- the English
- the Danes
- the Portuguese
- the Dutch

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The main religion of Ancient Sri Lanka was:-

- Shaivism
- Jainism
- Vaishnavism
- Buddhism

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Which form Shiva is found in the sanctuary of the Shiva temples, from the earliest temples onward?

- a seated Shiva
- Shiva and Parvati
- a standing Shiva
- a linga

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Who is the author of the *Tiruppugal*?

- Tiruvalluvar
- Manikkavasakar
- Sambandar
- Arunagirinadar

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Nalanda University, the ancient University created during the Gupta era, is located in Magadha, in the modern state of

- Madhya Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh
- Orissa

Bihar

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Who is the author of the *Tirumantiram*?

Tirumular

Manikkavasakar

Sampantar

Cetanar

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Who excavated for the first time cave temples in Tamil Nadu?

Pallavas

Chalukyas

Pandyas

Cholas

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What was the first capital of the Nayak in Tamil Nadu ?

Tanjore

Madurai

Tinnellveli

Trichy

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The oldest structural temples still extant in Tamil Nadu have been built by the:-

Pallavas

Pandyas

Cholas

Chalukyas

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What are Barhut and Sanchi known for?

their fortresses

their Buddhist stupas

their Shiva temples

their Vishnu temples

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Destroyed by the Taliban in March 2001 because they were considered as "idols", the giant statues of Bamyan were depicting:-

- Jainas
- Buddhas
- Krishnas
- Shivas

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Rajaraja is a great king of the ;-

- Pandya dynasty
- Chola dynasty
- Chalukya dynasty
- Pallava dynasty

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There are frescoes resembling the ones from Ajanta and dating from approximately the 5<sup>th</sup> century in the Sri Lankan site of:-

- Polonnaruva
- Sigiriya
- Isurumuni
- Anuradhapura

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When did the Emperor Ashoka ruled?

- 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE
- 1<sup>st</sup> century AD
- 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE
- 4<sup>th</sup> century AD

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What is a mukha-linga ?

- a faceted-linga
- a small linga

- a linga with one or four faces
- a tall linga

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The Pashupata movement is a:-

- Shaiva movement
- Jaina movement
- Buddhist movement
- Vaishnava movement

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The Pala dynasty ruled between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> century:-

- central India
- North-west of India
- the Deccan
- North-East of India

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What was the capital of the Guptas ?

- Pataliputra
- Gwalior
- Mathura
- Ujjain

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Where was the capital of the Mauryan Empire established?

- Pataliputra
- Ujjain
- Taxila
- Mathura

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What is the emblem of the Pandyas in ancient time ?

- a bear
- a fish

- a tiger
- a bow

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When did the Tamil Bhakti movement started?

- 9<sup>th</sup> century AD
- 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> century AD
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> century AD
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> century

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Who wrote is the first Sanskrit Grammar?

- Kalidasa
- Panini
- Kautilya
- Valmiki

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What is the capital of the eastern Chalukyas?

- Guntur
- Hyderabad
- Shri Shailam
- Vengi

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The Licchavi kingdom (circa 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> century) was a kingdom of:-

- Sikkhim
- China
- Tibet
- Nepal

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From where the first Christian missionaries in India were coming from?

- Spain
- Italy

- France
- Portugal

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To which Hindu god the Turumurugarrupatai is dedicated?

- Ganesha
- Vishnu
- Murugan
- Shiva

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Kajuraho is located in the modern state of:-

- Orissa
- Madhya Pradesh
- Bihar
- Uttar Pradesh

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Which famous city is associated with the birth of Krishna ?

- Kapilavastu
- Mathura
- Gwalior
- Ujjain

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The Kailasanatha temple in Kancipuram was built in the 8<sup>th</sup> century by:-

- the Chalukyas
- Pandyas
- the Cholas
- the Pallavas

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A few travel accounts of South India in medieval times by Buddhist pilgrims have reached us. They are very valuable historically. Where were these pilgrims mainly coming from?

- Sri Lanka

- China
- Cambodia
- Japan

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Under the Gupta dynasty the following religion flourished

- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- Jainism
- Paganism

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The dynasty of the Ikshvakus ruled in:-

- Maharashtra
- Andhra Pradesh
- Kerala
- Tamil Nadu

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Which demon tried to prevent Buddha from attaining enlightenment when he was sitting under the Pippal tree?

- Mara
- Ravana
- Hiranyakashipu
- Jalandhara

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The Emperor Ashoka ordered some edicts to be engraved on stone. How many ?

- 7
- 10
- 23
- 13

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The famous cave temple of Elephanta is:-

- on an Island near Bombay
- close to Aurangabad
- close to Puna
- close to Delhi

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The *rathas* of Mahabalipuram are:-

- cave temples
- structural temples
- monolithic temples
- wodden temples

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The temple of Chidambaram is well-known for a specific form of Shiva. Which one?

- the Dancing Shiva
- Bhairava
- the Dakshinamurti
- the Bhiksatanamurti

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The Gupta cave temples are all:-

- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Tribal
- Jaina

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What is a *prashasti*?

- a sacred literature
- a Sanskrit song
- a devotional poem in Sanskrit
- the praise of a king in Sanskrit in an inscription

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The well-known monument of the Ikshvaku dynasty (circa 225 AD-325 AD) is:-



- a Vishnu temple of Allahabad
- the Shiva temples of Bhubhaneshvar
- the Shiva temples of Alampur
- the Nagarjunakonda stupa

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Which dynasty is responsible for building many of the temples at Kajaraho?

- the Guptas
- the Candellas
- the Gangas
- the Palas

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What is the first grammatical work of ancient Tamil?

- Tolkappiyam*
- Tirumantiram*
- Silappadikaram*
- Tevaram*

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Who is the founder of the Mauryan Empire?

- Bindusara
- Chandragupta Maurya
- Dasaratha Maurya
- Ashoka

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When did the Gupta dynasty came to power?

- 4<sup>th</sup> century AD
- 5<sup>th</sup> century AD
- 1<sup>st</sup> century AD
- 7<sup>th</sup> century AD

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The *Harivamsha* mostly deals with the mythology of:-

- Skanda
- Shiva
- Krishna
- Vishnu

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What is a *brahmadeya* in Medieval times?

- a brahmin minister
- a Brahmin settlement
- a group of Brahmins
- a group of Brahmin administrators

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The Allahabad pillar is engraved with:-

- a Kushana inscription
- an edict of Ashoka
- a Pala inscription
- a Greek inscription

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Who was Rajadesing?

- a prince of Senji in the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- a Jat ruler in the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- a king of Tanjore in the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- a famous poet in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

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Which dynasty overthrew the Chalukya of Badami in the 8<sup>th</sup> century?

- the Pallavas
- the Rashtrakutas
- the Chalukyas of Vengi
- the Chalukyas of Kalyani

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The oldest inscriptions of Tamil Nadu are usually associated with:-

- Shaivas
- Buddhist
- Jainas
- Vaishnavas

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To which dynasty the kings called Kulottunga belonged?

- the Pandyas
- the Cholas
- the Cheras
- the Pallavas

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The temple known as "Kovil" in the *Tevaram* is:-

- the temple of Mamallapuram
- the temple at Tanjore
- the temple at Gangaikondacholapuram
- the temple of Chidambaram

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Which dynasty is responsible for the building of the Shore temple in Mahabalipuram?

- the Pandyas
- the Pallavas
- the Cholas
- the Chalukyas

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The famous Konarak, Sun temple, built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, is found in the modern state of:-

- Orissa
- Andhra Pradesh
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu

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What is Daulatabad known for:-

- its Shiva temple
- its fortress
- its Vishnu temple
- its Buddhist stupa

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Which one of the following title was not written by Kalidasa?

- Harshacarita*
- Meghaduta*
- Raghuvamsha*
- Abhijnanashakuntala*

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Who is the wife of the five Pandavas in the *Mahabharata*?

- Sathyabhama
- Draupadi
- Satyawati
- Shakuntala

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One of these texts is not Vedic. Which one?

- Puranas
- Brahmanas
- Rigveda
- Atharvaveda

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After the *Cilappatikaram*, what is the second greatest Tamil Epic?

- Manimegalai*
- the *Paripadal*
- the *Tirumantiram*
- the *Tirumurukarrupadai*

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Which of these names is not a name of Murugan in ancient Tamil literature?

- Neduvel
- Kandha
- Mayon
- Ceyyon

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Constantine Joseph Beschi (1680-1742) was the first foreigner to have written a grammar on Tamil. Who was he?

- a general
- a Knight
- an Italian Jesuit missionary
- a governor

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This script was often used to write tamil in medieval inscriptions in the region south of Kaveri:-

- Tamil script
- vatteluttu script
- nagari script
- grantha script

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The main religion of the Pala sovereigns is:-

- Jainism
- Buddhism
- Vaishnavism
- Shaivism

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The first few inscriptions in Sanskrit date from the:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> century AD
- 1<sup>st</sup> century BC
- 4<sup>th</sup> century AD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC

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What is the language used for many of the ancient Buddhist texts?

- Sanskrit
- ancient Telugu
- Pali
- ancient Kannada

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Which dynasty overpowered the Satavahanas in Andhra Pradesh in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> century AD?

- the Pallavas
- the Kadambas
- the Ikshvakus
- the Vishnukundins

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Which dynasty overpowered the Satavahanas in the north-western regions in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD?

- the Kushanas
- the Shungas
- the Chalukyas
- the Western Satraps

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What brings to an end the first Pandyan Empire in the 10<sup>th</sup> century?

- the Rashtrakuta invasion
- the Ganga invasion
- the Pallava invasion
- the Chola invasion

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Who were the angriyas in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

- Dutch travellers
- French mercenaries
- Maratha pirates
- Portuguese adventurers

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Marancadaiyan is a common title of:-

- Pallava kings
- Chola kings
- Pandyan kings
- Chalukya kings

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What was the southern capital of the Kushanas ?

- Mathura
- Sarnath
- Gwalior
- Ujjain

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Who is the founder of the upper cave temple in the Trichy fort ?

- a Chola king
- the Pandyan king Netuncaliyan
- the Pallava king Mahendravarman
- Muttaraiyar king

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Which dynasty mainly contributed to bring the Mauryan dynasty to an end?

- the Macedonians
- the Kushanas
- the Guptas
- the Shungas

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What is the *Lalitasitarasutra*?

- Jaina short stories
- a traditional account of the life of the Buddha
- an account related to Shaiva myths
- the first Vaishnava text

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Who is the heroin of the *Manimegalai*?

- a Buddhist nun
- A Jaina nun
- a Shaiva priestess
- a courtesan

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Who is the author of the *Dashakumaracarita*, in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> century?

- Kalidasa
- Kalidasa
- Dandin
- Banabhatta

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Which of these temples is among the earliest standing temples?

- Kajuraho
- Brihadishvara temple at Tanjore
- Kailāsanatha of Kancipuram
- Deogarh

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Where was the prince who became Buddha born?

- Mathura
- Kapilavastu
- Ujjain
- Lumbini

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Base of Buddhist brick structures have been found in:-

- Pompuhar
- Kancipuram
- Mahabalipuram
- Trichy

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Which language was used for the Indian inscriptions between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, and beyond, even though not exclusively anymore?

- Greek
- Middle Indo-Aryan languages (Prakrit)
- Sanskrit
- Pali

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One major excavation site has shed light on the political and cultural ancient history of Mathura. Which one?

- Maholi
- Sonkh
- Palikhera
- Mathura

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Under which dynasty the earliest free standing temples still extant were built in the North of the Indian subcontinent?

- the Palas
- the Guptas
- the Kushanas
- the Shungas

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There is a relief resembling the Great Penance of Mahabalipuram in Sri Lanka. Where?

- Polonnaruva
- Sigiriya
- Anuradhapura
- Isurumuni

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Where is the Hathimgumpha inscription located?

- Udayagiri (Andhra Pradesh)
- Tanjore (Tamilnadu)
- Udayagiri (Madhya Pradesh)
- Udayagiri (Orissa)

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Which king is responsible for the engraving of the Hathimgumpha inscription in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC?

- Chandragupta
- Vikramaditya
- Kanishka
- Kharavela

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The first epigraphic records of the Pallavas are found in:-

- Andhra Pradesh
- Kerala
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu

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After the Tsunami, a 9<sup>th</sup> century temple has been discovered at Saluvankuppam, 5 km north of Mahabalipuram. To whom was it dedicated?

- Durga
- Shiva
- Vishnu
- Subrahmanya

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The 8<sup>th</sup> century Velvikudi copper plates belong to the:-

- Chola dynasty
- Pandyan dynasty
- Chalukyan dynasty
- Pallava dynasty

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The original idol of the Shore temple in Mahabalipuram is:-

- reclining Vishnu
- Murukan
- standing Vishnu

Shiva

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The Pallavas have engraved the first bilingual (Sanskrit-Tamil) copper plates in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Which ones are they?

- the Pattatamangalam copper plates
- the Kasakkudi copper plates
- the Velanceri copper plates
- the Pallankoyil copper plates

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The earliest Neolithic site in South Asia, dated to 7500 BC, is found at:-

- Nausharo (Baluchistan)
- Merhgarh (Baluchistan)
- Taxila
- Gwadar (Baluchistan)

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Who was Udayacandra?

- a general of the Pallavas
- a poet of Vengi
- a general of the Cholas
- a general of the Pandyas

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Where does the plot of the *Manimegalai* mainly takes place?

- Madurai
- Tanjore
- Kāncipuram
- Pumpuhar

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In the upper cave temple at Tiruchirapalli, we find a foundation inscription of :-

- Rajasimha Pallava
- Vijayalaya Chola

- Aditya I Chola
- Mahendravarman I Pallava

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Which Pallava king is the hero of the *Nandikkalambakkam* ?

- Dantivarman
- Nandivarman III
- Rajasimha
- Nandivarman II

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Megasthenes, the famous Greek historian who visited India, resided at the:-

- Chera court
- Gupta's court
- Kushana's court
- Mauryan court

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Who was the last prince of Kashmir from 1925 to 1961?

- Kanishka
- Pratap Singh
- Hari Singh
- Tara Devi

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In the 8th or 9th century, Centalai/Niyamam in the district of Tanjavur was the capital of

- the Muttaraiyars
- the Cholas
- the Pandyas
- the Pallavas

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What is the characteristic colour of the Mathura sandstone?

- yellowish
- reddish with beige spots

- greyish
- greenish

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Which minor dynasty is responsible for the building of the Shiva temples at Kilaiyur-Melapaluvur ?

- the Muttaraiyars
- the Irukkuvels
- the Kurumbas
- the Paluvettaraiyars