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Who of the following founded a new city on the south bank of a tributary to river Krishna and undertook to rule his new kingdom as the agent of a deity to whom all the land south of the river Krishna was supposed to belong? (a) Amoghavarsha I (b) Ballala II (c) Harihara I (d) Prataparudra II Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Amoghavarsha I. Rashtrakuta emperor of Manyakheta; a Jain patron, not the founder of a Krishna-south sacred capital of this type.

(b)

(b) Ballala II. Hoysala king of Dwarasamudra; not this foundation story.

(c) Official key

(c) Harihara I. Harihara I (with Bukka) founded Vijayanagara on the southern bank of the **Tungabhadra**, a Krishna tributary, and the kings ruled as agents of **Virupaksha**, to whom the land south of the Krishna was dedicated. That is the official key.

(d)

(d) **Prataparudra** II. Kakatiya king of Warangal, not this Vijayanagara foundation.

Summary

Official key is (c) Harihara I. Vijayanagara was founded on the **Tungabhadra**'s south bank and the Sangama kings presented themselves as **Virupaksha**'s agents for the land south of the Krishna. Amoghavarsha, Ballala II and **Prataparudra** belong to other dynasties. Only Harihara I fits the stem.

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Sangama brothers

Harihara I and Bukka I, c. 1336

Virupaksha

Pampapati / Virupaksha of Hampi

Tungabhadra

Krishna tributary; Hampi on its south bank

Vidyaranya

Tradition links the foundation to the sage

Prataparudra

Last great Kakatiya, defeated by Delhi

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