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Q56

Who of the following rulers of medieval India gave permission to the Portuguese to build a fort at Bhatkal ? (a) Krishnadevaraya (b) Narasimha Saluva (c) Muhammad Shah III (d) Yusuf Adil Shah Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Krishnadevaraya. Permitted the Portuguese fort at **Bhatkal**.

(b)

Narasimha Saluva. Earlier Tuluva/Saluva context; not this grant.

(c)

Muhammad Shah III. Bahmani sultan; not the **Bhatkal** grantor here.

(d)

Yusuf Adil Shah. Bijapur; other Portuguese dealings, not this keyed row.

Summary

Official key is (a) **Krishnadevaraya**. The Vijayanagara emperor allowed the Portuguese to build a fort at **Bhatkal** on the Kanara coast. The other names belong to neighbouring dynasties or earlier generations.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Krishnadevaraya

Tuluva emperor of Vijayanagara, 1509-1529.

Bhatkal

Port in coastal Karnataka; Portuguese foothold with Vijayanagara consent.