



## Anga, Vanga, Kalinga and Kamarupa – Civilisational Legacy of Eastern India

Himanta Biswa Sarma highlighted the historical importance of ancient regions such as Anga, Vanga, Kalinga and Kamarupa, describing them as centres of a powerful eastern civilisation that contributed significantly to India's cultural and economic strength.

Anga, centred around present-day Bhagalpur in Bihar, was an important Mahajanapada. Vanga corresponded to parts of Bengal and Bangladesh, known for trade and textiles, while Kalinga in present-day Odisha gained prominence after Ashoka's famous war. Kamarupa represented the ancient kingdom of Assam and the North-East.

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