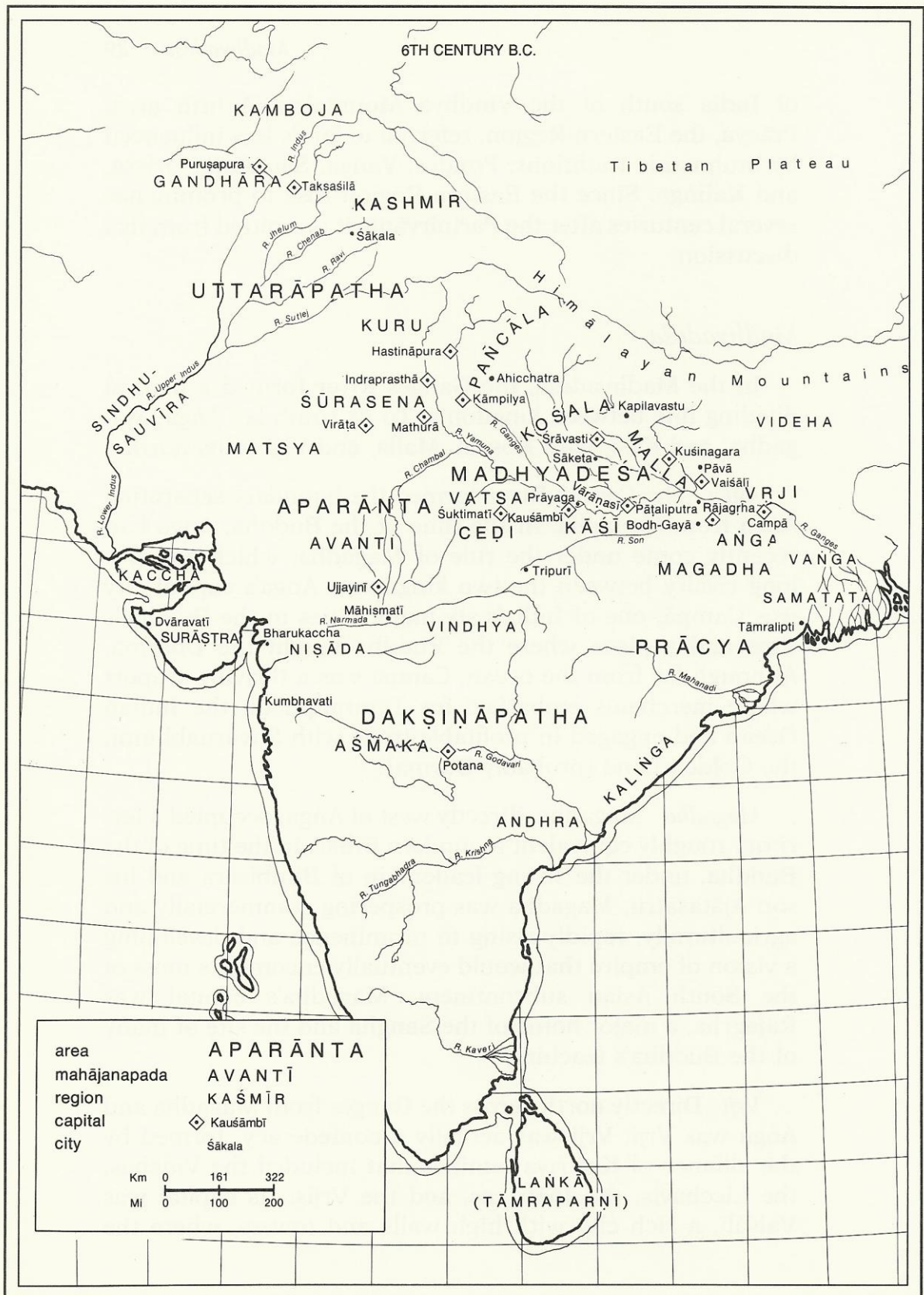


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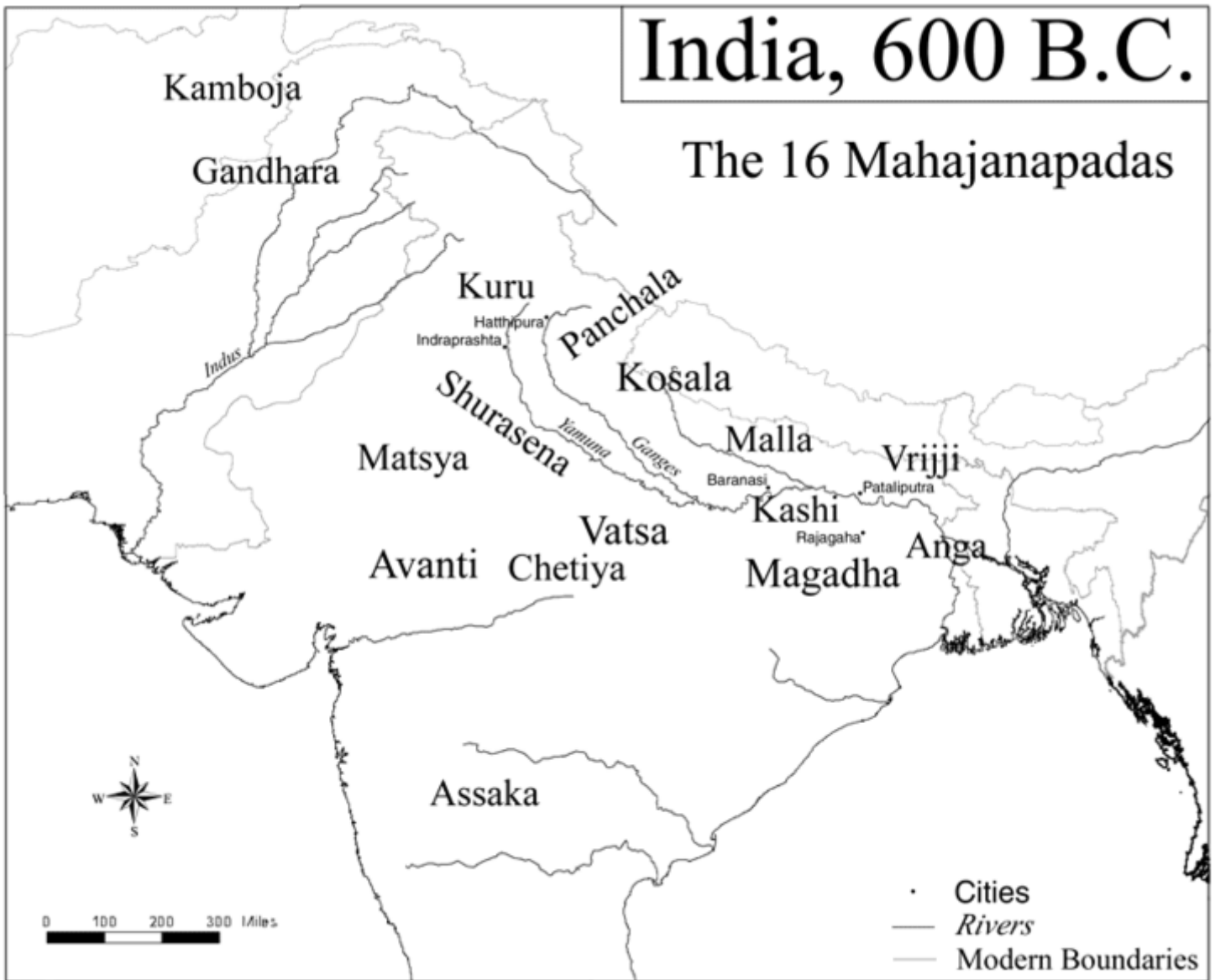
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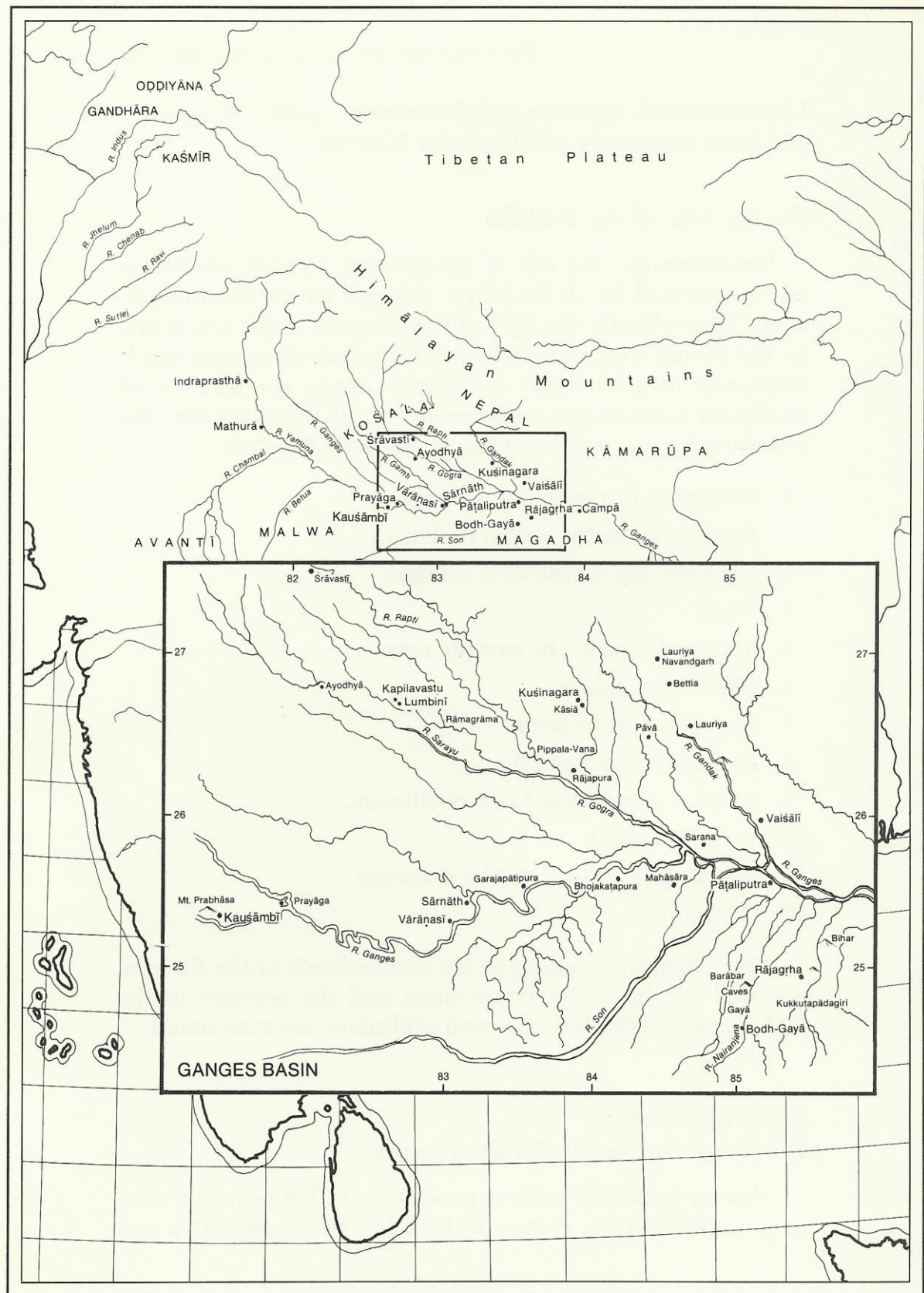


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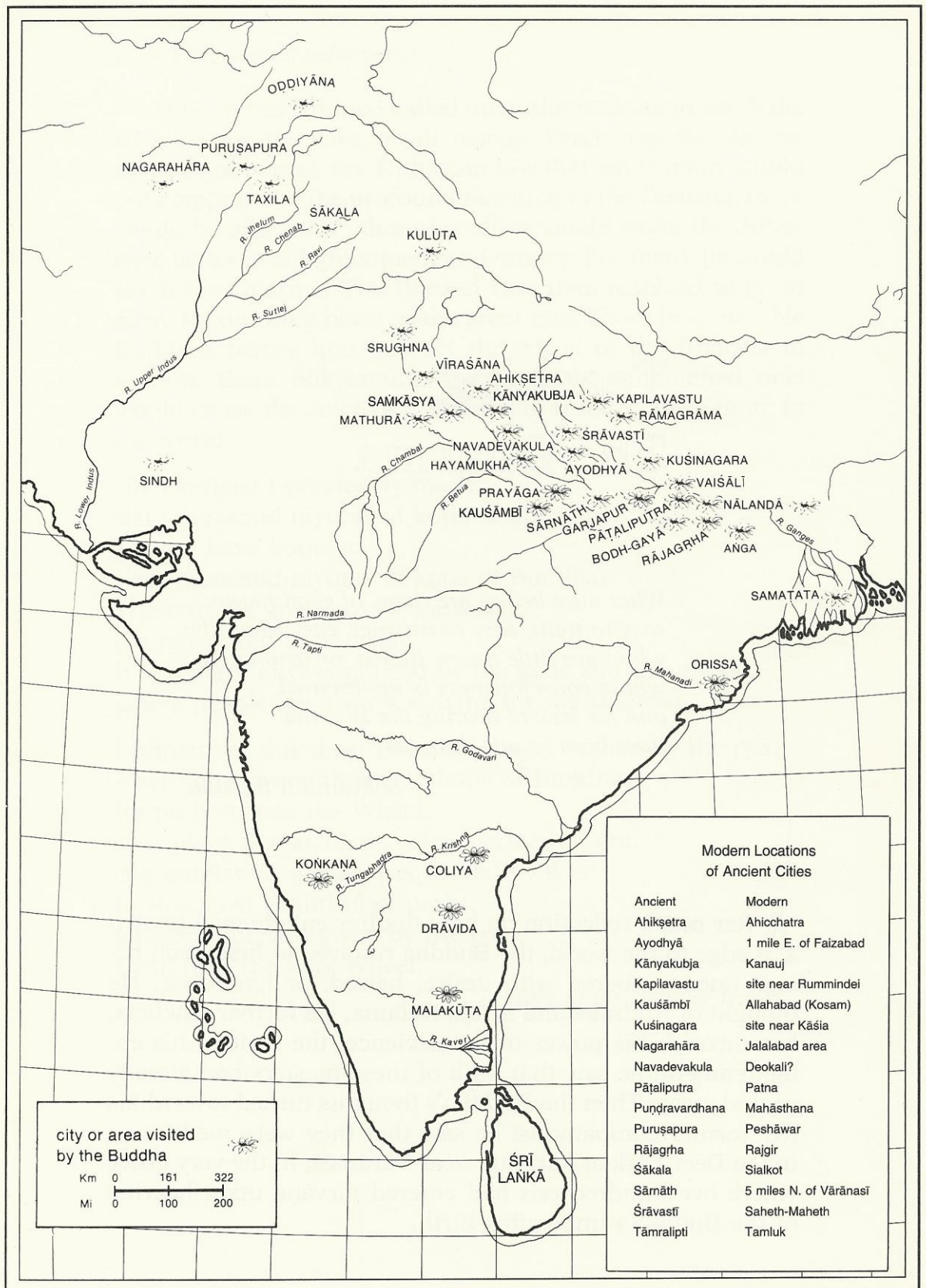
India, 600 B.C.

The 16 Mahajanapadas

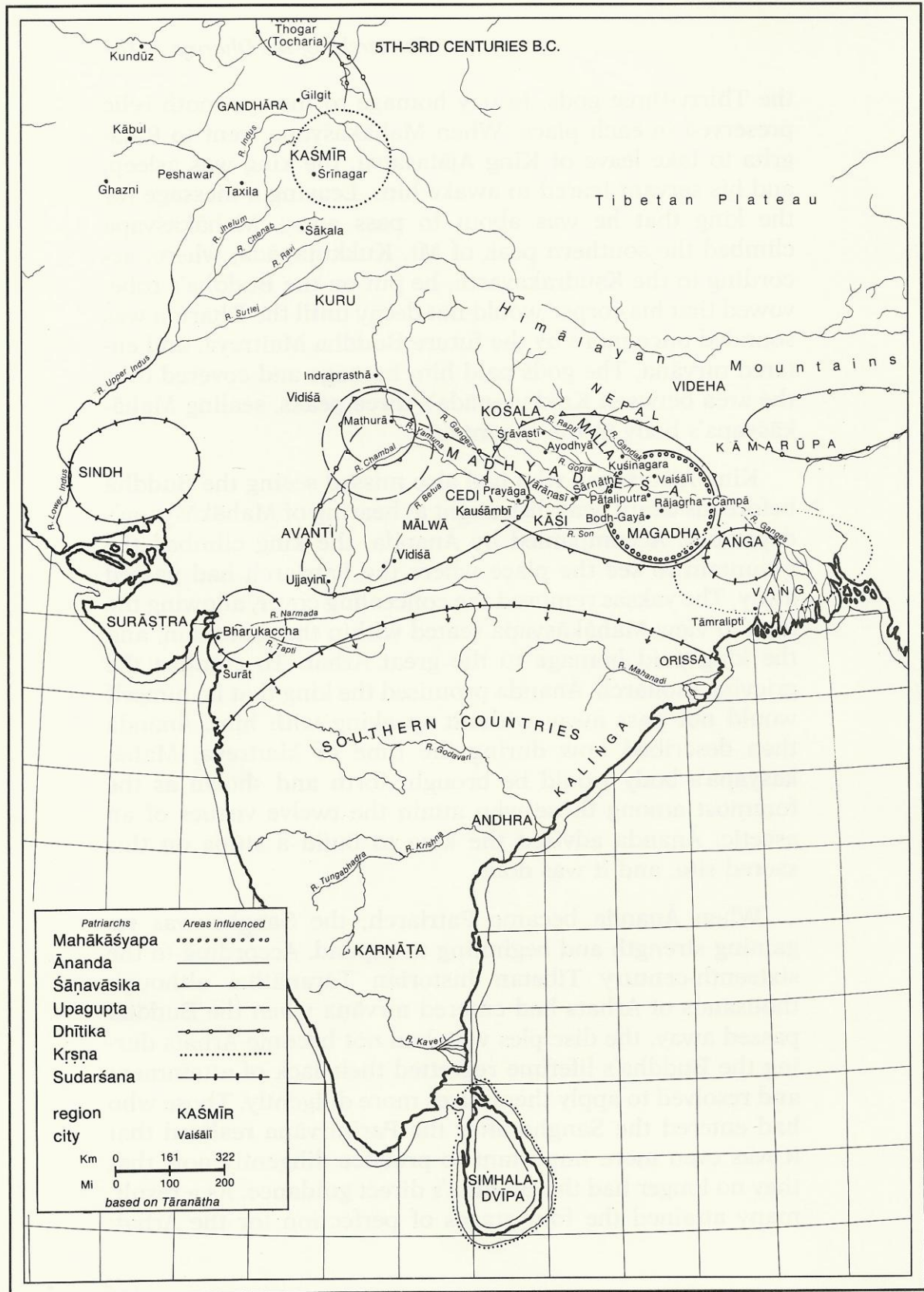




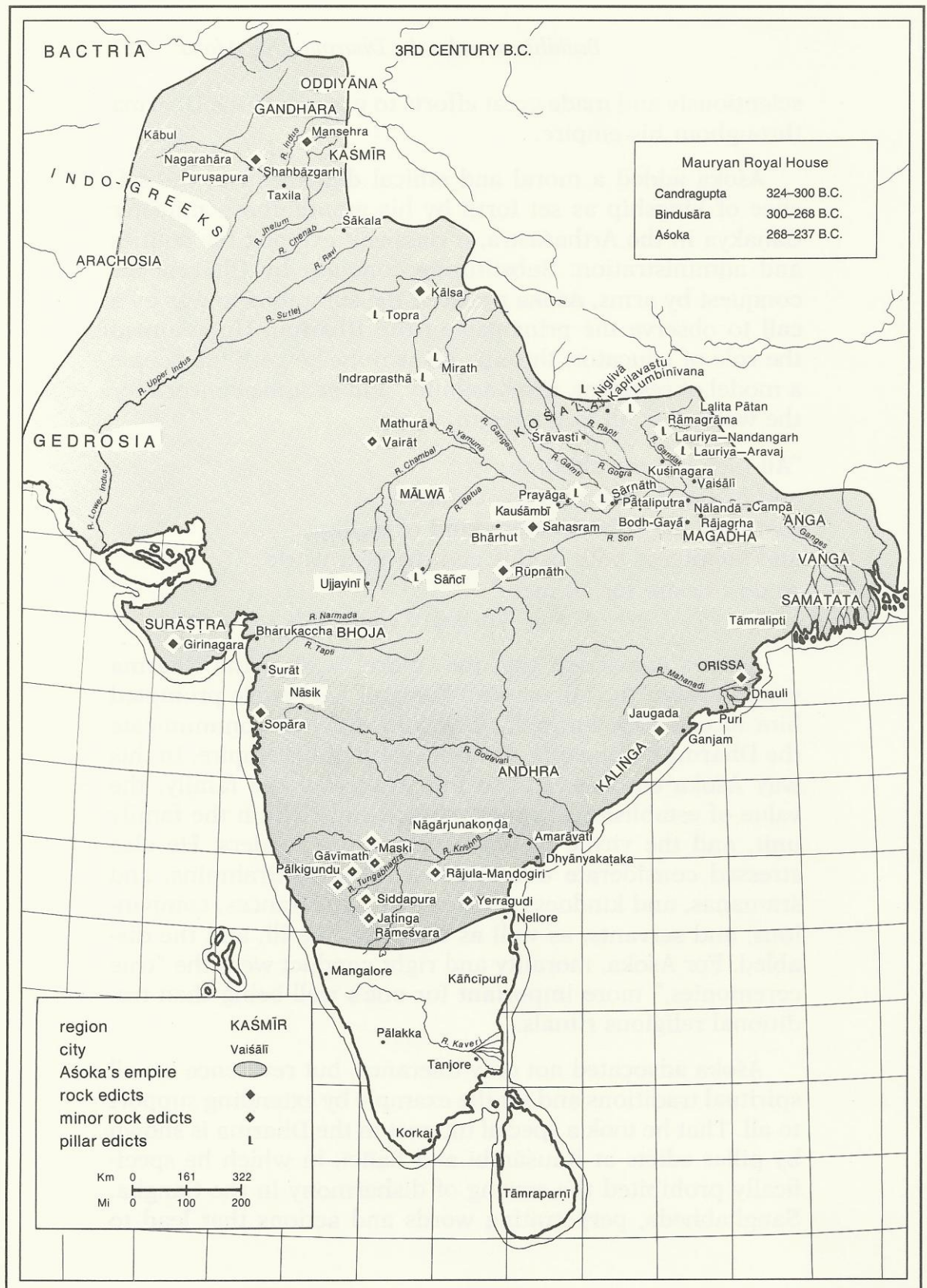
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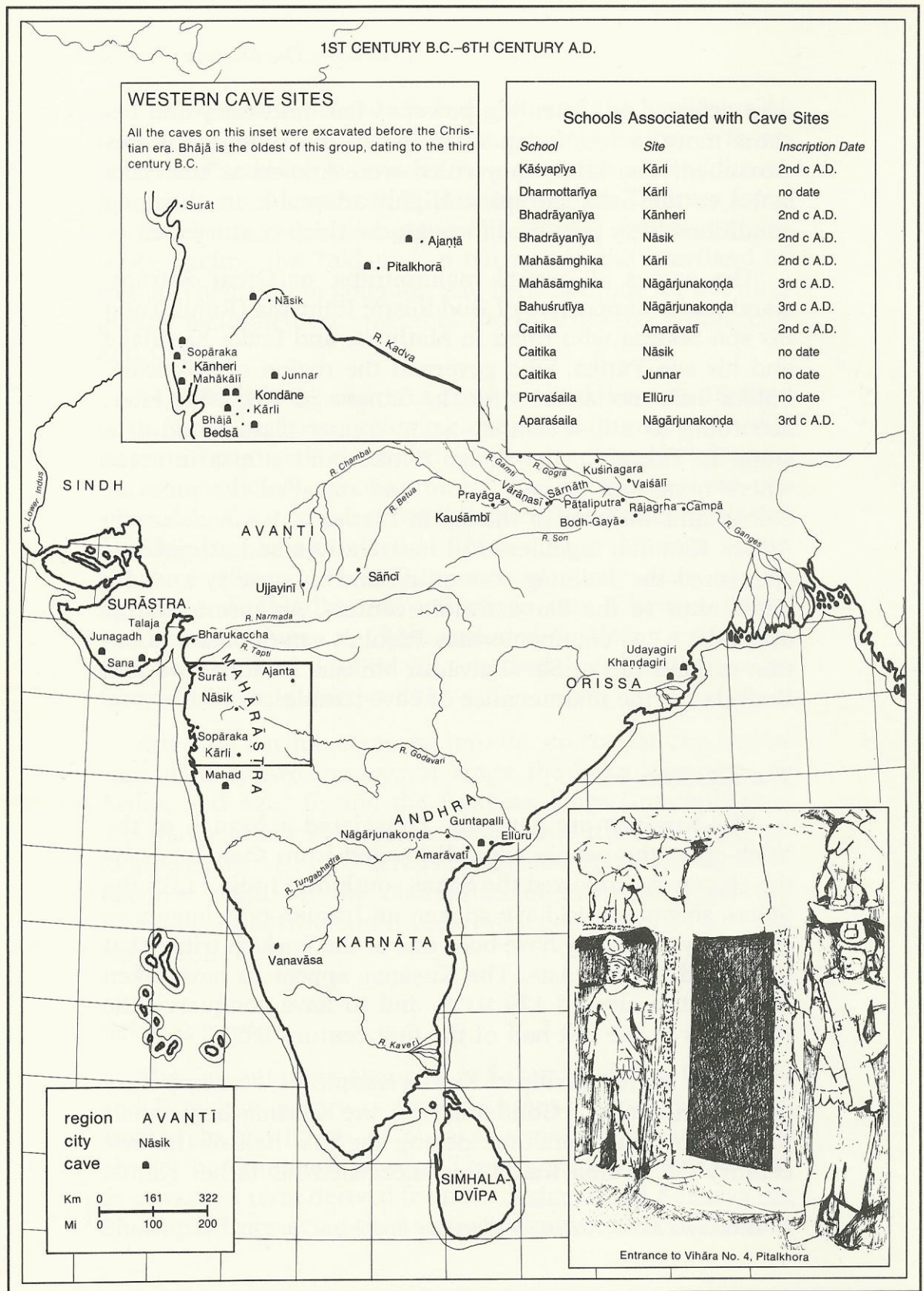
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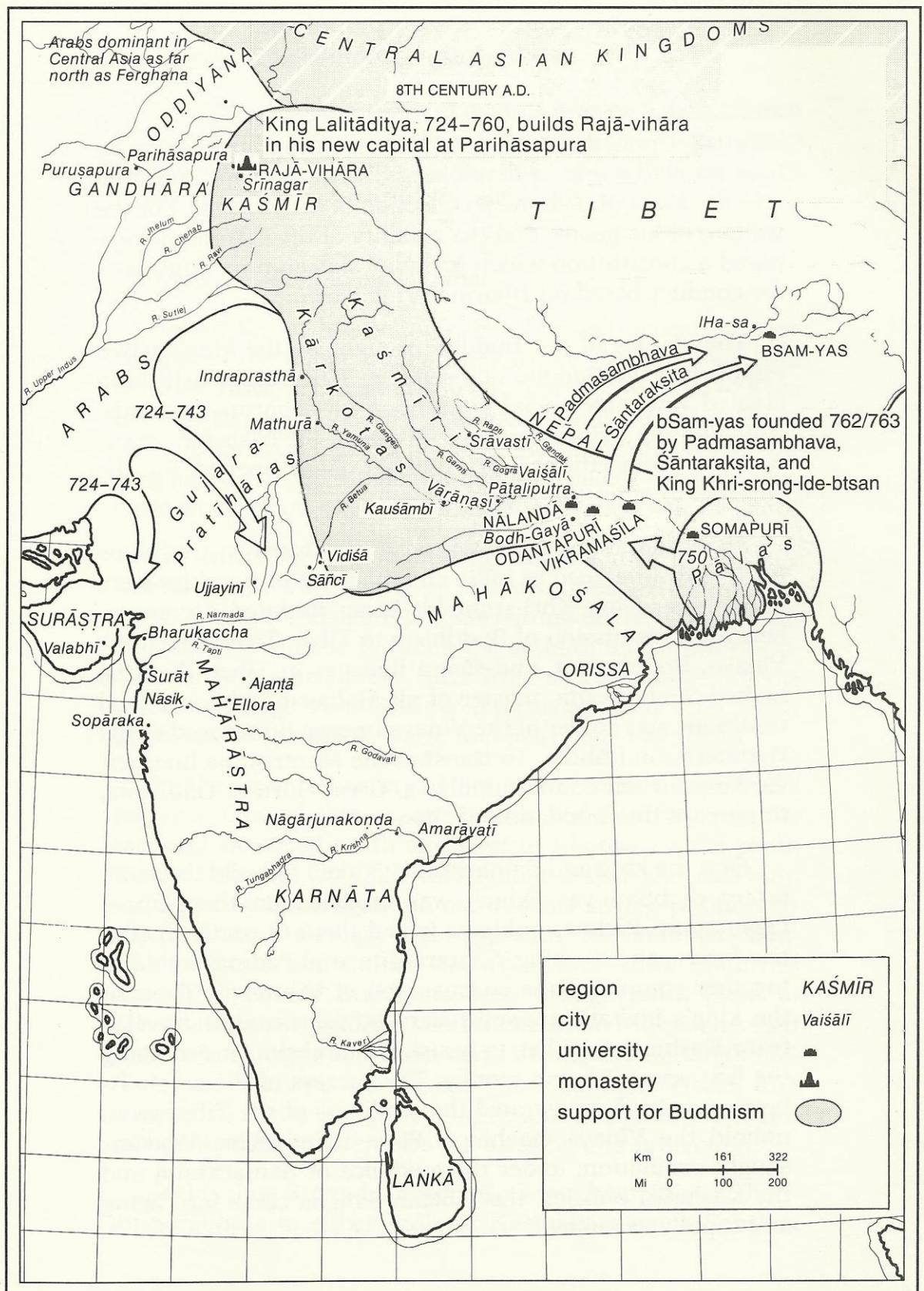
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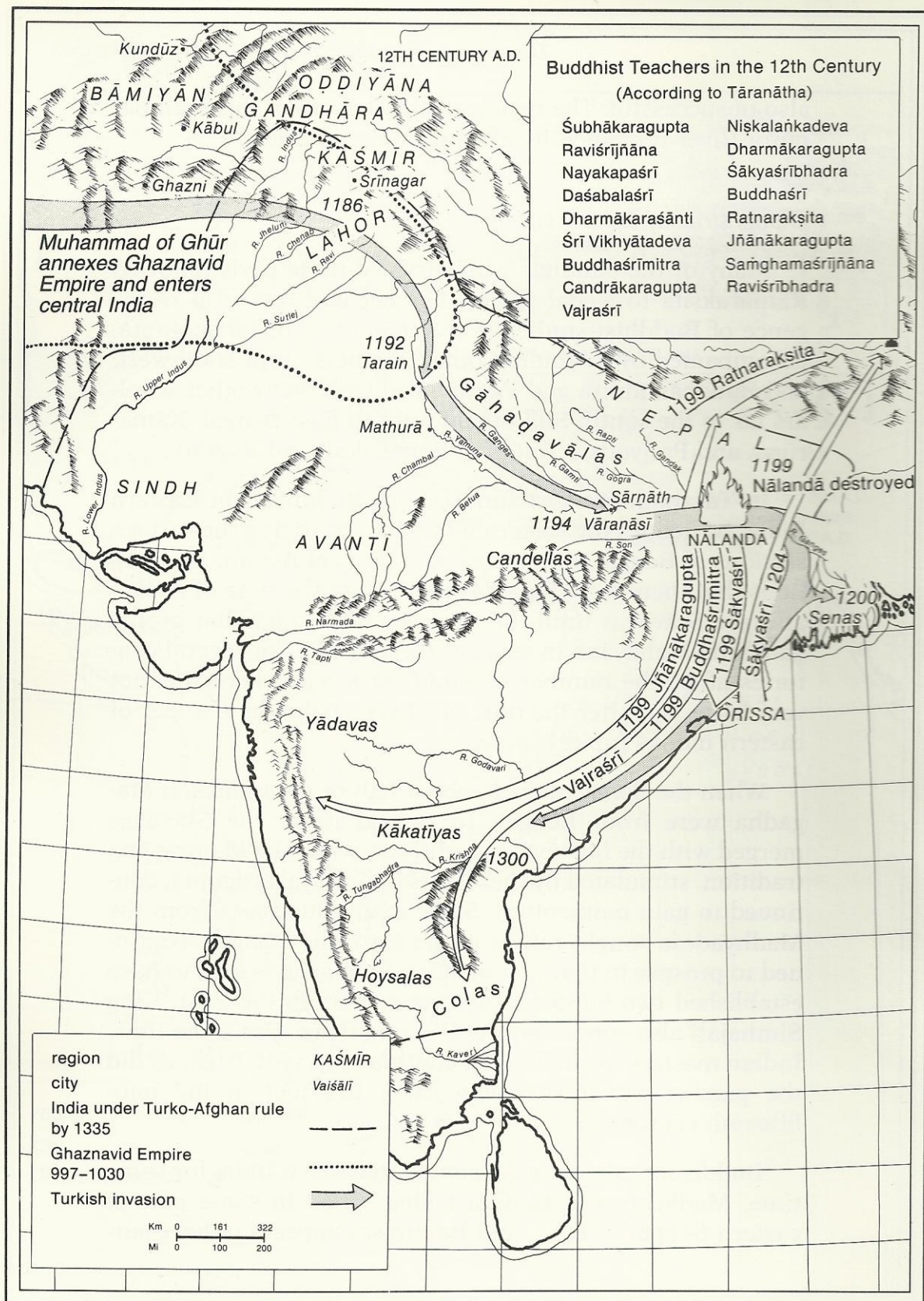
After the Buddha's Parinirvāṇa, early Sanghas established centers throughout India.



In Western India, magnificent temples carved from rock were flourishing Dharma centers.



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The last great Indian paṇḍitas sought refuge in Tibet and South India.