Chronology is the backbone of History, political and cultural. Indian chronology is of hoary antiquity. In course of time it evolved into different systems for the calculation of days, months and years, the completion of months, the commencement of the year, the reckoning of diverse eras, the intercalations and suppressions of months and days etc. Different systems came into vogue in different parts of the country at different times. The prevalence of diverse systems in present India has a long history behind it.

The general features of Ancient Indian Chronology are well studied on the basis of epigraphic and literary records. A detailed study of its salient features requires a minute investigation into all available data. But the country is so spacious and its history is so extensive that the data must first be studied in groups regionally as well as chronologically. With this view I have aimed at collecting and examining all the available data supplied by the epigraphic and literary records of Gujarat. Here I have commenced with early times which coincide with the Mauryan period in the history of Gujarat and proceeded up to the end of the Solanki (or Caulukya) period, which marks an outstanding landmark in the
history of Gujarat, as it witnessed the end of Hindu rule and the establishment of Muslim rule in the region. On the whole it covers a long span of about 16 centuries (from Circa 300 B.C. to 1300 A.D.)

The study of the known key-dates yields ample information about the different eras, systems of years and months, intercalation, cycle of Jovian years, the Siddhanta followed et cetera.

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