

THE RISE OF VARDHANA AND MAUKHARIS

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■ INTRODUCTION

The Gupta empire ruled in India in early 4th Century to 6th Century i.e. from 319 to 467 C.E. The decline of the Gupta empire saw the emergence of many local and regional dynasties.

- ❑ Maitraka dynasty of Vallabhi was founded by Senapati Bhattarak in the last phase of the 5th Century.
- ❑ There was emergence of Yasodharman of Malwa.

Maukhari Dynasty

- They originally resided in the region of Magadha
- Due to weakness of Guptas , they established their rule in Kannauj
- They Gradually grew in importance

Inscriptional Evidence

- Gaya Rajmudra inscription
- Badwa Inscription
- Barabar and Nagarjuni Cave inscription
- Harha Inscription
- Nalanda Inscription

Origin

- Probably they were related to very ancient clan
- Their ancestor was probably 'Mukhar'
- There is no unanimity among historians about their origin
- They ruled in the vast area of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
- They laid the foundation of the dominance of Kannauj (Kanyakubj)

There were many rulers in this dynasty but the credit for expanding this dynasty went to Ishan Verma and his descendants

- The dynasty was divided into many branches
 1. In Jaunpur and Barabanki district of Uttar Pradesh
 2. Bihar
 3. Rajasthan

- According to Bana Bhatta the capital of main branch was Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh
- Karad dynasty ruled in the Gaya region. According to the cave inscriptions of Barabar and Nagarjuna hills, names of three rulers are found.
 - a. Yagvarma
 - b. Shardulvarma
 - c. Anantvarma

Probably they were feudatories of the Gupta kings.

- The first three rulers of the main branch of the Maukharis were as follows
 - a. Hariverma
 - b. Adityaverma
 - c. Ishvarverma

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