

8. Skandagupta
9. Pūrugupta
10. Kumāragupta II
11. Budhagupta
12. Narasiṃhagupta
13. Kumāragupta III
14. Viṣṇugupta

B. Other members of the dynasty

1. Ghaṭotkacagupta
2. Vainyagupta
3. Bhānugupta

A. Main Rulers

1. *Gupta*: (No. 1, L. 28; No. 21, L. 4; No. 22, L.1; No. 47, L. 1; No. 49, L. 1; No. 50, L. 1; No. 51, L. 2, L. 4; No. 53, L. 1) :

He was the founder of the family. We have already discussed his name.

2. *Ghaṭotkaca*: (No. 1, L.28; No. 47, L.1; No. 53, LL. 1-2; No. 46, L. 1; No. 49, L. 1; No. 50, L. 1; No 40, L. 3; No. 21, L. 4 :

The inscriptions name Mahārājā Ghaṭotkaca as the successor of Gupta. He should not be confused with Ghaṭotkacagupta whose name occurs on some seals found at Vaiśālī, and also in the Tumain Inscription of Kumāragupta and Ghaṭotkacagupta (G. E. 116).⁴⁶

Ghaṭotkaca was the name of a son of Bhīma-sena by the Rākṣasī Hiḍimbā.⁴⁷ Names based on *Ghaṭa* are very rare in Sanskrit literature. Thus Gaṇeśa is named Ghaṭodara 'pot-bellied'.⁴⁸ The name Ghaṭotkaca refers to the practice of bearing traditional names based on Epics and Purāṇas. Derivatively it means a person having a hairless head.⁴⁹ In Prācīna Caritrakośa it has been suggested that Ghaṭotkaca was so called as his head was like a *ghaṭa* (pitcher) and was hairless.⁵⁰ Tripathi suggests on the basis of the Skanda Purāṇa that Ghaṭotkaca was so called as he produced a loud voice while laughing which may be compared to the voice produced by thumping the pitcher quite aloud at its mouth by hands.⁵¹ But