

name-ending gupta and soon the family became known as the Gupta dynasty”;

Cf. Dashrath Sharma, Journal of the Bihar Research Society, XXXIX, p. 265.

6. *Śrī-śrīmatyām* : (DX)¹. p. 215, L. 2.

7. Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta, (DX)¹ L. 28, p. 8.

8. B.G. Gokhale, Ez. p. 28.

9. For details of abbreviated names, places, see Agrawala, Jy., pp. 190-192.

10. Lj. Vol. LIII, part I, p. 119, and note.

11. (DX)¹. p. 8, note 3.

12. GJ. XV, pp. 42-43.

13. D.D. Kosambi, G. p. 290.

14. See F.W. Thomas, ‘The Root $\sqrt{\text{gup}}$ and the Guptas’, UJ, 1909, pp. 740-743.

15. Book, III, chap. 10, verse 9.

16. See also F.E. Hall’s edition of H.H. Wilson’s Translation, Vol. III, p. 99f.

17. Mānavadharmasāstra, II, 31, Burnell’s Translation, p. 20.

18. This is shown by the appearance of the name of Kumāradevī and her father’s family on some gold coins of Candragupta I, and by the regular use of the epithet, “daughter’s son of Licchavi (or of a Licchavi king)” for Samudragupta in the genealogical passages in the inscriptions of the Gupta dynasty.

19. To give other examples :

Viṣṇugupta is the name of the Sūtrakāra and Bhāṣyakāra of the Arthasāstra

Arthasāstra 15/1/4 स्वयमेव विष्णुमुत्तश्चकार सूत्रं च भाष्यं च ॥

Padmagupta is the name of a dramatist, the author of the Navasāhasā-
ṅkacaritam.

Vasugupta is the author of the Śivasūtras.

In the Chapter XII of the Tantrāloka, Chapter 37, we find clear mention of the brahmanic names with Gupta-endings.

1. Atrigupta as a *brāhmaṇa* (*dvijanmā*) Vol. XII, chap. 37, Kārikā 38.

2. Varāhagupta, Ibid., 53;

3. Narasīṃhagupta, Ibid., 54;

4. Abhinavagupta, Ibid., 56;

5. Lakṣmaṇagupta, Ibid., 61;

(Teacher of Abhinavagupta)

6. Manorathagupta, Ibid., 64;

7. Kṣemagupta, Utpalagupta, Abhinavagupta, Cakragupta, Padmagupta (All cousins of Abhinavagupta), Ibid., 67.

8. Rāmāgupta, Ibid., 68.

20. HJ. Vol. IX, p.131.

21. K.D. Bajpai, Cz. p. 119 : A circular lead piece bearing the seal mark of Indragupta ‘*rano Indagutasa*’ inscribed in the Mauryan Brāhmī script was recovered which gave the name of a king who ruled over