

CONCLUSION

We may review our discussion before we conclude as follows :

Names of the Gupta kings

Among the names of the Gupta kings 'Gupta' is an example of an abbreviated name. Chaṭokaca, Chaṭokacagupta, Pūrugupta and Vainyagupta are the Epic names. Budhagupta is a *nakṣatra-nāma* (name based on constellation). Bhānugupta is a name based on the Sun god.

Govindagupta, Narasiṃhgupta and Viṣṇugupta are Vaiṣṇavite names. Candragupta (I), Samudragupta, Candragupta (II), Kumāragupta (I), Skandagupta, Kumāragupta (II) and Kumāragupta (III) are Śaivite names. The names of Skandagupta and Kumāragupta exhibit the popularity of the war-god Skanda or Kārttikeya.¹⁸

The names Candragupta and Kumārgupta were repeated in the Gupta family which is against the Mahābhāṣya rule¹⁹ that the first part of the name can be borrowed from one of the three male ancestors but the second part of the name should be different. It may be said that the repetition of the second part could not be avoided due to the tendency of the Guptas to add to their names the termination 'Gupta' which had almost become their family name.

Names of the Gupta queens

Among the names of the Gupta Queens Kumāradevī, Anantadevī, Candradevī, Śrīvatsadevī and Mitradevī were after gods. In Dattadevī, the name-ending termination 'datta' forms the first part of the name. The name Dhruvadevī or Dhruvasvāminī was based on *Dhruva* (polar star). This was against Smṛti injunctions. Manu says that a brāhmaṇa should not marry a maiden who bears the name of a constellation, tree or river, of a low caste, of a mountain, of a bird, snake