

UNIT 9 – UPSC - Officers of the Gupta Empire- Easy to Learn Compilation

In Gupta empire (320 AD to 550 AD), there was a hierarchy of administrative divisions from top to bottom. The empire was divided into 26 provinces.

Provinces were also divided into Vishayas and put under the control of the Vishayapatis.

Officers of the Gupta Empire

A Vishayapati administered the Vishaya with the help of the Adhikarana (council of representatives), which comprised four representatives:

Nagarasreshethi, Sarthavaha, Prathamakulike and Prathama Kayastha. A part of the Vishaya was called Vithi.



Officer	Function
Mahabaladhikrita	Commander-in-Chief
Mahadandanayak	Chief Justice
Mahapratihar	Maintenance of Royal Palace
Mahasandhivigrahak	Post-war conciliation
Dandapashika	Police department head

Bhandagaradhikreta	Head of Royal treasury
Mahapaksha-patalik	Head of account department
Vinayasthitisansathapak	Head of education department
Sarvadhyaksha	Inspector for all central department
Mahashwapati	Controller of cavalry
Mahamahipilapati	Controller & executor of elephantry
Vinayapura	Official to present different guests at the King's court
Yuktapurusha	Office to keep account of war booty
Khadyatpakika	Inspector of Royal Kitchen
Ranabhandagarika	Officer in charge of Army Stores
Mahanarpati	Head of infantry

Nine Gems of Chandragupta II

Person	Field	Famous Works
Amarasimha	Lexicography	Amarkosa
Dhanvantri	Medicine	Ayurveda
Harisena	Poetry	Allahabad inscriptions (Prayag Prasasti)
Kalidasa	Drama & poetry	Abhijnasakuntalam, Meghadoota etc.
Kahapanaka	Astrology	Jyotishyashastra
Sanku	Architecture	Shilpashastra
Varahamihira	Astrology	Brihadsamhita
Vararuchi	Grammar	Vyakarana
Vetalabhata	Magic	Mantrashastra