

D2. Paper III Honours

Rise of Vardhana

Pushyabhuti dynasty

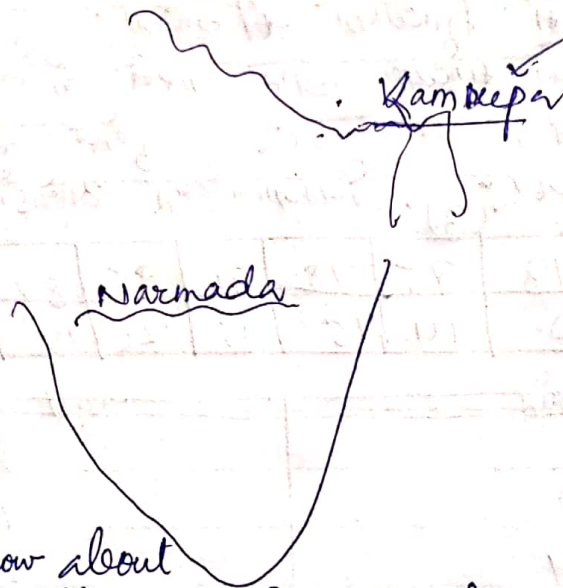


also known as the Vardhana dynasty

- It ruled in northern India
- It took place in 6th and 7th centuries

Famous Ruler of the dynasty
HARSHAVARDHAN (c. 590 - c. 647 CE)

- Extent of the Empire:
- (A) North
 - (B) North Western India till



Sources to know about
the Harshavardhanas: BANAS who composed
Harshacharita

Rise of the Vardhanas

(a) Originally, ruled a small area
around their capital Thaneshvara (Thaneswar)

Aditya Vardhan - (feudal lord to Shrawan Varman)

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Prabhakara Vardhan → Rajya Shri (daughter)
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Married to

Title: PARAMA BIHA PARKA
MAHARAJADHIRAJA (GRAHA VARMAN)

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HARSHAVARDHAN

⇒ Alliance and Expansion

(a) Matrimonial =

(b) Conquest (Military alliance)

Matrimonial: Marriage with Graha Varman enhanced the prestige of the Vardhanas

Conquest (Military alliance with the Kamsupa dynasty of the Bhelis dynasty) increases the power and prestige of the Bhelis dynasty.

It not only raised their prestige but made them undisputed ruler of the North India. Though, the plan of expansion in the South India could not fructify due to the indomitable courage for the South ruler.