

Gujara Pratihara

PALA - Powerful → Gujara Pratihara

Gujara Pratihara created a strong empire in northern India. It reestablished the lost glory of Kanauj. They also played crucial role during tripartite struggle. On the ruins of the empire, the many Rajput rulers set up their empire.

The origin of Gujara Pratihars is in obscure. Historians differ regarding them. Some state that they came along with the Hunas. They settled around Pulga, and Rappulena. For E.g. Gujranwala, Gujargodh etc. The area where they settled are called Gujjar or Gujara. But, it is not accepted by majority.

Gujar considered themselves as descendants of Suryavanshi Kshatriyas. They said that Lakshman was guard of Sri Ram. That's why they were called as Pratihars.

Jodhpur inscription throws lights on the origin and early history of the Gujara Pratihars. At the time of Harshavardhan, Gujara Pratihars they acquired prominence.

Nagabhata I (730-756)

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Vatsaraja (758-795)

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Nagabhata II (795-833)

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Mihirbhoga (838-889)

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Mahendra Pala (890-910)

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Mahipala I (912-944)

Narsinhadeva (730-756)

- i) He was first important ruler of Gurjara-Pratihara
- ii) Bada'i Harshacharita and Aihole inscription gave detailed description about him.
- iii) He was instrumental in creating different branch of Gurjara Pratihara.
- iv) He occupied Malwa.
- v) Gwalior manuscript gave vivid explanation of his conquest and defeat of Aras by him.
- vi) Rashtrakuta was involved in struggle with them.

Vatsaraja (783-795)

- i) He was second in line of Gurjara Pratihara
- ii) He occupied middle areas of Rajasthan and occupied eastern part of north India
- iii) At the time of his rule, the supremacy for Kannauj was started.
- iv) He defeated SHARMPALA to occupy Kannauj.
- v) Though, his defeat weakened the authority of the power of Gurjara Pratihara.

Nagabhata II (795-833)

- (a) He again ~~restarted~~ regain the last glory of the Gurjara Pratihara.
- (b) He annexed Andhra, Sindh, Vidarbha and Kalinga
- (c) Chakrapal and Sharmala allied with the Rashtrakuta to weaken the authority of Gurjara Pratihara.
- (d) At the Battle of Muep, he defeated Sharmala and. But his success was short lived.
- (e) Later on, he suffered defeat from Malwa.