

sources

buddhist

jain

puranas

coins

origin of sungas

obscure, not clear

sources clearly point that they were brahmins

ruled for 36 years

decline/conclusion

sungas had 10 rulers

the last ruler was Devabhuti

He was killed by his own minister Vasudev Kanva who established Kanva Dynasty

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synopsis/introduction

first dynasty to occupy magadha after the fall of mauryas

founder- p. sunga

p. sunga was commander in chief of Mauryan empire

P. sungas achievements

1) conquest in vidharba: it was ruled by yajnasena who was related to Brihadatta. P. sunga's son agnimitra led the campaign and defeated the king

2) Greeks: defeated the greeks after the fall of mauryan empire

3) He brought political stability after mauryas

4) P. Sunga performed ashwamedha- revival of hinduism after the fall of mauryas

background

last king of mauryan empire- brihadatta

weak king, inefficient administration, welfare

chaotic situation in magadha, military was neglected

Bri. followed Hinduism and was against buddhism

Policy of Religion- 2 opposing views

1) He was intolerant of buddhism

2) Patron of Buddhism

According to some sources he killed buddhist monks and destroyed monasteries

Some historians believe that he was a great patron of art and architecture

viharas and stupas were built during his reign



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