

New Kingdoms and Dynasties

Chapter 6: The Age of Reorganisation · Topic 2

Key Concept

Following the Gupta decline around the 6th century CE, regional powers like the Pallavas, Chalukyas, and Pushyabhutis rose in different parts of India.

These new kingdoms often competed for territory and resources, leading to periods of conflict, but also fostered regional cultural and architectural developments.

Many of these dynasties built significant temples and monuments, reflecting their power and religious devotion, some of which remain important heritage sites today.

This period of regional kingdoms set the stage for further political developments in medieval India, including the eventual rise of larger, more centralised powers.

Quick Revision Notes

- Regional powers rose after the Gupta decline.
- The Pallavas, Chalukyas and Pushyabhutis were examples.
- These kingdoms competed for territory and resources.
- This competition fostered regional cultural development.
- Many dynasties built significant temples and monuments.
- Some of these monuments remain heritage sites today.
- This period set the stage for medieval India's politics.
- It led to later, more centralised powers rising.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research one regional dynasty, like the Pallavas or Chalukyas.
- 2 Find a temple built by one of these dynasties.
- 3 Discuss why regional kingdoms sometimes competed.
- 4 Explain how this period connects to later medieval India.
- 5 Research a monument from this period near you or online.
- 6 Create a timeline of dynasties after the Gupta Empire.