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Ch11-The Gupta Empire(History)

Art & Architecture in The Gupta Empire

The Gupta period is called the Golden Age of ancient India. Both Samudragupta & Chandragupta II were patron of art & literature. Samudragupta is represented on his coins playing of the Veena & Chandragupta-II had the Navaratnas(nine gems) including Kalidasa in his court.

Many temples were built. The temples constructed at Deogarh in Jhansi, Bhitargaon in Kanpur are worth mentioning

In the Gupta period, beautiful images of Buddha were made at Sarnath & Mathura. More than two metres high bronze image

Of the Buddha has also been found which belongs to the Gupta period.

The greatest specimen of buddhist art in Gupta period is Ajanta painting which depict various events from the life of Buddha.

The crafts is made up of bronze & iron. Several bronze images of Buddha began to be made in the Gupta period. The best example is the iron pillar found near Qutub Minar in Delhi, manufactured in the 4th century AD.