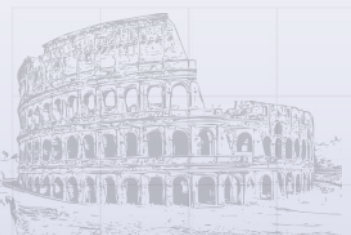




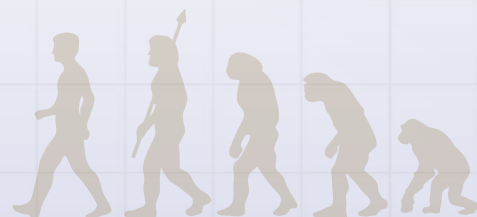
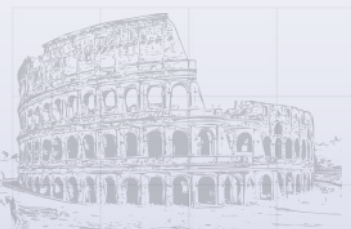
Mauryans

- The Mauryas are known for **centralized administration** and **elaborate taxation**.
- The Mauryan period belonged to the **Northern Black Polished Ware** era.
- **Arthashastra** was written by **Chanakya**.
- **Indika / Indica** was written by **Megasthenes**.
- **Mudrarakshas** was written by **Vishakhadutta** in the 9th century.
- **Pliny** was a Roman writer.
- **Dipavamsa** and **Mahavamsa** are Sri Lankan Buddhist texts.
- The Mauryan empire was divided into **provinces**.
- Each province was placed under a **prince** from the royal dynasty.
- Important cities were **Patliputra, Ujjain, Taxila and Suvarnagiri**.
- Patliputra administration had **six committees**, each with **five members**.
- Committees handled sanitation, foreigners, birth-death registration, weights and measures.
- **Taxila** and **Ujjayini** were on important long-distance trade routes.
- **Suvarnagiri** means **golden mountain**.
- Chandragupta maintained a huge army.



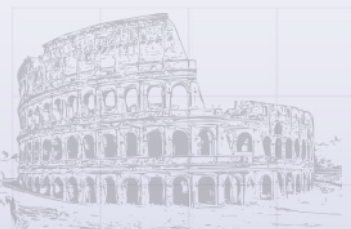


- Pliny says Chandragupta had **600,000 foot-soldiers, 30,000 cavalry and 9,000 elephants.**
- Megasthenes mentions **six military sub-committees.**
- The six military branches were navy, transport, infantry, horses, chariots and elephants.
- The administration was backed by **espionage.**
- Important functionaries were called **Tirthas.**
- Highest functionaries included **Mantrin, Purohit, Senapati and Yuvraja.**
- These high officials received **48,000 panas.**
- A **Pana** was a silver coin equal to **3/4 of a tola.**
- The state appointed **27 Adhyakshas.**
- Adhyakshas regulated agriculture, trade, weights, measures, crafts and mining.
- The state provided irrigation facilities and regulated water supply.
- Patliputra was connected with important towns through roads.
- Ashokan stone pillars were made at **Chunar near Varanasi.**
- The Mauryan period was a landmark in ancient Indian taxation.
- Taxes were collected from peasants, artisans and traders.
- **Samaharta** was the highest officer in charge of assessment.





- **Sannidhata** was the chief custodian of treasury and storehouse.
- Taxes were collected in both kind and cash.
- Punch-marked coins were made of **silver and copper**.
- Punch-marked coins carried symbols of **peacock, hill and crescent**.
- Mauryas introduced **stone masonry** on a wide scale.
- Mauryan pillars were made of a single piece of **buff-coloured sandstone**.
- Pillar capitals were in the form of **lions or bulls**.
- **Barabar Caves** are an example of Mauryan rock-cut caves.
- Mauryan material culture included iron, writing, punch-marked coins, NBPW, burnt bricks and ring wells.
- Ring wells supplied domestic water and acted as soak pits.
- NBPW culture is found at Bangarh, Chandraketugarh, Kalinga, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
- Ashokan inscriptions mention Cholas, Pandyas, Cheras, Satyaputras and Tamraparni on the borders.
- Kautilya advised new settlements with Vaishya cultivators and Shudra labourers.
- New peasants were given tax remission, cattle, seeds and money.
- Ashoka maintained close contact with tribal people and asked them to observe Dharma.



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