

Origin of Rajput.

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Sources of Information → Pothvirajras of Chanderbadai, Nagananda of Harshvardhana, Karapurmanjari and Kanya Mimamsa of Jayashankar, Pothviraj ^{wijaya} by Sha Jay-natha, Ramanbadhi by Bhatti, Kok Panit wrote Kok Shrestha, Madahar Malan by Madhuakar, Mitakshara by Vyayaveshwar and Geet Govind by Jaider, Kumar Palcharita by Hemachandra and Hanum Kanya chandra by Nay chandra gives us ample Evidence about whole of the System of Rajput Period.

Archaeological Sources → Sisana inscription where theory of Agrikula explained, Bijolia Edict according to Bijolia Edict Chauhanas are called the Vatsa Gotriya Brahmins.

Dvipura Inscription gives us detail about the Wajsen defeated the ruler of Nepal and Mithila, Raghuraja temple of Chandelas and tank Ketti sager gives us details about the whole Political.

Social and Economic system of Rajput period Rajor inscription, Talor inscription,

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The word Rajput occurs in the Puranas and also in Harshacharita of Bana which came from Rajputra is a sanskrit word which means "son of the royal blood". The word Rajput is used in certain part of Rajputana which denotes the illegitimate son of Khatriya chief or Jagirdar.

Among the reigning houses that came up during the period under study, the Basakhtas, Burewara, Pariharas, the Grohad-weras, the Chandellas and the Rathuris, Parmaras, Solanki and Siyadha dynasties belongs to Rayar clan.

Raport are said to have been descend
- ent of 36 clans. On the basis of localised
myths.

In Nagaland we see that they were originated from the Queen of Naga King and they originated by the Snake. The story of Jimut-wahan gives as ample evidence about the origin of Rapti from snake. Somewhere we have got they were the descendants of Pipal tree they belongs to Basudev and ~~they~~ established himself as ruler in every another various types of myth were also found for the origin of Rapti thus we may say that the reigning Rapti houses were of tribal ancestry. In the long process of their detribalization, accumulation and assimilation with rest of the society they became a sati in the ~~tradition~~ was on the basis of their occupation. Upward social mobility were the main cause of followed kshatriya tradition.

There are numerous theory propounded by various scholars for the origin of Rajput.

- ① Todd view. — William Brooke and European writer.
- ② theory of Agricula. — Pothinraj Rao
- ③ Ethnology — C.V. Vaidya and Gaurishankar Oja.
- ④ Mixed theory — Dr. R.A. Smith. Oja.

① Todd view : According to this view the Rajput were the descendant of Shakas as Kushanas Hunas and Gurjaras etc who came to India and settled there. They were merged into Hindu Society and they married with Indian wives and made India their home. They were admitted in the Hindu caste. In support of this theory Todd pointed out certain resemblance between the various settlers and the Rajput. Those were horse warrioress, Ashvamedha sacrifices, war chariots, some of strong fermented liquor, worship of arms and cult of Aoms. William Brooke, Kernal Todd accepted this theory.

But this theory is not accepted by the Indian scholars K.N. Panikar "They says that anything ^{new} in India European scholar thought that from foreign origin". Dr. C.V. Vaidya and Gaurishankar Oja also not accepted this theory and they propounded Ethnology.

~~the~~ ethnology. According to custom and tradition Rajput were the pure Aryans and not the descendant of foreigners.

According to opa there is nothing striking in the similarities of the custom and tradition of Saka and Rajput. The

worship of the sun prevailed in India from the Vedic times and the practice of Sati existed before the coming of the Sakers as is proved by Mahabharata.

and even Brahma of Chandragupta. The practice of Ashwamedha sacrifice was not unknown. The worship of Aoms and horses is not a new thing. Pushyamitra Sunga performed the Ashwamedha sacrifice. The commentator of Maha-bhasya Patanjali was also present there on the occasion.

Dr R. Shandarker and on the basis of certain inscription of the 9th and 10th cent why the Rajput belongs to the Ranas of Suryavanshi or solar clan and Krishna of Chandravanshi or lunar races. The former Rajput ruler of Bikaner, Mevar and Galpur claimed that their descent from Suryavanshi clan likewise the princes of Jaisalmer and Cutch took pride in calling themselves medesce.

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- Ident of Chandravanshi clan. All this must have historic basis.

4. Theory of Agrikula :- According to Pothinraj
Rao and Sisanta inscription, Agrikula
was an incarnation of Vishnu destroyed
all the Kshatriyas. However the Brahmanas
felt that the need of a warrior class to
defend them. They opened prayer to God
at the top of Mount Abu (the ancient Nandi-
Vardhana, which was also known as Arasa-
du) situated in the Aravali range in Shro-
hi. Thus the Brāhmaṇas, Parvatas,
Chāhāṇas and Sto. Solanki came claimed
to the Agrikula origin. This theory
is also contradicted by various scholars.
The born of man from Puragation of fire
is impossible thus this theory is not accep-
ted by various scholars.

5. Mixed theory :- According to Wincent A.
Smith various Rajput clans belongs to
the foreign origin and they were the
descendant of Shakas, Kushanas, Bahalanas,
Hunas and Gurparas who followed them.
But various other Rajput clans came in
to existence on the basis of cast upward
social mobility in India and they were
descendant of Rishiya tribes of India on the
basis of their occupation. Other clans
of Rajput were also associated with the
family of Lams and Raghus and they
claimed that they were the descendant
of Lom or Suryavanshi.

Richard Lannoy, in the speaking tree, has indicated that the tribes of modern India represent the untransformed residue of the original ~~original~~ primitive culture... the non Indian Rajput class and the aboriginal tribes were even incorporated in to the Rajput class system and they were eventually assimilated in to Hinduism.

It is evident that this came about first through the sheer military powers of the class, secondly by reason of their readiness to accept it and to become valiant champions of the Hindu belief system.

Thus we may conclude that Rajput were the descendant of 36 clans. But various scholars accepted the theory of mixed origin.

Conclusion → Thus we find that ~~with~~ Rajput were the descendant of the Ashabiyas as well as also belongs to the mixed origin during Early medieval India. Theory of Agriculal also indicated ~~that~~ the mythical origin of the Rajput clan. But with the above discussions It is clear that they belongs to the wares

or Class of their Society. In earlier time they were associated with the Naga family, or Solar family, lunar family etc but latter on they become Rajput.