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Film Discussion

The Gupta Empire was an Empire in India during the fall of the Roman empire. It was a highly organized state and a great late classical civilization.

For me, it was really interesting to find out that it was a peaceful empire. They didn't kill any living creatures. Buddhism and Hinduism were their religions back then and both religions co-existed peacefully.

The Gupta Empire was also known for its technological achievements. Especially iron was one of their specialties. There had certain techniques to process metal and in particular iron. The Indians were also called the masters of iron and one of their most mysterious sculptures is a 35 feet high iron pillar. This pillar was built almost 1500 years before the industrialization. With a certain technique they were able to stack iron kilo by kilo on each other and they were able to build this nearly 6000 kilo pillar. The expert in the film says that this pillar should be considered a metallurgical wonder of the world because it was especially hard to build a pillar of this size and weight in the time of the Gupta empire with limited knowledge and resources.

Looking at all the metallic sculptures in the Gupta Empire it's really clear that they were especially focused on high quality. But they weren't just good with metal. The ancient Indians had great scientists and great mathematics. They also were great with literature and culture and high drama.

In conclusion I would say through this film you will notice pretty fast how highly developed the Gupta Empire was for it's time.