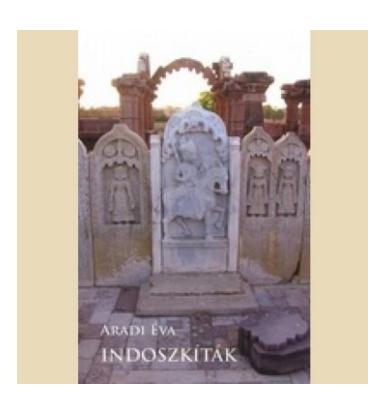
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# Sakas, Indoschythians, Indoparthians and Western Ksatrapas



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The Sakas were the Asian Scythians. They occupied a huge territory in Central Asia between the  $6^{th}$  and  $3^{rd}$  centuries B.C.

The Hsiung-nus defeated the Yue-chis in about 174 B.C., therefore the Yue-chis migrated to the West. They occupied a part of the Saka territories, so this people started for the South. They settled first in Parthia, where they were vassals of the Parthians. Later they became allies of the Parthians. Together they occupied the ancient Bactria, the Indus-delta, later the northern part of India, first of all *Taxila*; for a short time even *Mathura* in Central India. The Indoparthians occupied the territory near the Indus-delta. They did not rule there for long, as the Yue-chis (the Kushans) defeated them. After some time (in the second century A.D.) the Kushans and the western Sakas (the historians call them Western Ksatrapas) became allies.

The most famous rulers of the Indoscythians were the so called *Western Kshatrapas*. They ruled in the western part of India, in today's *Gujarat*. Their capital was *Ujjain*. They lost their territory in 398 A.D. Altogether the Indoscythians and Indoparthians occupied some parts of India, Kashmir and Bactria for more than 400 years. They had many dynasties. Their influence is still could be traced in some Indian tribes, first of all in Gujarat, and its smaller part: Kutcch (Katch). These territories have many *palias* (burial memory-stones) in the museums, the old cemeteries and in the 1500 years old Hephtalite ruined fort in

Kanthakot. Kutcch is keeping the influences of the different tribal unions who occupied India in the ancient times. Its people are mixed today, containing the original Arian race and the successors of the Scythian, Hephtalite and Arab invaders.



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