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With reference to the period of Gupta dynasty in ancient India, the towns Ghantasala, Kadura and Chaul were well known as (a) ports handling foreign trade (b) capitals of powerful kingdoms (c) places of exquisite stone art and architecture (d) important Buddhist pilgrimage centres Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Ports handling foreign trade. Ghantasala, Kadura and **Chaul** in the Gupta-period maritime list.

(b)

Capitals. They were not imperial seats.

(c)

Stone-art towns. Not their fame here.

(d)

Buddhist pilgrimage. Possible remains, not the keyed role.

Summary

Official key is (a). Ghantasala (**Krishna delta**), Kadura and **Chaul** (Konkan) are remembered as ports in the Gupta-era foreign-trade map, not as capitals or pilgrimage HQ.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Periplus / later lists

East- and west-coast emporia.

Chaul

South of Mumbai; medieval Konkan port too.