

# Nalanda (427-1197)

One of the first universities in the world, **Nalanda University**, was **established by Kumaragupta of the Gupta dynasty**. Many kings and scholars contributed to it as well. The facility included 10 temples, 8 distinct compounds, meditation rooms, classrooms, lakes, and parks. In its nine-story library, monks copied books and other materials so that each scholar can have their collections.

At its peak, the University housed 10,000 students in dorms, which may have been a *first for an educational institution, along with 2,000 professors*.

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The **primary teaching focus was Mahayana Buddhism**, but other secular subjects like **grammar, logic, epistemology, and sciences**.