

Territorial expansion during the reign of King Nissakamalla (1187-1196A.D)

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The reign of Nissakamalla is limited to a few verses in Mahāvamsa. But his numerous vainglorious inscriptions which he has inscribed give many informative details about his administration.

Nissakamalla's inscriptions inculcate the fiction that he is descended of king Vijaya of Siṃhapura in Kaliṅga. Nissakamalla toured his kingdom accompanied by his fourfold army. This is testimony to the political instability inside the country. Katugahagalle inscription too discloses the same fact. Through this inscription king ordered the people of Ruhuna to be law-abiding and to conduct themselves submissively like the people in the Mayarata.

His Rameshvaram inscription discloses the invasion and submission of Pāṇḍya Desha. It is also an ostentatious claim. He established friendly relations with Kannata, Bengal, Orissa, Īndhra, Gujarat, Burma and Cambodia. Even though his inscriptions are found in three principalities, this alone is not enough to prove that the whole island was under his administration.

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