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A CHECKLIST
OF THE 32
LAMBAKARNA
KINGS OF THE
1ST DYNASTY

THE FIRST LAMBAKARNAS



1 KING VASABHA

40th King of Anuradhapura. 46th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 1st monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 19th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 67 - 111 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

2
KING
PANDU
VASUDEVA

Nephew of Prince Vijaya. 2nd King of Tambapanni and Upatissa Nuwara. 3rd monarch of the Vijayan Dynasty. Reign: 504 – 474 BCE. Nature of Death: Natural. 2nd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death.

3
KING
VANKANASIKA
TISSA

Son of King Vasabha. 41st King of Anuradhapura. 2nd monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 47th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 20th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 111 - 113 CE. Nature of Death: Natural

4 KING GAJABAHU I

Son of King Vankanasika Tissa. 42nd King of Anuradhapura. 3rd monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 48th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 21st reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 113 - 135 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

5
KING
MAHALLAKA
NAGA

Father in law of King Gajabahu I. 43rd King of Anuradhapura. 4th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 49th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 22nd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 135 - 141 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

6
KING
BHATIKA TISSA

Son of King Mahallaka Naga. 44th King of Anuradhapura. 5th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 50th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 23rd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 141 – 165 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

7 KING KANITTHA TISSA

Brother of King Bhatika Tissa. 45th King of Anuradhapura. 6th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 51st recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 24th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 165 – 193 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

8
KING
CULA NAGA

Son of King Kanittha Tissa. 46th King of Anuradhapura. 7th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 52nd recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 27th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 193 – 195 CE Nature of Death: Murdered.

9
KING
SIRI NAGA

Brother in law of King Kuda Naga. 48th King of Anuradhapura. 9th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 54th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 25th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 196 – 215 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

10 KING VOHARIKA TISSA

Son of King Siri Naga. 49th King of Anuradhapura. 10th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 55th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 28th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 215 – 237 CE Nature of Death: Murdered.

11
KING
ABHAYA NAGA

Brother of King Voharika Tissa. 50th King of Anuradhapura. 11th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 56th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 26th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 237 – 245 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

12 KING SIRI NAGA II

Nephew of King Abhaya Naga. 51st King of Anuradhapura. 12th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 57th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 27th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 245 – 247 CE Nature of Death: Natural.

13
KING
VIJAYA
KUMARA

Son of King Siri Naga II 52nd King of Anuradhapura. 13th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period) 58th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 29th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 247 – 248 CE.
Nature of Death: Murdered

14
KING
SANGHA TISSA I

53rd King of Anuradhapura. 14th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 59th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 30th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 248 – 252 CE. Nature of Death: Murdered.

15
KING
SIRI SANGHA
BODHI I

54th King of Anuradhapura. 15th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 60th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 31st reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 252 – 254 CE. Nature of Death: Murdered.

16 KING GOTHABHAYA

56th King of Anuradhapura. 16th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 61st recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 28th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 254 – 267 CE Nature of Death: Natural.

17
KING
JETTHA TISSA I

Son of King Gothabhaya. 57th King of Anuradhapura. 17th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 62nd recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 29th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 267 – 277 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

18 KING MAHASENA

Son of King Gothabhaya and brother of King Jettha Tissa I 58th King of Anuradhapura. 18th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 63rd recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 30th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 277 - 304 CE Nature of Death: Natural.

19
KING
SIRIMEGHAVANNA

Son of King Mahasena 59th King of Anuradhapura. 19th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period) 64th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 31st reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 304 - 332 CE Nature of Death: Natural.

20
KING
JETTHA TISSA II

Brother of King Sirimeghavanna 60th King of Anuradhapura. 20th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 65th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 32nd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 332 – 341 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

21 KING BUDDHADASA

Son of King Jetha Tissa II 61st King of Anuradhapura. 21st monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 66th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 33rd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 341 – 370 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

22 KING UPATISSA I

Son of King Buddhadasa 62nd King of Anuradhapura. 22nd monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 67th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 32nd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 370 – 412 CE.
Nature of Death: Murdered.

23 KING MAHANAMA

Brother of King Upatissa I 63rd King of Anuradhapura. 23rd monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 68th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 34th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 412 – 434 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

24 KING SOTHTHISENA

Son of King Mahanama 64th King of Anuradhapura. 24th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 69th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 33rd reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 434 CE. Nature of Death: Murdered.

25
QUEEN
CHATTAGAHAKA
JANTU

Stepsister to King Soththisena 3rd Queen and 65th Monarch of Anuradhapura. 25th monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 70th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 34th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 434 - 435 CE. Nature of Death: Murdered.

26 KING MITTASENA

66th King of Anuradhapura. 26th and last monarch of the Lambakanna Dynasty (1st Period). 71st recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 35th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. 8th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died in battle. Reign: 435 – 436 CE. Nature of Death: Murdered.

27 KING PANDU

67th King of Anuradhapura. The first of the Six Dravidian invaders of the Pandiyan Dynasty of South India. 72nd recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 35th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. Reign: 436 – 441 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

28 KING PARINDU

Son of King Pandu 68th King of Anuradhapura. The 2nd of the Six Dravidian invaders of the Pandiyan Dynasty of South India. 73rd recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 35th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 441 CE
Nature of Death: Murdered.

29
KING
KHUDDA
PARINDA

Brother of King Parindu and son of King Pandu 69th King of Anuradhapura. The 3rd of the Six Dravidian invaders of the Pandiyan Dynasty of South India. 74th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 36th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died a natural death. (presumed) Reign: 441 – 447 CE. Nature of Death: Natural.

30 KING TIRITARA

70th King of Anuradhapura. The 4th of the Six Dravidian invaders of the Pandiyan Dynasty of South India. 75th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 9th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died in battle. Reign: 447 CE Nature of Death: Defeated and killed by the future king, Dhatusena.

31 KING DATHIYA

71st King of Anuradhapura. The 5th of the Six Dravidian invaders of the Pandiyan Dynasty of South India. 76th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 10th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died in battle. Reign: 447 – 450 CE Nature of Death: Defeated and killed by the future king, Dhatusena.

32 KING PITHIYA

72nd King of Anuradhapura. The last of the Six Dravidian invaders of the Pandiyan Dynasty of South India. 77th recorded monarch in Sri Lanka in the line running from Prince Vijaya. 11th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have died in battle. 36th reigning Sri Lankan monarch to have been murdered for the succession. Reign: 450 – 452 CE. Nature of Death: Defeated and killed by the future king, Dhatusena.

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