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Abstract

Nissankamalla, the *Kalinga* king, who reigned the Medieval *Polonnaruwa* kingdom for a short period of nine years (1187-1196), can be considered as the greatest foreign king of Sri Lanka. He is well-known not only for sponsoring the largest number of stone-writings he has sponsored for, but also for his genuine attempts to maintain the governance of a country in which he was a complete foreigner. The main question in this regard is to what extent his attempts to convince his nationalism and patriotism to the locals, to launch his projects as a completely foreign king, and consequently win the local hearts had been successful? What are the strategies he had employed to overcome the political tension, and the dislike of people towards a foreign king? Answers to these questions can be found by tracing his inscriptions. Through the study of literary and geological sources the importance of these aspects can be highlighted. Despite all the foreign attacks and influences, Sri Lankans and their kings have sacrificed even their lives to protect the sovereignty and the independence. The guidance provided by King *Nissankamalla* in promoting the Buddhists morals and virtues of the country is praiseworthy. He had done this quite similar to the way of prominent Sri Lankan kings. It is amazing how the king during a short *Nissankamalla* period of time had sponsored an immense number of stone-writings. represents the list of the greatest Sri Lankan kings as his governing mechanisms and strategies were employed for about fifty years after his demise.

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