

DUTTU-GEMUNU'S REIGN

Duttu-Gemunu's services to Sri Lanka

Once the war was over, Duttu-Gemunu applied himself to helping his people by building hospitals and homes, and by trying to improve agriculture. He also built several Buddhist temples (called dagobas), whose ruins exist even today.

Some of the most famous buildings that were built in Duttu-Gemunu's time are the Ruwanweli Saya (also called Ruwanweli Dagoba or Maha-Thupa) and the Lowa Maha Paya (also called the Brazen Palace). The Mirisawetti Dagoba was also built during his time.

The Lowa Maha Paya and the Ruwan Weli Dagoba are the two largest buildings built by Duttu-Gemunu. The Lowa Maha Paya was a magnificent structure with one thousand rooms, a roof constructed of copper and walls covered in gems. The construction of the Ruwanweli Dagoba was incomplete at the time of Duttu-Gemunu's death and was completed by his younger brother, Sadhatissa.