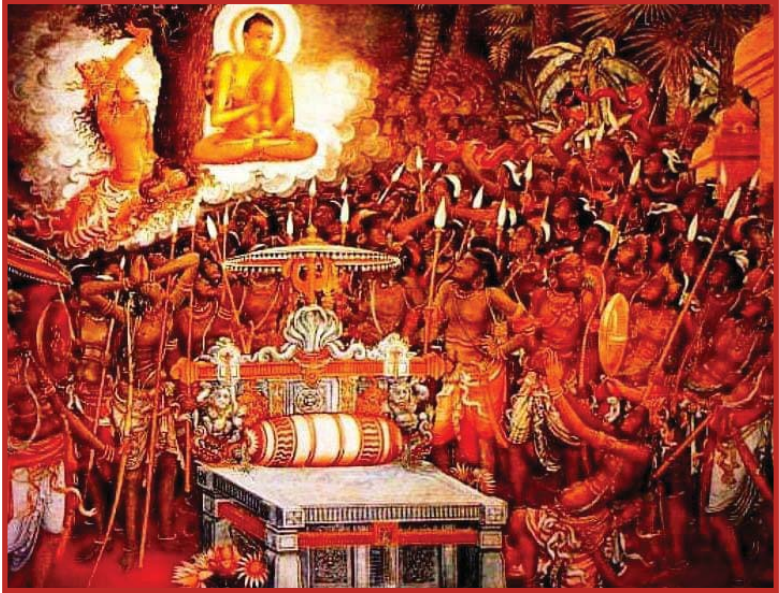
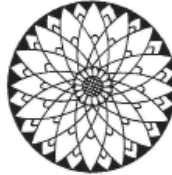


Significance of BAK POYA



- Second Visit of the Buddha to Sri Lanka five years after enlightenment. It was to Nagadeepa in northern Sri Lanka
- A battle was imminent between two Naga kings Mahodhara and Culodhara, uncle and nephew respectively, over a gem-studded throne.
- The Buddha, who came through psychic powers from Jetavanaramaya in Savatthi, first created total darkness and then appeared in the sky. It resulted in awe among the Nagas. The Buddha brought total amity between the two warring parties.

- In veneration they offered the gem-studded throne to the Buddha and the Buddha sitting on it advised them on the value of peace and compassion.
- Bak full-moon day has importance in the life of Prince Siddhartha as well. It was a day of festivity in the Sakyan kingdom and Prince Siddhartha who was on his way to the Royal Gardens for sports saw an old and decrepit person, which made him turn back in a pensive mood, after questioning Channa, the charioteer.



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