Buddhists believe that there are six heavens. Two of them are called ‘Chātur-mahā rājika’ and ‘Tāvatimsa’. God Shakra is the king of both these heavens. He ruled these heavens righteously.

Among the gods are those who are called ‘tree gods’, who have their abodes in trees. Their king is Vaishravana or Vesavunnu. God Shakra appointed a new Vesavunnu to rule the tree gods.