King Parākramabāhu

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After the death of King Vijayabāhu I of Polonnaruwa, the king’s younger sister, Mitta made the late King Vijayabāhu’s brother, Jayabāhu the king of Polonnaruwa. Mitta’s son, Mānābharana, was appointed Yuva Raja – Prince Regent, and the ruler of Dakkhinadēsa - the South Country.

Vijayabāhu’s son, Vickramabāhu in rage gathered an army and marched to Polonnaruwa and defeated Jayabāhu and became king of Rajarata.
Even then, Vickramabāhu had no power in the South. While Dakkhinadēsa was ruled by Mānābharana, Mitta’s other two sons, Sri Vallabha and Keerthi Sri Megha jointly ruled Ruhuna.

During this time, people had to face severe hardships due to the influence of all these rulers who constantly fought one another for power.

After the death of Vickramabāhu, his son Gajabāhu II became king.
Prince Parākramabāhu was born in 1123 AD to King Mānābharana and his Queen Ratnavali, the rulers of Dakkhinadēsa.

Before long, King Mānābharana died and Parākramabāhu grew up with his uncle Keerthi Sri Megha.