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In an ambitious article John Rogers has attempted to summarise the manner in which the intellectual framework introduced by the British raj shaped the categories of caste, race, religion and ethnicity in India and Sri Lanka. Historian Paranavitana mentions a king called Ariyan in Kotagama in Kegalle district.

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Jambudvipa or India, remained holy for the Sinhalese Buddhists. Liyanagamage quotes the Chulawamsa to say that the Keralas were part of a 24,000 strong invading army of a tyrant called Magha from Kalinga modern day Odisha in Eastern India.

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By the 14 th Century the Aryachakravartis had risen to great heights as a power.

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They began to invade the South. There was also a change in the pattern of political authority.

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Political unity became difficult to achieve.

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