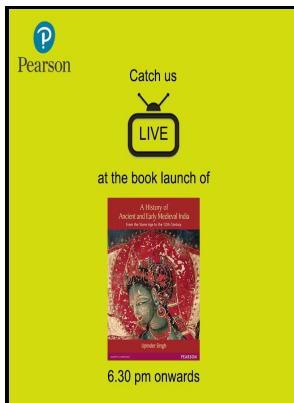


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but eventually long-lasting dynasties formed that made the position hereditary.

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One important set of texts is the Dharma Scriptures, ethical and legal works whose authority derived from their attribution to ancient sages. The heads of clan families or chiefs of each clan in a confederacy then jointly governed the territory by convening periodically in assembly halls.

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