

## **RATNAMALI MAHATHUPA: THE MOST EVER VENERATED STŪPA IN THE WORLD**

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### **Introduction**

Constructing Stūpa depositing the relics of Lord Buddha the most venerable person among the greatest has been going on using various plans throughout the history. Among the Stūpas Swarnamali Mahathupa is the highly valuable one historically. There are so many facts to prove this. Depositing the largest quantity of Lord Buddha's relics, participating the highest number of Bhikkus at the Relics depositing ceremony, the miracle of the relics, the miracle of appearance of Lord Buddhas's passing away( Maha Parinirvana) taking place over Rathnamali Mahathupa, King Bhatthikabhaya's worshipping of the Stūpa and the stone replica of King Bhatthikabhaya and the stone inscription constructed on the compound of the Stūpa, no other Stūpa is venerated as this one, miraculous appearance of materials for the construction of the Stūpa and statements written with proofs about this, even at present painting the Stūpa spending a large amount of money are some of them.

These are only a few facts mentioned here. This was the largest manmade structure during the era. Lord Buddha in his 8th year after Enlightenment came to Sri Lanka and visited Mahamevna garden. Lord Buddha rested in meditation in the place where the Stūpa was constructed

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This Stūpa is highly respected and regarded as the largest manmade structure during the era with marvellous architectural features. Two more Stūpas larger than this were constructed in the ancient city of Anuradhapura.

### **Aims**

Revealing the facts about Rathnamali Sthupa, to prove the greatness of Lord Buddha with facts

And the researcher thinks that the facts regarding Rathnamali Sthupa are dug into yet

### **Methodology**

To prove the facts using Primary resources and secondary resources by using acceptable facts for discussion and come to an impartial conclusion.

### **Discussion**

In many parts of the world Stūpas were constructed for worshipping because Lord Buddha determined using his will power to disperse the relics for Lord Buddha lived only for minimum life span. Among these Chetiyas Rathnamali Maha Cetiya is the foremost. The largest part of the Lord Buddha's relics was deposited in it. There are many quotes in Thupa Wansa, Mahawansa Chronicles and Sutras. Ruwanmeli Maha Cetiya contains two measures (Neli) of Lord Buddhas's relics according to these. The relics depositing ceremony was a wonderment event with many miraculous things.

Chronicles reveal about 5 Determinations of Lord Buddha and one of them is 'A measure of my relics should spring up into the sky and appear my real form and perform Yamaka Miracle at the ceremony of relics depositing of Rathnamali Chetiya.'

Many things needed for construction work such as Gold, Silver, Copper, Gems, Pearls, Beads and clay appeared in different villages when King Dutugemunu was thinking about constructing a Stūpa in honour of Lord Buddha. Proof of these can be seen in these villages even now. The Chronicles elaborate these facts.

It is evident that no other Chethiya excels Ratnamali Maha Chethiya.

### **Conclusion**

It is awesome to find the details given to prove Supra sensual perceptions quoted here. Rathnamali Chethiya appears to prove the Supra Sensual Powers of Lord Buddha the world.

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