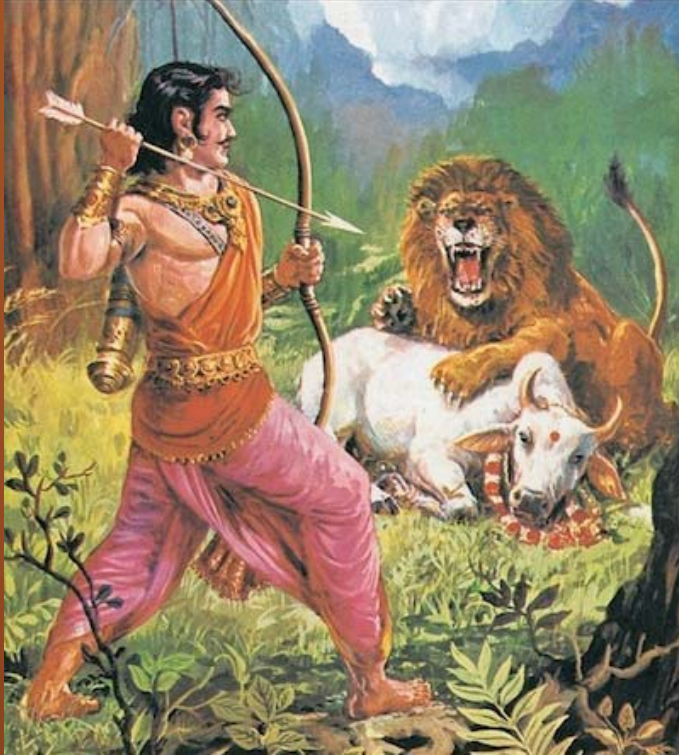


DILIPA'S GOVERNANCE



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King Dilipa



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HISTORY:

- King Dilipa was known as
- **Khaṭvāṅga.**
- He was a legendary kshatriya king of the **Ikshvaku dynasty.**



- He was born to Mulaka and Ilibila.
- The beautiful princess of Magadha, Sudakshinadevi was Dilipa's Queen. They had a son named Raghu after whom the Raghuvamsa/Raghukala came to be known.

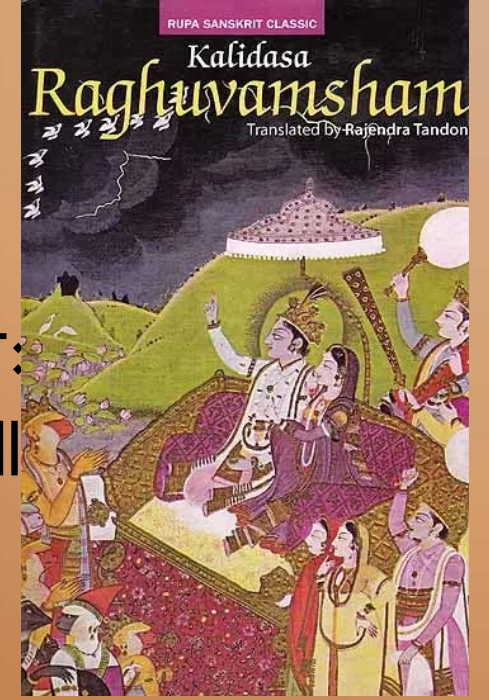
GOVERNANCE:

- King Dilipa was of a soft lineage. He was taught by Sage Vasishtha and he was a quick learner.
- He mastered the art of warfare, diplomacy and state administration in no time. . Dilipa was the model of men in his conduct.
- He was generous but disliked flattery, and was very righteous. The sole aim of his life was the welfare of the people. He collected from his subjects only one sixth of their income as tax.

The shlokas by Kalidasa in Raghuvamsa gives a very beautiful description about Dilipa's administration :

1. व्यूढोरस्को वृषस्कन्धः शालप्रांशुर्महाभुजः
आत्मकर्मक्षमं देहं क्षात्रो धर्म इवाश्रितः॥

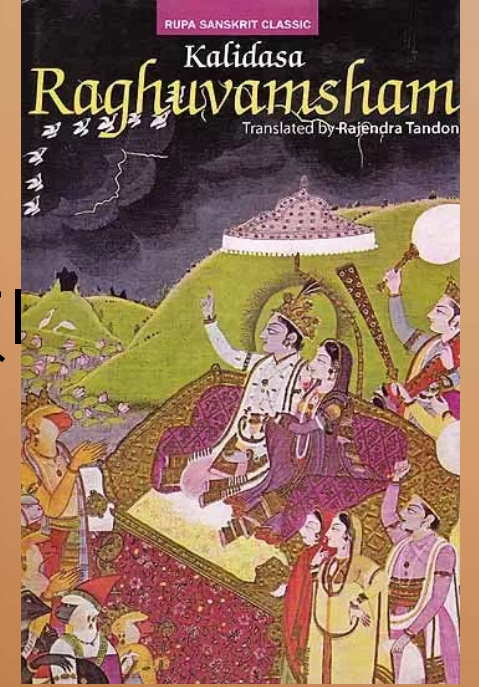
- Meaning - Possessed of a broad chest and (raised) shoulders like those of a bull, tall like a sala tree and endowed with massive (long and sturdy) arms, he appeared as if the martial spirit has assumed a body quite fit to discharge its duties.



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2. भीमकान्तैर्नृपगुणैः स बभूवोपजीविनाम् ।
अधृष्यश्चाभिगम्यश्च यादोरत्नैरिवार्णवः ॥

- Meaning - By his kingly virtues which were both aweinspiring and endearing, he was unapproachable and (at the same time) easily accessible to his subjects like the ocean is on account of watermonsters and gems.



- . King Dileepa looked after his subjects like they were his own children. He was like a father to all his subjects. Dileepa ruled over his kingdom easily, as if it were a town.
- In the work that he had accepted, he showed unequalled loyalty and was ready to lay down his life to save Nandini. Born an emperor's son, he became a great emperor. More than that, he acquired great fame with his humility, dutifulness and spirit of sacrifice.

- Dilipa was always conscious of his duties and of how to act in accordance with the rules of fair play and righteousness.
- Not only did Dileepa show by his own conduct how men in high positions should be in their lives, but also he became an example as a person of ideal qualities. He became a great man memorable for all time. With his virtues he won the hearts of all.