



VIDURA COLLEGE – COLOMBO
GRADE 5
Buddhism

Second term

Somawathi Dagoba

Lesson – 7

Student Note – 3

- Somawathiya Dagaba is an important temple as it has a long history and it has a relic of the right jaw of the Buddha.
- The relic at the Dalada Maligawa in Kandy is a relic of the left jaw of the Buddha.
- It is mentioned that Princess Somawathi was a sister of King Kavantissa. Who reigned Magampura of Ruhuna.
- She was married to Prince Abhaya and nephew of King Kelanitissa who reigned in Kelaniya and they lived in the city of Giri.
- Later when they found out that they did not have a temple for their religious activities
- The King of the kingdom of Seru, King Siva gave a city to them and it was named Soma city.
- Princess Somawathi suggested contracting a temple.
- It was fulfilled by Price Abaya and he name it Somawathi Chethiya.



The uniqueness of Somawathi Chethiya.

- When the first excavation of the site was made during the British rule the works has seen the colours of the halo(බුදුරැස්ස) of the Buddha around the Dagaba.
- Another miracle which occurs often is the sound of drumming (මෝවිසි) emanating from the dagaba.
- Spotting elephants in the thickets of Polonnaruwa is no miracle but elephants turning towards the dagaba and worshipping it with a raised trunk is indeed a miracle.



Exercise

1. Where is Somawathi Dagaba situated?
2. What is the relic enshrined in the Somawathi Dagaba?
3. What is the uniqueness of the Somawathi Dagaba?
4. Relate a few miracles seen at Somawathi Dagaba

