

*piṇḍa-pāta* (EI 25), food [for the Buddhist monks].

*piśāca-caturdaśi* (EI 1), name of a *tithi*.

*Piṣāraḍi* (IA 24), Malayālam; the manager of a temple.

*Piṣunavetrika* (EI 33; HD), probably, an officer who drives away undesirable persons with a cane; or, one engaged in a court for caning culprits. See *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. XI, p. 94. See *Vetrika*, *Yāṣṭika*, *Veṭakila*.

*piṭaka* (CII 4), a measure of capacity.

Cf. *Traipīṭaka*.

*Pitalahāra* (EI 20, 32), a brazier.

*Pitāmaha* (EI 24, 33), epithet of the Buddha.

(IE 7-1-2), 'one'; but cf. *Brahman* used to indicate 'nine'.

*piṭha* (Chamba), a grain measure; also spelt *piḍā*, *peḍā*, *pyoḍā*.

*piṭha* (CII 4; IA 12), receptacle of a Śiva-līṅga; the ablution trough of a Śiva-līṅga; also called *Yoni-paṭṭa*.

(*SITI*), pedestal for the image of a deity.

*piṭhī* (*Ep. Ind.*, Vol. III, p. 16), a pedestal or seat; same as *piṭha* and *piṭhikā*.

*piṭhika* (ASLV), Sanskrit *piṭhikā*; a throne; same as *rājya*.

*piṭhikā* (EI 2), a platform.

*Piṭhikāvitta* (IE 8-3; EI 12; HD), probably, 'those who have acquired [special] seats'; same as *Utthitāsānika*. The word occurs in such records as the Belava plate of Bhojavarmadeva (*Ep. Ind.*, Vol. XII, p. 40). Cf. *Velāvitta*. *Piṭhikāvitta* is sometimes explained as the collector of state dues from pilgrims or religious institutions (Sen, *Hist. Asp. Ins. Beng.*, p. 552).

*Piṭhīpati* (BL), explained as 'the lord of Magadha' in the commentary of Sandhyākaranandin's *Rāmacarita*; title of the head of the Buddhist religious institution at Bodhgayā, who was the precursor of the later *Mahant Mahārājas* of Bodhgayā. The word *piṭhī* in this title is the same as *piṭha* or *piṭhikā* meaning the *vajrāsana* at Bodhgayā.

*pitṛ-parvan* (*Ep. Ind.*, Vol. XXXIV, p. 37), probably, *śrāddha* or *dāna* on each *amāvāsyā* day.

*pitṛ-yajña* (CII 4), offerings to the manes; one of the *pañca-mahāyajña*.

*pḷa* (IE 8-1), contraction of *pala*; often found in the records of the Orissa region.

*pocila-bhūmi* (LP), soft land.