

on bidding higher and higher price to be paid to Niṣādas; ultimately Cyavana was purchased by giving a cow to Niṣādas; they offered it to Cyavana; Cyavana sent the Niṣādas and the fishes to heaven 13. 50. 3-26; 13. 51. 1-41. I. Some persons called the king of Niṣādas or one belonging to the Niṣādas : (1) *niṣādarāja* : (i) Ekalavya 5. 47. 71; (ii) Hiraṇyadhanus 1. 123. 10; (2) *niṣādarājan* : Ekalavya 14. 84. 7; (3) *niṣādādhipati* : (i) Hiraṇyadhanus 1. 123. 24, 28; 2. 27. 10 (?) (ii) a certain Mahāsura 1. 61. 48; (4) *niṣādi* : (i) Ekalavya : 1. 123. 11, 17, 18, 29, 38; 7. 156. 2, 17, 18; 16. 7. 10; (ii) Ekalavya's son 14. 84. 10; (iii) Ketumant 6. 50. 5; (iv) A Kuru warrior (not named; Ekalavya ?) 8. 43. 70; (v) Kāpavya 12. 133. 3; (5) *niṣādaja* : Ekalavya 1. 123. 32; (6) *niṣāda* : Ekalavya 7. 155. 29; (7) *Niṣādi* (f.), not named 12. 133. 3.

**Nīpa m. (pl.)** : Name of a people.

Past events : (1) Aṅgirasas had once defeated them (*nīpān aṅgirasas 'jayan*) 13. 34. 16; (2) Janamejaya, the king of the Nīpas, was mentioned by Bhīma among those eighteen kings who extirpated their kinsmen, friends and relatives (*ye samuccicchidur jñātīn suhrdaś ca sabāndhavan ... nīpānām janamejayaḥ*) 5. 72. 11, 13; (3) Their former kings were royal sages (*rājarṣayaḥ*) 2. 8. 25, 7; they were pious, famous and learned and a hundred of them waited on Yama in his Sabhā (*śatām nīpāh ... ete rājarṣayaḥ puṇyāḥ kīrtimanto bahuśrutāḥ / tasyām sabhāyām rājarṣe vaivasvatam upāsate ||*) 2. 8. 21, 25.

**Nīla nt.** : Name of a Varṣa.

One of the seven Varṣas of the Jambudvīpa; beyond Nīla lay the Śvetavarṣa (*nīlāt parataram śvetam*) 6. 7. 35; in these Varṣas, people in each succeeding one excelled those in the preceding one in duration of life, health, as well as in *dharma*, *kāma*, and *artha*; in these Varṣas, people lived in harmony with one another 6. 7. 37-38 (for citation see *Airāvata*).

**Nīlāyudha m. (pl.)** : Name of a people (?)

A. Location : They lived in the south (*dakṣiṇāpathavāsibhiḥ*) 5. 19. 23. B. Description : Possessed of great heroic qualities (*mahāvīrya*) 5. 19. 23. C. Epic events : (1) King Nīla of Māhiṣmatī, along with the Nīlāyudha warriors, one *akṣauhini* strong, joined the army of Duryodhana (*nīlo nīlāyudhaiḥ saha*) 5. 19. 23; (2) On the third day of war, king Nīla, along with his Nīlāyudha warriors, (those on the side of the Pāṇḍavās?) stood behind Virāṭa and Drupada at the southern tip (*dakṣiṇam śṛṅgam*) of the Ardhacandravyūha of the Pāṇḍavas 6. 52. 10-12. (But Nīla is said to have joined the Kaurava army, cf. Epic event No. 1).

**Naimiṣa, Naimiṣeya m. (pl.)** : The people and the sages living in the Naimiṣa forest.

A. The people : They are mentioned among those people who knew the eternal *dharma* (*matsyāḥ sanaimiṣāḥ ... dharmam jñānti śāśvatam*) 8. 30. 60-61; (*kuravo naimiṣāś ca ... jñānti dharmam*) 8. 30. 75. B. The sages : (1) The Naimiṣeya sages once started on a pilgrimage and first went to Kurukṣetra (*naimiṣeyās tapodhanāḥ /*