

five villages in lieu of which Yudhiṣṭhira was prepared to come to terms with the Kauravas (the other three villages actually named being Kuśasthala, Asandī and Vāraṇāvata) — this was mentioned by Yudhiṣṭhira first to Saṁjaya 5. 31. 19, and then again in his message to the Kauravas through Kṛṣṇa 5. 70. 15; also referred to by Draupadī in her address to Kṛṣṇa 5. 80. 7; (2) Kṛṣṇa, on his way to Hāstinapura, from Upaplavya, reached Vṛkasthala in the evening and performed there evening rites; he decided to stay there for the night (*vṛkasthalam samāsādyā... prakīrṇaraśmāv āditye vimale lohitāyati || avatīrya rathāt tūrṇam ... saṁdhyām upaviveśa ha*) 5. 82. 20-21; (*iha vatsyāmahe kṣapām*) 5. 82. 23; the people of the village Vṛkasthala arranged for Kṛṣṇa's stay (*cakrur āvasatham narāḥ*); the principal Brāhmaṇas of the village went to Kṛṣṇa and worshipped him according to the rules and gave him blessings (*tasmin grāme pradhānās tu ya āsan brāhmaṇā nṛpa | abhigamya ... hrīkeśam ... pūjām cakrur yathānyāyam āśīrmaṅgalasaṁyutām ||*); as requested by the Brāhmaṇas, Kṛṣṇa visited their houses and returned; he fed them and dined with them and spent the night happily there (*avasat tām kṣapām sukham*) 5. 82. 24-29; Duryodhana had constructed a hall in the village Vṛkasthala for Kṛṣṇa's stay; but Kṛṣṇa ignored this *sabhā* (as well as others in other villages) and proceeded to the house of the Kurus (*viśeṣataś ca vāsārtham sabhām grāme vṛkasthale | vidadhe kauravo rājā |... tāḥ sabhāḥ ... asamīkṣyaiva dāśārha upāyāt kurusadma tat*) 5. 83. 16, 18; when Kṛṣṇa started for the town (Hāstinapura), people of Vṛkasthala took his leave and returned to their village 5. 87. 2.

Vṛndāṭaka nt. : Name of a town.

Located to the west of Hāstinapura; it was one of the towns subjugated by Nakula in his expedition to the west (*niryāya khāṇḍavaprasthāt pratīcim abhito diśam* 2. 29. 2) before the Rājasūya (*tathā vṛndāṭakam puram |... vaśe cakre*) 2. 29. 10.

Vṛṣadhvajasya āśramaḥ : See Āditya-bandhana.

Vṛṣṇipura : See Dvārakā.

Vṛṣṇyandhakapura nt. : Another name of Dvārakā.

When Śālva besieged Dvārakā no one could go out or enter Vṛṣṇyandhakapura without stamped permission (*na cāmudro 'bhiniryāti na cāmudraḥ praveśyate | vṛṣṇyandhakapure rājais tadā saubhasamāgame*) 3. 16. 19; army having many elephants and horses was stationed along all the roads and squares of the town (*anu rathyāsu sarvāsu catvareṣu ca kaurava | balam babbhūva rājendra prabhūtagajavājimat*) 3. 16. 20. [See Dvārakā]

Vetrakīyagrha nt. : Name of a place, another name of Ekacakrā (?)

The wife of the Brāhmaṇa told Kuntī that the king who had agreed to give to the demon Baka as *vetana* a cart-full of rice, two buffaloes and the man who took the cart to him lived in Vetrakīyagrha; the king had not acted justly towards his subjects (*vetrakīyagrhe rājā nāyam nayam ihāsthitah*) 1. 148. 9 (Nī. on Bom. Ed. 1. 160. 9 : *vetrakīyagrhe sthānaviśeṣe*); Kirmīra told Yudhiṣṭhira that he had for long sought to kill Bhīma since the latter had killed his (Kirmīra's) brother Baka in Vetrakīyagrha (*anena hi mama bhrātā bako vinihataḥ*