

... cf. Kirfel, *Kosmographie*, p. 329, Cr. Edn. Vol. II, p. 507).

Śūdra m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada and its people.

A. Location : Listed by Samjaya, first, among the northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of the Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvaṃ janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5. (*aparandhrāś ca śūdrāś ca*) 6. 10. 46; listed by him a second time among the northern Mleccha people (*uttarāś cāpare mlecchā janā ... śūdrābhīrātha daradāḥ*) 6. 10. 63, 66; some Śūdras lived also in the west near the river Sarasvatī (*śūdrābhīraganāś caiva ye cāśritya sarasvatīm*) 2. 29. 9 (see the Epic event No. 1 below).

B. Their nature and way of living : They were harsh and were counted among Mleccha people (*dāruṇā mlecchajātayaḥ*) 6. 10. 64; (also cf. A. Location above and E. Future event below) they lived on fish, since they lived near the river Sarasvatī (*vartayanti ca matsyair ...*) 2. 29. 9.

C. Epic events : (1) Nakula in his expedition to the west of Khāṇḍavaprastha (*niryāya khāṇḍavaprasthāt prati cīm abhito diśam*) 2. 29. 2; 2. 23. 10) brought them under control (*śūdrābhīraganāś caiva ... vaśe cakre*) 2. 29. 9-10;

(2) On the eleventh day of war, Śūdras were among those who guarded at the extreme end (*prapakṣāḥ*) of the left side of the Śakaṭavyūha (7. 6. 15) of Kauravas (*savyam pārśvam apālayan*) 7. 6. 4, 6.

D. Past event : The river Sarasvatī formerly disappeared at the Vinaśana tīrtha due to her hatred of Śūdras and Ābhīras (*vinaśanam nāma ... śūdrābhīrān prati dveṣād yatra naṣṭā sarasvatī*) 9. 36. 1. E.

Future event : Mārkaṇḍeya predicted that in the Kali age there would be many Mleccha kings among whom some would be Śūdras; these kings would be sinful, given to lies and ruling the wrong way (*bahavo mleccharājānaḥ prthivyām ... / mithyānuśāsināḥ pāpā mṛṣāvādaparāyaṇāḥ* // ... *śūdrās tathābhīrā* ...) 3. 186. 29-30.

Śūra m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

A. Location : Śūras lived probably in the north-west and were different from the Śūrasenas since they are mentioned along with Daradas, Bāhlikas and others and since they are said to have brought tribute for the Rājasūya (see Epic event No. 1 below) and also because they are grouped with Yavanas (see B below). B. Special characteristic : According to a certain Brāhmaṇa reporting to Dhṛtarāṣṭra in the assembly of Kurus (8. 30. 7, 58), Śūras, like Yavanas, had the special characteristic of being clever in knowing everything (even though what was to be conveyed was not expressed in so many words) (*sarvajñā yavanā rājañ śūrāś caiva viśeṣataḥ*) 8. 30. 80. C. Epic event : The Kṣatriyas among the Śūras, along with Vāyavyas and others, brought wealth in hundreds as tribute for the Rājasūya of Yudhiṣṭhira (*āhārṣuḥ kṣatriyā vittam śataśo 'jātaśatrave*) 2. 48. 12, 16; (Vṛṣṇis and Andhakas, however, who like Śūrasenas, are sections of Yādavas, are reported to have not given tribute for the Rājasūya 2. 48. 42).

Śūrasena m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada and its people; called Janapada at various places (4. 1. 9; 6. 18. 14; 6. 114. 77) and once Rāṣṭra (4. 1. 8).