

succeeding mountain is double that of the preceding one (*paras tu dviguṇo teṣāṃ viṣkambhaḥ*) 6. 13. 19; the country related to Vāmana is Manonuga (*vāmanasya manonugah*) 6. 13. 20.

Vāmanaka¹ m. : see Vāmana.

Vāmanaka² nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

Sacred to Vāmana; one can reach it from Devatīrtha; described as famous in the three worlds (*triṣu lokeṣu viśrutam*); by bathing at the Viṣṇupada there and by worshipping Vāmana (*arcayitvā ca vāmanam*) the worshipper's soul is cleansed of all sins (*sarvāpāpaviśuddhātmā*) and he goes to the world of Viṣṇu (*viṣṇulokam avāpnuyāt*) 3. 81. 86-87.

Vārāha nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

Described as best (*uttama*); one can reach it from Aśvinos tīrtham; so called because Viṣṇu formerly stood there in the form of a boar (*viṣṇur vārāharūpeṇa pūrvam yatra sthito 'bhavat*); by bathing there one gets the fruit of an Agniṣṭoma 3. 81. 14-15.

Vāriṣeṇa¹ m. : Name of a mountain.

Pāṇḍu crossed it after he reached the Caitraratha; after crossing Vāriṣeṇa, he crossed the Himavanta to reach Gandhamādana 1. 110. 43.

Vāriṣeṇa² m. : Name of an ocean.

The kings who lived on the other (eastern) side of the Himavanta, on the mountain of the sun-rise, at the shore of the Vāriṣeṇa ocean and around Lohitya and the Kirātas brought tribute, consisting of fragrant substances, exotic deer and birds, and gold collected from mountains to Yudhiṣṭhira for his Rājasūya (*ye parārdhe himavataḥ sūryodayaḥ qirau nṛpāḥ / vāriṣeṇasamudrānte*

lohityam abhitaś ca ye ... ye ca kirātāḥ ... // ... gandhānām caiva rāṣayāḥ / ... dūrajān mṛgapakṣiṇāḥ / vicitāṃ parvatebhyāś ca hiraṇyam //) 2. 48. 8-11.

Vāruṇa nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

Sacred to Varuṇa, in the Pāṇḍya country in the south 3. 86. 10, 1. [See Aujasa]

Vālakoti f. : Name of a place.

On the mountain Vṛṣaprastha and near the river Bāhudā 3. 93. 4.

Vāsistha nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

By wading through Vāsistha all the *varṇas* become Brāhmaṇas (*vāsistham samatīkramya sarve varṇā dvijātayaḥ*) 3. 82. 43.

Vāsukes tīrtham nt. : See Bhogavatī¹.

Vāstu f. : Name of a river.

Listed by Samjaya among the rivers of the Bhāratavarṣa; people used its water for drinking 6. 10. 24, 13; all the rivers listed here by Samjaya are described as mothers of the universe and very strong 6. 10. 35 (for citation see Atikṛṣṇā).

Vicitrā f. : Name of a river.

Listed by Samjaya among the rivers of the Bhāratavarṣa; people used its water for drinking 6. 10. 17, 13; all the rivers listed here are described as mothers of the universe and very strong 6. 10. 35 (for citation see Atikṛṣṇā).

Vitastā f. : Name of a river.

A. Location : Listed by Samjaya among the rivers of the Bhāratavarṣa; people used its water for drinking 6. 10. 15, 13; A Brāhmaṇa had told in the assembly of the Kurus that the river Vitastā and other four rivers along with Sindhu as the sixth flow outside