

MAHĀBHĀRATA—CULTURAL INDEX

1.5A Names of Āśramas, Villages, Cities etc.

Agastyāśīsyasya āśramah m. : See **Trṇasomāgner āśramah**.

Agastyasya āśramah m. : Name of an āśrama.

An āśrama established by Agastya in the south (*dakṣiṇasyām ... śṛṇu tīrthāni ... kīrtiyamānāni*) 3. 86. 1; located near the Vaidūrya mountain (*vaidūryoparvatas tatra ... agastyasyāśramaś caiva*) 3. 86. 15; described as having many roots and fruits and ample water (*bahumūlaphalodaka*) 3. 8. 15.

Agastyāśrama m. : Name of an āśrama of Agastya, also called **Hiraṇyabindu** (3. 85. 15).

A. Location : In the east (*prācīm diśam ... kīrtayīṣyāmi*) 3. 85. 3; in the vicinity of the confluence of Gaṅgā and Yamunā at Prayāga (*prayāgam iti vikhyātam ... agastyasya ... tatrāśramavarah*) 3. 85. 13-15; on the Kālāñjara mountain, known there as Hiraṇyabindu (*hiraṇyabinduḥ kathito girau kālāñjare nṛpa*) 3. 8. 15; near the place called Durjayā (*agastyāśramam āsādyā durjayāyām uvāsa ha*) 3. 94. 1.

B. Description : Excellent (*āśramavara*) 3. 85. 15; extensive (*mahant*) 3. 85. 15; well known (*khyāta*) 3. 97. 26; pleasing (*ramanīya*) 3. 97. 27; having (all) qualities (*gunair yutaḥ*) 3. 97. 27; having flowers of all seasons (*sarvartukusumānvita*) 3. 97. 26.

C. Epic event : The Pāṇḍavas, in their *tīrthayātrā*, reached this āśrama and lived there for some time 3. 94. 1. **D. Past**

events : (1) Vātāpi was made quiet there (put out of action) by Agastya (*agastyeneha vātāpiḥ ... upaśāmitaḥ*) 3. 94. 2; (*vātāpir agastyena vināśitaḥ*) 3. 97. 26; (2) Wealth given by Ilvala to Agastya, after the destruction of Vātāpi, was loaded on a chariot and carried to Agastyāśrama 3. 97. 15; (3) Gods, as directed by Viṣṇu, went to Agastyāśrama (to request him to drink up the ocean) and saw him in his āśrama 3. 101. 11-13.

Acyutasthala nt. : Name of a town.

A place in the Āraṭṭa (Bāhlikā) country; one who stays there (long) cannot go to heaven; hence one should not stay there for more than a day — this is what a Brāhmaṇa told in the assembly of the Kurus (*yad anyo 'py uktavān sabhyo brāhmaṇaḥ kurusaṁsadi ||... proṣya cāpy acyutasthale / ... katham svargaṁ gamiṣyati || ... āraṭṭā nāma bāhlikā na teṣv āryo dvyahaṁ vaset ||*) 8. 30. 41-43; the place also mentioned in what a Piśācī said to a Brāhmaṇī (?) who came to stay at Raupyā with her sons; this was told by Lomaśa to Yudhiṣṭhira when he wanted to recite the *anuvamśa* stanzas about Raupyā; according to the Piśācī no one who had stayed at Acyutasthala was supposed to stay near Raupyā for more than one night (*atrānuvamśam paṭhataḥ śṛṇu me kurunandana /... piśācī yad abhāṣata /... uṣitvā cācyutasthale /... ekarātram uṣitveha dvitīyām yadi vatsyasi / etad vai te divā vṛttam rātrau vṛttam ato*