

Brahman to be looked upon as characterised by the middle quality (*madhyama guṇa*, i. e. *rajas*)? 14. 43. 1. E. Epic events : (1) The Pāṇavas reached it on their way from the Śveta to the Gandhamādana; from there they saw the Gandhamādana 3. 155. 33-34; (2) Dhṛtarāṣṭra asked Saṁjaya to describe to him the Mālyavant mountain 6. 8. 1.

Mālyavant² m. : Name of a mountain.

A. Location : Near Kiskindhā in the south 3. 264. 15-16, 26. B. Description : Its top described as auspicious (*prṣṭhe māl̥yavataḥ śubhe*) 3. 264. 40. C. Rāmāyaṇa events : (1) Vālin, when he came out of his cave, saw Sugrīva standing near the Mālyavant and challenging him with roars (*sthitam māl̥yavato 'bhyāte*) 3. 264. 26, 16; (2) After killing Vālin, Rāma lived on its top for four months and was served by Sugrīva 3. 264. 40; during his stay Rāma, as well as Lakṣmaṇa, was protected by Sugrīva 3. 266. 1; (3) Lakṣmaṇa and Sugrīva went to Rāma on the Mālyavant and reported to him the arrangements made for the search of Sītā 3. 266. 21.

Māheśvarī dhārā f. : Name of a sacred place.

By reaching it (*saṁāsādyā*) a pilgrim obtains the fruit of an Aśvamedha and rescues his family 3. 82. 101.

Miśraka nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

Described as the best (*uttama*) 3. 81. 76; according to a tradition Vyāsa mixed together all the *tīrthas* in this *tīrtha* for the benefit of the twice-born (*tatra tīrthāni rājendra miśritāni mahātmanā || vyāsena nṛpaśārdūla dvijārtham iti naḥ śrutam ||*)

3. 81. 76-77 (this explains the name of the *tīrtha*); one who bathes in this *tīrtha* has the benefit of bathing in all the *tīrthas* 3. 81. 77.

Muñjaprṣṭha¹ m. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

Near Gayā; by visiting it (?) one is freed of the sin of killing a Brāhmaṇa 13. 26. 40.

Muñjaprṣṭha² m. : Name of a holy summit.

A. Location : Situated on the summit of the Himavant, on the golden mountain Meru 12. 122. 3. B. Description : Worshipped by the divine sages (*devaṛṣigana-pūjita*) 12. 122. 2. C. Holiness : The place was resorted to by Rudra (*sa deṭo rudrasevitaḥ*) 12. 122. 4. D. Past event : Vasuboma, the righteous king of the Aṅgas, repaired to it together with his wife 12. 122. 2; the region was named as Muñjaprṣṭha by the sages after Rāma ordered cutting off the locks of his hair (?) at Muñjavata (because Rāma's matted hair were like thickets of Muñja?) (*yatra muñjavate rāmo jatāharaṇam ādiśat || tadāprabhṛti rājendra ṛṣibhiḥ saṁśritavratāih | muñjaprṣṭha iti proktaḥ sa deśaḥ*) 12. 122. 3-4. [See Muñjavata², Muñjavant]

Muñjavata¹ m. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

Sacred to Mahādeva 3. 81. 18; by staying there for a night one gets the status of a Gaṇapati (*tatroṣya rajanīm ekām gāṇa-patyaṁ avāpnuyāt*) 3. 81. 18; there is also a Yakṣi there, famous in the world (*tatraiva ca... yakṣi lokapariśrutā*); by approaching her one gets holy worlds (*puṇyāi lokān*) 3. 81. 19; the area is known as the Gate of the Kurukṣetra (*kurukṣetrasya tad dvāram*) 3. 81. 20.

Muñjavata² m. : Name of a tree (?).