

One of the holy *tīrthas* on the river Gomatī 3. 93. 2; the Pāṇḍavas, having bathed there, gave as gifts cows and wealth; they satisfied gods, manes and the Brāhmaṇas at this *tīrtha* 3. 93. 2-3.

Gavāmbhavana nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

By bathing at this *tīrtha* a pilgrim obtains the fruit of gifting a thousand cows 3. 81. 40.

Gāṅgaḥ hradāḥ : See Gaṅgāhrada.

Gāyatrīyāḥ sthānam nt. : Name of a sacred place.

Described as famous in the three worlds (*trailokyaviśruta*); one who fasts (*upoṣitaḥ*) there for three nights gets the fruit of giving a thousand cows 3. 83. 26; it is a direct testing ground for the Brāhmaṇas : if a Brāhmaṇa who is of mixed origin recites the Gāyatrī stanza there it sounds like a *gāthā* (a non-Vedic stanza) or a *gītikā* (an ordinary song) (*nidarśanam ca pratyakṣam brāhmaṇānām narādhipa / gāyatrīm paṭhate yas tu yonisamkarajas tathā / gāthā vā gītikā vāpi tasya sampadyate nṛpa* ||) 3. 83. 27 (Nī. on Bom. Ed. 3. 85. 29 : *nidarśanam udāharaṇam*; on 3. 85. 30 : *yo yonisamkarajaḥ sa cet tatra gāyatrīm paṭhati tasya samyak paṭhato 'pi tīrthama(?) hātmyāt sā gāyatrī gāthā svaraniyamahinā mukhān nihsarati / gāthikā grāmyagīlavat svavarṇavikṛtā / gīketi pāṭhe 'pi sa evārthaḥ* /).

Gāyantikā f. : Name of a holy place (a cave?)

Situated in the north (on the mountain Himavant) 5. 109. 3; the gate of this cave is guarded by the excellent and the high-souled sages, called Dhāmas, who speak truth (*atra*

gāyantikādvāraṁ rakṣanti dvijasattamāḥ / dhānā nāma mahātmāno munayaḥ satya-vādināḥ ||) 5. 109. 14; as one enters it and moves beyond this point, one gets dissolved (*yathā yathā praviśati tasmāt parataram naraḥ / tathā tathā dvijaśreṣṭha praviśyati gātava* ||) 5. 109. 16; no one has ever gone beyond it except Nārāyaṇa and Nara 5. 109. 17; (Nī. who reads *atra gaṅgām mahādvāraṁ rakṣanti*, on Bom. Ed. 5. 111. 16 : *gāyantikādvāraṁ iti pāṭhe gāyantikā bilavīṣeṣaḥ*).

Girimūṅja m. : Name of a mountain.

Described as famous in the three worlds (*triṣu lokeṣu viśrutam*); after reaching there and after paying reverence to Pitāmaha one gets the fruit of gifting a thousand cows 3. 80. 102.

Gr̥dhrakūṭa m. : Name of a mountain.

When the Kṣatriyas were destroyed by Rāma Jāmadagnya one of them, Br̥hadhratha, was protected on the Gr̥dhrakūṭa by cow-tailed monkeys (*golāṅgūlaḥ ... abhirakṣitaḥ*) 12. 49. 73.

Gr̥dhravaṭa m. : Name of a sacred place.

Sacred to the god given to meditation (Śiva) (*sthānam devasya dhīmataḥ*); if a Brāhmaṇa approaches there Vṛṣadhvaṇa (Śiva) and bathes with ashes (*snāyita bhasmanā tatra*) it is as good as his having observed a vow for twelve years; and if other castes do the same (*itareṣāṁ tu varṇānām*) all their sins are destroyed 3. 82. 79-80.

Gokarṇa nt., m. : Name of a sacred place (*sthānam* 3. 261. 54) and a lake (*hradaḥ* 3. 86. 13).