

finds mention in the Daivata-Rṣi-Vamśa 13. 151. 2.

Viṣṇupada¹ nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

A. Location : In the north (*uttarām diśam āśritam*) 5. 109. 19; (*asyām diśi ... uttarāyām*) 5. 109. 3; situated near the Vāmanaka *tīrtha* 3. 81. 86-87. **B. Origin :** Viṣṇu, while traversing the three worlds established it in the north (*atra viṣṇupadam nāma kramatā viṣṇunā kṛtam / trilokavikrame*) 5. 109. 19. **C. Description :** Excellent (*tīrtham uttamam*) 3. 130. 8. **D. Holiness :** By bathing at Viṣṇupada and by worshipping Vāmana there one is freed of sins and goes to the world of Viṣṇu 3. 81. 87.

Viṣṇupada² m. : Name of a mountain.

When King Aṅga performed a sacrifice on the Viṣṇupada mountain (*viṣṇupade girau*), Indra was gladdened by Soma and Brāhmanas by the *dakṣiṇās* they received (*amādyad indraḥ somena dakṣiṇābhīr dvijātayaḥ*) 12. 29. 31.

Viṣṇoḥ sthānam nt. : Name of a sacred place.

Described as best (*anuttama*) 3. 81. 8; god Hari is always present there; by bathing there and by worshipping Hari one gets the fruit of a horse sacrifice and goes to the world of Viṣṇu 3. 81. 8-9.

Vīrapramokṣa nt. : Name of a *tīrtha*.

By visiting this *tīrtha* one is freed of all sins 3. 82. 45.

Viravatī f. : Name of a river.

Listed by Saṁjaya among the rivers of the Bhāratavarṣa; people used its water for drinking 6. 10. 24, 13; all the rivers listed by Saṁjaya are said to be mothers of the

universe and very strong 6. 10. 35 (for citation see Atikṛṣṇā).

Virā f. : Name of a river.

Listed by Saṁjaya among the rivers of the Bhāratavarṣa; people used its water for drinking 6. 10. 21, 13 (for other details see *Viravatī*).

Virinī f. : Name of a river.

A certain fish approached the bank of the river Virinī and requested Manu, who was practising austerities, to save it from stronger fish; Manu took it out of the river water and put it in a small water-jar 3. 185. 6-7, 10-11.

***Vṛddhakanyāyās tīrtham nt. :** Name of a *tīrtha*.

A. Description : Famous (*khyātam*), large (*mahat*) 9. 50. 51. **B. Holiness :** According to a blessing given by Vṛddhakanyā one who is composed (*samāhitah*) if he passes one night near the *tīrtha* and satisfies gods with oblations (*tarpayitvā divaukasah*) he will get the fruit of one who has observed properly chastity for sixty-four years (*catvāriṁśatam aṣṭau ca dve cāṣṭau samyag ācaret / yo brahmacaryam varṣāṇi phalam tasya labheta saḥ*) 9. 51. 20-21.

C. Past event : Kuṇī Gārgya mentally created a daughter (*mānasīm sa sutām subhrūm samutpāditavān vibhuḥ*); as no one was ready to marry her she started practising austerities; ultimately Śṛṅgavant Gālava married her agreeing to stay with her only for a night; next morning she reminded her husband of his agreement and, before leaving him, she blessed the place where she spent the night with him and made it a *tīrtha* 9. 51. 3-20.

Vṛṣadamśa m. : Name of a mountain.