

**Kuśāla<sup>1</sup> m. ( pl. ) :** Name of a Janapada.

Listed by Samjaya among the northern Janapadas ( also called Deśas 6. 10. 68 ) of the Bhāratavarṣa ( *ata ūrdhvaṃ janapadān nibodha gadato mama* ) 6. 10. 37; ( *kuśalāḥ kuaṭās tathā* ) 6. 10. 50.

**Kuśāla<sup>2</sup> m. :** Name of a Deśa related to the Krauñca mountain on the Krauñca Dvīpa.

Each of the six mountains on this Dvīpa is related to some Deśa ( *deśāṃs tatra pravakṣyāmi ... krauñcasya kuśalo deśo ...* ) 6. 13. 20; these Deśas are resorted to by gods and Gandharvas ( *devagandharvasevītāḥ* ) 6. 13. 23.

**Kuśika, Kauśika m. ( pl. ) :** Designation of the descendants of king Kuśika; also referred to as Kuśikavamśa 13. 3. 5, Kauśika vamśa ( 13. 52. 4 ).

**A. History :** ( 1 ) Kuśikas were those born in the lineage of Jahnu of boundless spirit ( *anvayāḥ kuśikā rājan jahnor amita-tejasah* ) 1. 89. 29; ( 2 ) They were made firm in this world by Viśvāmitra ( *tena* ( i. e. by Viśvāmitra ) ... *kuśikavamśas ca ... sthāpito naraloke 'smin* ) 13. 3. 3, 5; ( 3 ) Yudhiṣṭhira once asked Bhīṣma how one born in the Kṣatriya lineage of Kauśikas became a Brāhmaṇa ( *kauśikāc ca kathamī vamśāt kṣatrād vai brāhmaṇo 'bhavat* ) 13. 52. 4; Bhīṣma then told him how the relationship between Kuśikas and Bhṛgu was formed ( *bhṛgūṇāṃ kuśikānāṃ ca prati sambandhakāraṇam* ) 13. 56. 19. **B. Description :** Great ( *mahant* ), learned ( *vidvāṃs* ), full of many Brahmarṣis ( *brahmarṣiṣata-saṃkula* ), and praised by Brāhmaṇas ( *brāhmaṇasamstuta* ) 13. 3. 5. **C. Past events ;**

( 1 ) Cyavana wanted to burn all the descendants of Kuśika and destroy them ( *cikīrṣan kuśikocchedaṃ samididhakṣuḥ kulamī tava* ) 13. 55. 12; 13. 52. 9; ( 2 ) Vasiṣṭha, controlling his anger, did not wish to destroy the descendants of Kuśika on account of the fault of Viśvāmitra ( *yas tu nocchedanaṃ cakre kuśikānāṃ udāradhīḥ | viśvāmitrāparādhena dhārayan manyum uttamam ||* ) 1. 164. 6.

**Kṛmi m. ( pl. ) :** Name of a people.

Mentioned by Bhīma among the sixteen peoples whose kings were defilers of their families ( *kulapāṃsanāḥ* ), most wicked men in their families ( *kuleṣu puruṣādhamāḥ* ), and who extirpated their kinsmen and friends together with their relatives ( *ye samuccicchidur jñātīn suhrdaś ca sabāndhavān* ); one of them was the rude Vasu of the Kṛmis ( *kṛmīṇāṃ uddhato vasuḥ* ) 5. 72. 11, 13.

**Kṛṣṇa m. ( pl. ) :** Name (?) of a people.

Mentioned by Duryodhana among those who had brought tributes of different kinds for the Rājāsūya of Yudhiṣṭhira but were stopped at the gate ( *kṛṣṇān ... dvāri vāritān | balyartham dadatas tasya nānārūpān anekasāḥ* ) 2. 47. 19-20.

**Kekaya, Kalkaya, Kaikeya m. ( pl. ) :** Name of a Janapada and the warriors of this country; they are often mentioned along with Pāñcālas ( or Sṛñjayas ) and Matsyas in the war.

**A. Use of the terms :** The term Kekaya is specifically used to refer to the five brothers fighting on the side of the Pāṇḍavas ( one of them was named Bṛhatkṣatra 7. 81. 7 ); the warriors and the five brothers also referred to as Kalkaya or Kaikeya