

in Virāṭanagara is referred to on various occasions : (i) by Dhṛtarāṣṭra (*dhanam-jayenaikarathena bhagnān / virāṭarāṣṭre vasatā*) 1. 1. 114 (*virāṭarāṣṭra* however, may mean here kingdom of *virāṭa*); (ii) by Vāsudeva in his message to Dhṛtarāṣṭra through Saṁjaya 5. 58. 26-27; (iii) by Dhṛtarāṣṭra while speaking to Duryodhana 5. 63. 14, 15 (*tasmin nagare*); (iv) by Kṛṣṇa while speaking to Duryodhana 5. 122. 53; (v) by Bhīṣma and Droṇa while reminding Duryodhana of the past incident 5. 136. 6; (vi) by Bhīṣma once again while replying to Duryodhana (the stanzas also refer to the depriving of the Kaurava heroes of their upper garments) 6. 94. 8-9; (vii) by Kṛṣṇa while reminding Karṇa 7. 133. 17; (viii) by Śalya when he asked Karṇa why he did not kill Arjuna at Virāṭanagara although he then enjoyed the protection of Bhīṣma, Droṇa and others 8. 28. 56; (16) Arjuna's stay at Virāṭanagara as Bṛhannaḍā wearing a braid mentioned by Ulūka while delivering Duryodhana's message to the Pāṇḍavas (*dhṛtā hi veṇī pārthena virāṭanagare tadā*) 5. 158. 31; (17) The enmity formed by the five Trigarta brothers with Arjuna at Virāṭanagara (based on the incident of the cow-raid) referred to by Bhīṣma while giving his estimate of the heroes (*trigartā bhrātaraḥ pañca ... / kṛtavairāṣ ca pārthena virāṭanagare tadā*) 5. 163. 9; (18) When Bhīṣma routed the army of the Pāṇḍavas, Kṛṣṇa reminded Arjuna of his declaration at Virāṭanagara that he would kill Bhīṣma, Droṇa and others in the battle (*yat purā kathitam vīra tvayā ... virāṭanagare*) 6. 102. 32; (19) Facing Karṇa in the battle, Bhīma remembered the grief they had

suffered at Virāṭanagara (*virāṭanagare ... prāptam duḥkham*) 7. 107. 9; he remembered the same when he faced Duryodhana (*duḥkham ca yat prāptam ... virāṭanagare caiva*) 9. 55. 30; (20) Karṇa admitted Bhīma's strength of arms exhibited by him in killing Kicaka and his followers at Virāṭanagara (*virāṭanagare tadā / ... kevalam bāhu-saṁśrayat ... kīcakaḥ sagaṇo hataḥ*) 8. 34. 19; the same incident referred to by Draupadī when she exhorted Bhīma to kill Aśvatthāman 10. 11. 24.

Viśravasaḥ niketaḥ m. : The residence of the sage Viśravas.

Situated on the holy river Narmadā (*pratyaksrotā nadī puṇyā narmadā tatra ... / niketaḥ khyāyate puṇyo yatra viśravaso muneḥ*) 3. 87. 2-3; described as holy (*puṇya*) 3. 87. 3; Kubera, the lord of riches, was born in this *niketa* (*jajñe dhanapatir yatra kuberaḥ*) 3. 87. 3.

Viśvāmitrāśrama m. : The hermitage of Viśvāmitra.

A. Location : On the western bank of Sarasvatī (*āśramaḥ ... paścimaś cāśīd viśvāmitrasya dhīmataḥ ... yatra pūjayitvā sarasvatīm*) 9. 41. 4, 6. B. Events : (1) Viśvāmitra asked Sarasvatī to bring to him Vasiṣṭha whose *āśrama* was on the opposite bank for he wanted to kill Vasiṣṭha 9. 41. 16, 18; Sarasvatī did accordingly by withdrawing a portion of her opposite bank (*kūlāpahāram akarot* 9. 41. 27) and took Vasiṣṭha to the *āśrama* of Viśvāmitra (*vegenovāha tam vipram viśvāmitrāśramam prati*) 9. 41. 32; Sarasvatī then carried back Vasiṣṭha from Viśvāmitra's *āśrama* to his own *āśrama* to the east 9. 41. 34; (2) Formerly, at the junction of Tretā and Dvā-