

Māvellaka m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

Their warriors fought on the side of Kauravas; in his report to Dhṛtarāṣṭra after the first seventeen days of war, Samjaya mentioned Māvellakas among those who were killed by Arjuna (*māvellakās ... te hatāḥ samare rājan pārthena ...*) 8. 4. 47, 50.

Māhiṣa m. (pl.) : Name of Janapada.

Listed by Samjaya among the northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvaṃ janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*māhiṣakārṣikāḥ*) 6. 10. 45 [See the next].

Māhiṣaka, Mahiṣaka m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada and its people.

A. Location : Listed by Samjaya among the northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of Bhāratavarṣa (*janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*unnatyakā māhiṣakā ...*) 6. 10. 57; but they are also said to have resided near the southern ocean (*prayayau bhūyo dakṣiṇaṃ salilārṇavam*) 14. 84. 10–11 (see Epic event).

B. Description and characteristic : Fierce (*raudrair māhiṣakair api*) 14. 84. 11 (*raudra* name of a different people or description of Māhiṣakas?); a Brāhmaṇa reported to the Kuru assembly that Māhiṣakas practised bad *dharma* and hence they should be avoided (*... uktavān sabhyo brāhmaṇaḥ kurusaṃsadi; ... māhiṣakān ... durdharmāṃs ca vivarjayet*) 8. 30. 41, 45; they were originally a Kṣatriya community but became degraded to the status of a *vṛṣala* due to their disregard of Brāhmaṇas (*māhiṣakās tās tāḥ kṣatriya-jātayaḥ || vṛṣalatvaṃ parigatā brāhmaṇānām adurśanāt*) 13. 33. 20–21. **C. Epic**

event : Arjuna in his expedition before the Aśvamedha fought a fierce battle with the Māhiṣakas and others 14. 84. 11. [See Māhiṣa].

Mukuta m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

Their king Vigāhana mentioned by Bhīma among the eighteen famous kings who extirpated their kinsmen, friends, and relatives (*aṣṭadaśeme rājānaḥ prakhyātā .../ ye samuccicchidur jñātīn suhrdaś ca sabāndhavān ||... mukuṭānām vigāhanaḥ ||*) 5. 72. 11, 16.

Mukta m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

On the third day of the war, Mukta warriors were among those who were posted at the left wing of the Garuḍavyūha (6. 52. 2–3) of the Kauravas (*muktāḥ puṇḍraviṣas tathā |... vāmam pakṣam upāśritāḥ*) 6. 52. 9.

Muṇḍa m. (pl.) : Name of a people (?).

Kṛṣṇa had seen Muṇḍas and many others acting as servants in the Rājasūya of Yudhiṣṭhira (*jāguḍān ramaṭhān muṇḍān ... āgatān aham adrākṣaṃ yajñe te pariveṣakān*) 3. 48. 21–22; on the fourteenth day of war, Sātyaki told his charioteer that he would kill the army of Muṇḍas again and again (*muṇḍān etān haniṣyāmi ... muṇḍānīke hate sūta ... cāsakṛt*) 7. 95. 20–21 (*muṇḍa*, name of a people or does the word here describe (shaven) Jāguḍas, Ramaṭhas and others like Kāmbojas 7. 95. 20 or Mlecchas 7. 68. 44?).

Munideśa m. (sg.) : Name of a Deśa of the Krauñcadvīpa.

Munideśa lay beyond Andhakārakadeśa and beyond Munideśa lay Dundubhīsvanadeśa (*andhakārakadeśāt tu munī-*