

the Nāgodbheda one goes to the world of the Nāgas 3. 80. 118-119.

Nārītīrthāni nt. (pl.) : A collective name for the five *tīrthas*.

Situated on the coast of the southern ocean (*samudre tīrthāni dakṣiṇe*) 1. 208. 1; in the marshy land of the southern ocean (*dakṣiṇe sāgarānūpe*) 1. 209. 17; as declared by the Brāhmaṇa the five *tīrthas* would become famous as the Nārītīrthas (*nārītīrthāni nāmneha khyātiṃ yāsyanti sarvaśaḥ*) 1. 209. 11; described as very holy (*supuṇyāni*) 1. 208. 1, holy (*puṇyāni*); purifying for the thoughtful (*pāvanāni manīṣiṇām*) 1. 209. 11, 17; pleasing (*ramaṇiyāni*) 1. 209. 17; these *tīrthas* are the Agastyatīrtha, the Saubhadra, the Pauloma, the Kāramdhama and the *tīrtha* of Bhāradvāja (*bhāradvājasya tīrtham* 1. 208. 3); they were once adorned by the sages (*śobhitāni tapasvibhiḥ*) but were avoided by them due to the fear of the five crocodiles which lived there 1. 208. 1-2, 4-6; Arjuna cleared the *tīrthas* of the crocodiles which were really five Apsaras (*tīrthāni śodhayitvā*) 1. 209. 23; Yudhiṣṭhira, with Draupadī and brothers, later visited these *tīrthas*; he heard there the heroic deed of Arjuna and was pleased; they all bathed in the *tīrthas* and gave thousands of cows as gifts; Yudhiṣṭhira also praised the gift of cows by Arjuna (this gift of Arjuna is not reported earlier) 3. 118. 4-7. (See also the five *tīrthas* named above).

Nicīrā f. : Name of a river.

Listed by Saṃjaya among the rivers of the Bhāratavarṣa; people use its water for drinking 6. 10. 20, 13; all the rivers listed here are described as mothers of the universe

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

Nibiḍa m. : Name of a mountain.

Mountain of the Krauñcadvīpa; it lay beyond the Govindā mountain 6. 13. 19, 17.

Nirrti m. : Name of a mountain (?).

Mentioned in the Tirthavamśa narrated by Angiras 13. 26. 3; described as the mountain of the gods; by visiting it (?) one is freed of the sin of killing a Brāhmaṇa (*nirrtiṃ devaparvatam / ... brahmahatyā viśudhyati*) 13. 26. 40.

Nīścīrā f. : Name of a river.

Famous in the three worlds (*triṣu lokeṣu viśrutām*) 3. 82. 119; by visiting (*samāsādyā*) the river Nīścīrā one gets the fruit of a horse sacrifice and goes to the world of Viṣṇu; those who give gift at the confluence of the Nīścīrā (*nīścīrāsamgame*) go without doubt to the world of Brahman; on this river is situated the hermitage of Vasiṣṭha 3. 82. 119-121.

Niṣadha m. : Name of a mountain.

A. Location : Listed among the six mountains lying to the north of the Bhāratavarṣa (6. 7. 6) and which extend from the west to the east and are merged in the eastern and the western oceans at the two ends (*prāgāyatā mahārāja śaḍ ete ... / avagāḍhā hy ubhayataḥ samudrau pūrvapaścimau //*) 6. 7. 2; these mountains lie at a distance of hundreds of *yojanas* from one another (*teṣāṃ antara-viṣkambho yojanāni sahasraśaḥ*) 6. 7. 4; to the south of the Nīla mountain and to the north of the Niṣadha there is the big, eternal Jambū tree named Sudarśana (*dakṣiṇena tu nīlasya niṣadhasyottareṇa tu / sudarśano*