

Śaibya : See Śibi.

Śaivala m. (pl.) : Name of a Janapada.

Listed by Samjaya among the northern Janapadas (also called Deśas 6. 10. 68) of Bhāratavarṣa (*ata ūrdhvaṁ janapadān nibodha*) 6. 10. 37, 5; (*śaivalā bōhlikās tathā*) 6. 10. 52.

Śauṇḍika m. (pl.) : Name of a people.

A. Epic event : Their chiefs (*kṣatriyāḥ*) brought tribute in hundreds for the Rājasūya of Yudhiṣṭhira; at the instance of the king, they were stopped at the gate by the gatekeepers and were asked to give more tribute; when each one of them further gave elephants (their description 2. 48. 19–20), they were allowed to enter (*āhārṣuḥ kṣatriyā vittam śataśo 'jātaśatrave |... tatra sma dvārapālais te procyante rājaśāsanāt / kṛtakārāḥ subalayas tato dvāram avāpsyatha ||*) 2. 48. 15–16, 18–20 (Nī., Bom. Ed. 2. 52. 19; reads *kṛtakālāḥ* and explains the word as *kṛtaprastāvāḥ* and remarks *kṛtadvārā iti pāṭhe dvāram pratihāreṇa sakhyam*). B. Their low social status : Originally Kṣatriyas, Śauṇḍikas were degraded to the status of a *vṛśala* due to their disregard of Brāhmaṇas (*tās tāḥ kṣatriyajātayaḥ / vṛśalatvam anuprāptā brāhmaṇānām adarśanāt ||*) 13. 33. 15. 17–19.

Śreṇi m. (pl.) : Name of a people(?)

A. Description : Brought up in cow-herds (*gokule nityasamvṛddhāḥ*) and highly skilled in fighting (*yuddhe paramakovidāḥ*) 8. 4. 38. B. Epic event : At night of the seventeenth day (*nīsi* 8. 1. 25), Samjaya, while reporting the death of Karna to Dhṛtarāṣṭra, mentioned Śreṇis among those who were killed in

thousands by Arjuna during the war (*śreṇayo bahusāhasrāḥ samśaptakagaṇāś ca ye / te sarve pārtham āsādyā gatā vaivasvataḥsayam ||*) 8. 4. 38 (perhaps, the word *śreṇi* does not refer to a people but means only 'lines, rows of troops' and refers to Gopālas who, though not directly mentioned are suggested by the expression (*gokule nityasamvṛddhāḥ*) and by their association with Samśaptakas, cf. Gopāla; see, however, the next entry).

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

Their glorious Kṣatriyas of noble birth, with weapons in hand, brought tribute in hundreds for the Rājasūya of Yudhiṣṭhira (*sujātayaḥ śreṇimantaḥ śreyāmsaḥ śastrapāṇayaḥ / āhārṣuḥ kṣatriyā vittam śataśo 'jātaśatrave ||*) 2. 48. 16 (for other details of the tribute see Śauṇḍika above). (Is Śreṇimant name of a people or an adjective of Kṣatriyas meaning 'Kṣatriyas in troops'? See Śreṇi above).

Śveta<sup>1</sup> nt. (sg.) : Name of a Varṣa of Jambudvīpa.

It lay to the north of the Nīla Varṣa (and the Śveta mountain); and to the south of the Hairāṇyaka Varṣa (and the Śṛṅgin mountain) (*nilāt parataram śvetam śvetād dhairāṇyakam param*) 6. 7. 35.

Śveta<sup>2</sup> m. (sg.) : Name of a Dvīpa.

A. Location : Nārada saw it situated to the north-west of mountain Meru, to the north of Kṣīrodadhi (the ocean of milk); according to the wise men it was at a distance of more than thirtytwo thousand *yojanas* from the base of Meru