

Anumati f. : Name of the first Paurṇamāsī day (when the Paurṇamāsī extends to two days; see Ait. Br. 32. 9 and Nirukta 11. 29).

She, personified, arrived at the river Sarasvatī to be present at the investiture of Kumāra as the general of the gods 9. 44. 12, 16; she served as one of the reins (*yoktrāṇi*) of the horses of Śiva's chariot when it was made ready for his fight with the Tripuras 8. 24. 74.

Anurādhā f. : Name of the seventeenth Nakṣatra.

A. Religious rites : If one gives under the Nakṣatra Anurādhā, after observing fast, a gift of a covering (*prāvāra*) and another cloth (*vastrāntara*), he is glorified in the heaven for a hundred Yugas 13. 63. 22; if one offers a *śrāddha* under Anurādhā he establishes a line of kings (? *rājacakram pravartayet*) 13. 89. 8. **B. Bad omens :** Among the bad omens reported by Karṇa to Kṛṣṇa there was one which referred to the retrograde motion of Mars (*Āṅāraka*) in Jyēsthā and his wooing Anurādhā thereby as though tranquilizing the Maitra Nakṣatra-yoga (*kṛtvā cāṅgārako vakraṁ jyēsthāyām madhusūdana | anurādhām prārthayate maitraṁ saṁśamayann iva*) 5. 141. 8 (For NĪ. comm. see *Āṅāraka*).

Abhijit f. : Name of the twentieth Nakṣatra.

Described as heavenly (*devī*) 3. 219. 8; Indra reported to Skanda that Abhijit, the younger sister vying with Rohiṇī as she desired higher rank, went to the forest to practise austerities; Indra was, therefore, confused (in reckoning time) due to the dropping down of one Nakṣatra from the sky (*abhijit*

spardhamānā tu rohiṇyā kanyasī svasā | icchantī jyēsthatām devī tapas taptuṁ vanam gatā || tatra mūḍho 'smi ... nakṣatraṁ gaganāc cyutam | kālaṁ tv imaṁ param skanda brahmaṇā saha cintaya) 3. 219. 8-9; (to fill the gap, the Kṛttikās went to the heaven 3. 219. 11) (Nī. on Bom. Ed. 3. 230. 8-9, 11 : *kanyasī kaniṣṭhā vanam gatā adhikāraṁ tyaktvete śeṣaḥ || 8 || sā ca jyēsthatāspardhayā gaganāt cyutā ato 'haṁ mūḍho 'smi nakṣatrasaṁkhyāpūranaprakārasyājñānād iti bhāvaḥ || 9 || tathā ca kṛttikābhir eva nakṣatrasaṁkhyāpūrtim kurv iti śakrāśayaṁ jñātvā tās tridivaṁ gatāḥ || 11 ||*); if one offers a *śrāddha* under the constellation Abhijit he attains superior knowledge (*vidyām śreṣṭhām avāpnuyāt*) 13. 89. 11. [See *Abhijita*]

Abhijita¹ m. : Name of a Nakṣatra (= *Abhijit* ?)

Here called *yoga*; if a righteous person (*dharmanitya*) gives the gift of milk mixed with honey and *ghṛta* to learned men under the constellation Abhijita (*abhijite yoge*) he is honoured in heaven 13. 63. 27.

Abhijita² m. : Name of the eighth part of the day (*muhūrta*), about mid-day (twenty-four minutes before and twenty-four minutes after midday).

Yudhiṣṭhira was born at the Abhijita *muhūrta* (*muhūrte 'bhijite 'ṣṭame*) 1. 114. 4 (Nī., however, on Bom. Ed. 1. 123. 6, takes *aṣṭame* to identify the *nakṣatra* Jyēsthā : *jyēsthānakṣatre aṣṭame saṁvatsarārambhāt*)

Aśvayuja m. : Name of a constellation.

Yama told Śaśabindu (13. 89. 1) that by offering a *śrāddha* (which is *kāmya*) under this constellation one got horses (*aśvāṁś cāśvayuje vetti*) 13. 89. 14. [See *Aśvinī*]