

not boast of himself as did Jājali 12. 253. 8; Jājali then decided to meet Tulādhāra, went to him at Vārāṇasī, and spoke to him (*vārāṇasyām tulādhāraṁ samāsādyābravīd vacaḥ*) 12. 253. 11; when Jājali boasted again (that he knew *dharma* : *dharmaḥ prāpto mayeti vai* 12. 253. 41), an invisible voice from the sky told him that even Tulādhāra of Vārāṇasī did not deserve to speak in terms in which Jājali did (*vārāṇasyām ... tulādhāraḥ pratiṣṭhitaḥ / so 'py evaṁ nārhatē vaktum yathā tvam bhāṣase dvija* //) 12. 253. 42-43; when Jājali went to Vārāṇasī he saw Tulādhāra selling goods (*kālena mahatāgacchat sa tu vārāṇasīm purīm*) 12. 253. 45; (3) Nārada told king Marutta that Samivarta, son of Aṅgiras and younger brother of Bṛhaspati, often visited Vārāṇasī (*vārāṇasīm tu nagarīm abhīkṣṇam upasevate*); Marutta then went to Vārāṇasī and, as suggested by Nārada (14. 6. 23), placed a corpse at the gate of the town (*purī dvāre*); when Samivarta came to the gate (*purī dvāram āviśat*) he saw the corpse and turned back (that is how Marutta recognized Samivarta) 14. 6. 22, 27-29; (4) Kṛṣṇa Dvaipāyana once approached Maitreya in the family of an unchaste woman at Vārāṇasī; a conversation between the two on the virtues of gift (*dāna*), austerities (*tapas*) and learning (*śruta*, *vidyā*) took place there (*vārāṇasyām upātiṣṭhan maitreyaṁ svairiṇī-kule*) 13. 121. 3, 1-2 (Nī., however, on Bom. Ed. 13. 120. 3 : *svam īrayati dharmāya prerayati svairiṇī muniśreṇī tasyāḥ kule grhe*); (5) At Vārāṇasī the sage Jaigīṣavya once got with very little effort eight qualities of superhuman power from Śiva (*mamāṣṭagunāṁ aiśvaryam dattam bhagavatā purā / yatnenālpēna ... vārāṇasyām*) 13. 18.

24. H. Simile : Vārāṇasī, founded by Divodāsa, was like Amarāvati of Indra (*śakrasyevāmarāvatiṁ*) 13. 31. 18.

Vibhor āyatanam nt. : Name of the holy resort (temple ?) of Viṣṇu.

A. Location : In a holy forest, not very far from the sea and the *tīrtha* known as Śūrpāraka (*śūrpārakam dadarśa // tatrodadheḥ kaṁcid atītya deśam ... vanam āsasāda*) 3. 118. 8-9; (*sa tatra ... viṣṇoḥ ... āyatanāni teṣāṁ dadarśa*) 3. 118. 10-11, 13. For B. Description and C. Epic event see Bhagasya āyatanam.

Virāṭanagara nt. : Name of a city, the seat of the Matsya kingdom of Virāṭa; once the name occurs as Virāṭa, short for Virāṭanagara (?) 4. 1. 23; also Virāṭarāṣṭra appears for Virāṭanagara 1. 1. 114, (4. 1. 16).

A. Description : (1) When the victory of Uttara was announced Virāṭa ordered that the main roads (of the town) be decorated with banners (*rājamārgāḥ kriyantāṁ me patākābhiraḥ alamkṛtāḥ*) 4. 63. 23; (2) The town of Matsyarāja shone as in a great festival and was filled with delighted and well nourished people (*tan mahotsavasam-kāśam hr̥ṣṭapuṣṭajanānvṛtam / nagaram matsyarājasya śuśubhe* //) 4. 67. 38; (3) The city is referred to as (i) *nagara* (besides in the name Virāṭanagara) 1. 2. 13; 4. 67. 38; 5. 63. 15; as (ii) *pura* 4. 29. 10; 4. 32. 48, 49, 50 (*virāṭasya purābhyaśe*); 4. 66. 21; as (iii) *rāṣṭra* (*ghanamjayena ... virāṭarāṣṭre vasatā*) 1. 1. 114; (*rāṣṭre ... virāṭanṛpateḥ*) 4. 1. 16. B. Epic event : (1) Dharma comforted Yudhiṣṭhira by telling him that the Pāṇḍavas, by his grace, would be able to live concealed, unknown to others, in