

For B. Description and C. Epic event : see Bhagasya āyatanam.

Mahāpadma nt. : Name of a city.

Situated on the southern bank of Gaṅgā (*gaṅgāyā dakṣiṇe tīre*); described as excellent city (*puṛottama*); a certain pious Brāhmaṇa, deliberating on the nature of Dharma, lived there 12. 341. 1, 6-7.

Mahāśrama m. : Name of an āśrama.

A. Description : One that frees from all sins (*sarvāpāpaprāmocana*) 3. 82. 48; **B. Holiness** : (1) By staying there for a night and by abstaining from food for one time in a day one lives in auspicious worlds (*mahāśrame vased rātrim* |... *ekakālaṁ nirāhāro lokān āvasate śubhān*) 3. 82. 48; (2) By bathing there, by regularly offering Agni-hotra, and by fasting for a month, one who is pure, obtains perfection at the end of a month (*mahāśrama upasṛṣya yo 'gnihotra-paraḥ śuciḥ* | *ekamāsaṁ nirāhāraḥ siddhiṁ māseṇa so vrajet*) 13. 26. 16.

Maheccha nt. : Name of a city.

To the west of Khāṇḍavaprastha (*niryāya khāṇḍavaprasthāt pratīcīm abhito diśam*) 2. 29. 2; described as having abundant grain (*bahudhānyāka*); Nakula brought it under his control (*vaśe cakre*) in his expedition to the west before the Rājasūya 2. 29. 6.

Mahendrasya Vaiśravaṇasya ca sadman nt. : The house of Mahendra (Indra) and Vaiśravaṇa (Kubera).

The eastern direction is so called; it is guarded by Indra and Vaiśravaṇa; it was pointed out by Dhaumya to Yudhiṣṭhira holding him by his right hand (*prācīm diśam abhipreksya maharṣir idam abravīt* //

... *indravaiśravaṇāv etāṁ diśāṁ pāṇḍava rakṣataḥ* |... *etad āhur mahendrasya rājño vaiśravaṇasya ca ... sadma*) 3. 160. 3, 5-6; it is adorned by mountains, forest regions and woods (*parvataiḥ ca vanāntaiḥ ca kānānāiḥ copaśobhitām*) 3. 160. 5; people, sages, Siddhas, Sādhyas and gods worship sun rising from there 3. 160. 7.

Māṇḍavyasya āśramah m. : Name of the āśrama of the sage Māṇḍavya.

A. Epic event : One of the holy places where Ambā lived to practise austerities to be able to kill Bhīṣma; these āśramas were of high-souled ascetics who were holy (*āśramaṁ puṇyaśīlānāṁ tāpasānāṁ mahātmanām*) 5. 187. 23; she bathed there day and night and practised austerities (*tatra puṇyeṣu deṣeṣu sāplutāṅgī divāniśam* | *vyacarat ...* |... *māṇḍavyasyāśrame ... eteṣu tirthēṣu tadā kāśikanyā ... āplāvayata gāt-rāṇi tīvram āsthāya vai tapaḥ* ||) 5. 187. 24, 27-28. **B. Past event** : Māṇḍavya once observed the vow of silence and stood, with raised hands, under a tree at the entrance of his āśrama (*māṇḍavyaḥ ... sa āśramapadadvārī vṛkṣamūle mahātapāḥ* | *ūrdhvaḥ mahāyogī tasthau maunavratānvitaḥ* ||) 1. 101. 2-3; once, some Dasyus, who stole wealth and were chased by guardians, reached the hermitage of Māṇḍavya; they left the stolen property in the residence of Māṇḍavya and hid themselves (*te tasyāvasathe loptram nidadhuḥ*) 1. 101. 4-5.

Mārkaṇḍeyāśrama m. : The āśrama of Mārkaṇḍeya.

A. Location : In the Dvaitavana (*punar dvaitavanam ... ājagāma yudhiṣṭhirah ... mārkaṇḍeyāśramam prati*) 3. 295. 3. **B. Description** : Delightful (*ramya*) and having