

Gajendra (I)—the legend of Viṣṇu freeing the elephant in trouble. While wandering in the hills, this lord of elephants felt thirsty and entered a lake in the Trikūṭa hill. While drinking water, a crocodile caught hold of its feet. Finding himself on the brink of death, Gajendra bestowed his thought on Hari on account of the *vāsana* of the previous birth. Pleased with his prayer, Hari flew on Garuḍa with his cakṛa and released the animal from the crocodile. The elephant attained a form like that of Hari. This elephant was in his previous birth a Pāṇḍyan king by name Indradyumna devoted to Hari but cursed by Agastya to be born as elephant.¹ Hari blessed Gajendra who got mokṣa by *satsanga*.² Hence Gajendramokṣa.³

Bhā. III. 19. 35: VIII. 1. 30: 2. 20-33: 3 (whole): 4. 6-25.
² Ibid. X. 71. 9: XI. 12. 6. ³ Ibid. II. 7. 15-16.

Gajendra (II)—the Airāvata which came out of the churning of the ocean of milk. It was taken up by Indra.

M. 251. 3.

Gajendrāsya—is Gaṇeśa.

Br. IV. 44. 67.

Gaṇatīrtham—sacred to Pitṛs.

M. 22. 73.

Gaṇanātha—see Gaṇeśa.

Br. IV. 27. 72: Vā. 109. 22.

Gaṇanāvidhi—18 sthānas, mentioned for enumeration of numbers.

Br. IV. 2. 102: Vā. 101. 102.

Gaṇapa—a deity.

Br. IV. 19. 81.