

sky was borne by Gangā and was swallowed by Agni; phoetus left on the Himalayan slopes became gold, which was utilised in building the yagnāsāla at Naimiṣa. At her confluence with Yamunā (s.v.) was the *avabhṛta* of the sacrifice of Prajāpatis. On its banks Bharata performed horse-sacrifice.⁶ Here Yudhiṣṭhira had his *avabhṛta* bath after Rājasūya.⁷ Here were done funeral rites of the dead children of Draupadī.⁸ Here again Parikṣit observed vow of fasting unto death.⁹ Visited by Balarāma.¹⁰ The Sagaras sent to heaven by the Ganges waters.¹¹ Gangā as devī.¹²

Originally of three-fold path, the Chāyāpathā being in the nakṣatramanḍala;¹³ addressed by Agni to bear Rudra's *garbha*, Gangā accepted the task and gave birth to Kumāra.¹⁴ Gangā refilled the ocean, after Agastya drank it dry.¹⁵

Manu put the growing fish in; washed off the city of Hastināpuram; contains 3½ crores of tīrthas; forms the cure for all ills; released in seven streams by Śankara, three to the west, three to the north and one Bhagīrathī, sacred in Kanakhala.¹⁶

Wife of the ocean;¹⁷ Tripathagā;¹⁸ a consort of Śiva, served by Trayambaka and other gods.¹⁹ Fit for śrāddha,²⁰ the right side of the Veda,²¹ particularly sacred at three spots—Gangādvāra, Prayāga and Gangā sāgara-sangama.²²

¹ Bhā. VII. 14. 29, VIII. 4.23, Br. II. 16. 11, 24. ² Vā. 42. 39-49 : 71.5. ³ Vi. I. 9. 103 : II, 2. 334 : 8. 108-13, 120-2 : III. 14.18 IV. 4. 26-30: 18-28. ⁴ Bhā. IX. 9. 1-13: Br. III. 13. 118: 55. 51: 56. 38-54. ⁵ Bhā IX. 15. 3 : Br. III. 66. 25-6 : 73. 117 : M. 12. 44 : 121. 26. ⁶ Bhā. IV. 7. 63-4 : Vā. 2. 17-18 : 72. 28-32. Br. II. 16. 11 and 24. Bhā. VII. 14. 29 ; VIII. 4. 23 Vā. 42. 39-40 : 71. 5. Bhā. IX. 9. 1-13. Br. III. 13. 118 : 55.51 : 56. 38-54. M. 15. 3. Br. III. 66. 25. 6: 73. 117: M. 12. 44: 121. 26. Bhā. IV. 7. 63-64, Vā. 2. 17-18: 72. 28-32. Bhā. IV. 2. 35. IX. 20-25: 22. 19: X. 10. 4. ⁷ Bhā. X. 75. 19. ⁸ Ib. I. 8. 1. ⁹ Ib. 3. 43 ; 4. 10 ; 12. 28 ; 18. 3. ¹⁰ Ib. X. 78. 20. ¹¹ Ib. IX. 9. 14. ¹² Ib. I. 19. 15. ¹³ Br. II. 18. 26-42, 50-52: ¹⁴ Br. III. 7. 355: 9. 4: 10. 30-5: 14.84: 37. 5: 54. 49: IV. 9. 78. ¹⁵ Br. III. 63. 167. ¹⁶ M. 1. 23: 13. 25: 36. 5: 50. 78: 102. 5-6: 106. 57-8; 114. 20: 121. 38-41; 133. 23: 183. 107: 186. 10; 192. 11; 239-18. ¹⁷ Vā. 13. 35: 30. 32 and 92: 45. 95: ¹⁸ Vā. 2. 7; 51. 21, 46; 58. 88. ¹⁹ Vā. 42. 39-40: 71. 5. ²⁰ Vā. 77. 68. ²¹ Vā. 98. 117; 99. 63; 104. 13, 27, 77: 106. 67: 111. 16, ²² M. 106. 53.