

Ambaṣṭha (II) (c)—kingdom: Capital of Suvrata: Its king failed in hitting the fish target in Lakṣmaṇā's *svayamvara*.

Bhā. X. 83. 23; Br. III. 74. 22; M. 48. 21; Vā. 99. 22.

Ambaṣṭhas—a people;¹ country of.²

¹ Bhā. X. 83. 23. ² Vi. II. 3. 18.

Ambā (I)—a daughter of the king of Kāśi noted for her beauty: and a queen of Vicitravīrya.

Bhā. X. 60. 47; Vi. IV. 20. 36.

Ambā (II)—the saviour of the world, with her Puruṣa Sadāśiva.

Br. IV. 8. 33; 19. 81; 33. 17.

Ambā (III)—the queen of Varṣa-ṛtu.

Br. IV. 32. 29.

Ambikā (I)—Wife of Śiva.¹ Daughter of Dakṣa reborn of Menā.² Pacified by Citraketu.³ Surname of Pārvati and Yogamāyā.⁴ Gave *bhikṣā* to Vāmana.⁵ In her honour a festival was celebrated at a sacred spot called Ambikāvana. In this Gopas participated.⁶ Represents Soma while Śiva is Agni.⁷ Worshipped in ceremonials before digging tanks.⁸

¹ Bhā. III. 12. 13. ² Ib. IV. 7. 59. ³ Ib. VI. 17. 17. ⁴ Ib. X. 2. 12. ⁵ Ib. VIII. 18. 17. ⁶ Ib. X. 34. 1-3. ⁷ Br. II. 27. 112; IV. 14. 6; 15. 52; 44. 86. ⁸ M. 58. 26.

Ambikā (II)—a daughter of the King of Kāśi and wife of Vicitravīrya.¹ Mother of Dhṛtarāṣṭra.²

¹ Bhā. IX. 22. 24. Vi. IV. 20. 36. ² Bhā. X. 48. 34.

Ambikāvana—a forest sacred to Ambikā on the banks of the Sarasvatī. Here was a festival in honour of Śiva and Devī. To this, Nanda and others went. When he was there,