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Pari-vṛktā, Pari-vṛktī, Pari-vṛttī, are variant forms of the name of the rejected one among the royal wives. See Pati.

Pari-vestr in the Atharvaveda¹ and later² denotes an 'attendant,' more especially one who serves up food, a 'waiter.' The feminine form Parivestri signifies a 'female attendant' or 'handmaid.'³

1 ix. 6, 51.

2 Taittiriya Samhitā, vi. 3, 1, 3;
Maitrāyanī Samhitā, i. 2, 16; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, vi. 13; xxx. 12. 13;
Taittiriya Brāhmaņa, iii. 4, 8, 1;
Aitareya Brāhmaņa, viii. 21; Satapatha

Brāhmaṇa, xiii. 5, 4, 6; iii. 8, 2, 3; vi. 2, 13, 3, etc.

Satapatha Brahmana, xi. 2, 7, 4; Kauşıtaki Upanişad, ii. 1; Keith, Sankhayana Aranyaka, 21, n. 2.

Pari-vrājaka (lit., 'wandering about') denotes in the Nirukta (i. 14; ii. 8) a 'mendicant monk.'

Pari-sad (lit., 'sitting around') denotes in the Upanisads¹ an 'assemblage' of advisers in questions of philosophy, and the Gobhila Gṛḥya Sūtra² refers to a teacher with his Pariṣad or 'council.' In the later literature the word denotes a body of advisers on religious topics, but also the assessors of a judge, or the council of ministers of a prince.³ But in none of these senses is the word found in the early literature, though the institutions indicated by it must have existed at least in embryo.

1 Bṛhadāranyaka Upaniṣad, vi. 1, 1 (Mādhyamdina=vi. 2, 1 Kānva); daivī pariṣad, Jaiminīya Upaniṣad Brāhmana, ii. 11, 13, 14. 2 iii. 2, 40. ³ Cf. Jolly, Recht und Sitte, 136, 137; Foy, Die königliche Gewalt, 16-19; 33-37; 66; Bühler, Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 48, 55, 56; Hillebrandt, Vedische Mythologie, 2, 124.

Pari skanda (lit., 'leaping around') occurs in the Vrātya hymn of the Atharvaveda (xv. 2, 1 et seq.) denoting, in the dual, the two footmen running beside a chariot.

Pari-syanda (with water 'flowing around') in two passages of the Satapatha Brāhmana (ix. 1, 19; xiv. 3, 1, 14) denotes a sandbank or island in a river.