

free holding of Brāhmaṇas; same as *brahmadeya*. See *brahmatrā*, etc.

*brahmadeya* (EI 30; ASLV; HRS; SITI), land or village given as gift (generally tax-free) to Brāhmaṇas; land to be granted to or in the possession of Brāhmaṇas.

*brahmadeya-kkiḷavar* (SITI), Sanskrit-Tamil; sole owner of a Brahmadeya village; sometimes supposed to be the headman or chief of a Brahmadeya village.

*Brahm-ādhirāja* (SITI), title of distinguished Brāhmaṇa military commanders; also spelt *Brahmādarāja* in Tamil. See *Brahma-mahārāja*, *Brahma-rāja*.

*brahma-hatyā* (CITD), killing a Brāhmaṇa, considered to be a great sin.

*brahma-kalpa* (CITD), the *kalpa* or age of the god Brahman, extending to many thousands of years.

*Brahma-kṣatra*, *Brahma-kṣatriya* (EI 5, 12, 24), a Kṣatriya family claiming descent from a Brāhmaṇa parent; a family in which the blood of the Brāhmaṇas and Kṣatriyas has been mixed. See *Vishveshvaranand Ind. Journ.*, Vol. I, pp. 87 ff., etc. In one record (*Journ. Karnatak Univ.*, Vol. II, No 2, January 1959, p. 47), the Nāgavamśa, to which a Kadamba king's minister Māyideva belonged, is called *Brahma-kṣatra* because it originated from the intercourse of its progenitor Nāgarāja with a Brāhmaṇa girl. *Brahma-vaiśya* should be likewise explained.

*Brahma-mahārāja*, cf. *pirama-mārāyaṇ* (SITI), title of Brāhmaṇa ministers. See *Brahm-ādhirāja*, *Brahmarāja*.

*brahma-mantra* (IA 12), five in number.

*brahma-medha*, cf. *pirama-metam* (SITI), special funeral rite for a saintly person.

*Brahman* (IE 7-1-2), 'nine'.

*brāhmaṇa-rāśa* (*rāja*)-*kkāṟam* (SITI), Sanskrit-Tamil; tax payable by the Brāhmaṇa (*Purohita*) to the king.

*brāhmaṇa-vimśati* (HRS), tithe upon villagers for the maintenance of the Brāhmaṇas.

*brahmāṇḍa* (EI 16, 21), name of a *mahādāna*.

*brahmaṇya* (EI 22) 'hospitable to the Brāhmaṇas'; see *Paramabrahmaṇya*, *Atibrahmaṇya*.

*brāhmaṇya* (SII 1), the community of Brāhmaṇas.

*brahmaṣura* (EI 2), same as *brahmaṣurī*; a rent-free village in the possession of Brāhmaṇas; same as *agrahāra*, etc.