

Vaiśākha, Jyeṣṭha and Āṣāḍha, *varṣā* consisting of Śrāvana, Bhādrapada, Āśvina and Kārttika; and *hemanta* consisting of Mārgaśīrṣa, Pauṣa, Māgha and Phālguna. This was the official division of the year which was popularly divided into six seasons, viz. *grīṣma* (Jyeṣṭha-Āṣāḍha), *varṣā* (Śrāvana-Bhādrapada), *śarad* (Āśvina-Kārttika), *hemanta* (Mārgaśīrṣa-Pauṣa), *śīta* (Māgha-Phālguna) and *vasanta* (Caitra-Vaiśākha). Some times, the word *cāturmāsya* specially means the four months of the year, containing the two seasons of *varṣā* and *śarad*, i.e. from Śrāvana to Kārttika. During this period, Viṣṇu is supposed to sleep, so that religious celebrations are avoided. During the period, religious mendicants desisted from roving.

(EI 7; BL), related to the *cāturmāsī* or the full-moon day of Phālguna, Āshāḍha and Kārttika; a rite; same as *caturmāsya-vrata*.

*cāturmāsya-vrata* (EI 32), a rite. See *cāturmāsya*.

*caturmukha-bimba* (EI 2), Jain; a four-sided slab with images on all the sides.

*caturtha* (IE 8-8), one-fourth of the standard measure [of liquids like liquor].

*caturtha-kula* (EI 29), the Śūdra community.

*caturthī-amāvāsya*, cf. *cauti-amāvāse* (EI 5), the new-moon following the Gaṛeṣa-caturthī.

*caturvaidya-maryādā* (EI 27), custom relating to rent-free land granted to learned Brāhmaṇas.

*caturvarṇin* (LL), Jain; 'consisting of four classes'; an epithet of the Jain community.

*caturvedi-bhaṭṭa-ttāna-pperumakkaḷ* (SITI), Sanskrit-Tamil; general assembly of the Vedic scholars in a Brāhmaṇa village.

*caturvedi-maṅgala* (IE 8-4; SITI), same as *agrahāra*; a village owned by Brāhmaṇas, generally tax-free; also called *maṅgala*; written as *śaruppeṭi-maṅgalam* in Tamil; sometimes suffixed to names of localities especially in the Tamil-speaking area.

*Caturvedin* (EI 23, 24; CII 3, 4; SII 1), a Brāhmaṇa versed in the four Vedas; one who has studied the four Vedas; later stereotyped as a family name among Brāhmaṇas.

*caturvidya* (EI 23, 32), cf. *Caturvedin*; 'relating to the *Caturvedin*', a community of Brāhmaṇas; cf. *caturvidya-grāma*, *caturvidy-āgrahāra*, *caturvidya-sāmānya* (EI 22).

*catur-upāya* (SII 1), the four expedients. Cf. *upāya*.