

sacrifice of Janamejaya; some snakes of this family were dark-red, others white; all were ferocious, of huge shape and having excess of poison (*viṣolbhaṇa*) 1. 52. 6, 4.

**Śarabha m.** : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Airāvata, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 10, 11.

**Śalakara m.** : A mythical serpent 1. 52. 8?

[ See Śilin and Śilīśalakara ]

**Śalapotaka m.** : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadrū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 7, 2.

**Śalyaka m.** : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadrū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 13, 2.

**Śāsaroman m.** : A mythical serpent.

Born in the family of Takṣaka, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 9, 7.

**Śārdūlī f.** : A mythical female being.

One of the nine selfborn women (*nārīḥ ... ātmasambhavāḥ*), daughters of Krodhavaśā (or of Tāmṛā?) 1. 60. 54; in that case *krodhavaśā* 'given to anger, irascible'; she gave birth to lions, tigers and leopards 1. 60. 58-59, 63.

**Śālīpīṇḍa m.** : A mythical serpent.

Strong (*vīryavān*) son of Kadrū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 14, 2.

**Śikhiṇ m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 12, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7.

**Śitikanṭha m.** : A mythical serpent.

One of those who received the white snake issuing from the mouth of Balarāma and entering the ocean; called *agratejas* 'having fierce lustre'; (or Agratejas a proper name?) 16. 5. 15, 12.

[ See Agratejas ]

**Śirīṣaka m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 14, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7.

**Śilin m.** : A mythical serpent 1. 52. 8?

[ See Śilīśalakara ]

**Śilīśalakara m.** : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Takṣaka, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 8, 7, 9.

**Śukī f.** : A mythical bird.

One of the five famous daughters (*loka-vitṛutāḥ*) of the divine (*devī*) Tāmṛā, she gave birth to parrots; described as 'spirited' (*manasvini*), 'endowed with auspicious qualities' (*kalyāṇaguṇasampannā*), and 'adorned with all good marks' (*sarvalakṣaṇapūjitā*) 1. 60. 54, 57.

**Śṛṅgavega m.** : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Kauravya, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 12, 11.

**Śeṣa m.** : A mythical serpent (*nāga* 1. 32. 24 (= Ananta); 1. 61. 91; 3. 194. 9, 10, 14; 5. 101. 2; *bhujāṅgama* 1. 32. 14), sometimes identified with Ananta; living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 1, 2.

A. Birth and divine origin : Mentioned by Sūta as the first son of Kadrū, the second being Vāsukī (*śeṣaḥ prathamato jāto*