

beings (*niradhyakṣāms tu kaunteya kīrtayīṣyāmi tāt api ... kirātā barbaraiḥ saha*) 12. 200. 38, 40. D. Epic events : (1) Kṛṣṇa told Yudhiṣṭhira that the King of the Cedis was known as Pauṇḍraka Vāsudeva among the Kirātas and others (*vaṅgapuṇḍra-kirāteṣu ... / pauṇḍrako vāsudeveti yo 'sau lokeṣu viśrutaḥ*) 2. 13. 19; (2) Arjuna, in his expedition before the Rājasūya, fought with Kirātas and Cīnas, who had joined King Bhagadatta of Prāgjyotiṣa (*sa kirātais ca cīnais ca vṛtaḥ*) 2. 23. 19; (3) Bhīma, in his expedition to the east before the Rājasūya, defeated seven chiefs of the Kirātas (*kirātānām adhipatīn vyajayat sapta pāṇḍavaḥ*) 2. 27. 13; (4) The kings of Kirātas, who brought as tribute for Yudhiṣṭhira's Rājasūya loads of sandalwood and aloe and heaps of *kālīyaka*, as also large quantities of hides, jewels, gold and perfumes, an *ayuta* of Kirāta Dāsīs, charming exotic animals and birds, and extremely brilliant gold collected from mountains, were halted at the gate (*candanāgurukāṣṭhānām bhārān kālīyakasya ca / carmaratnasuvrṇānām gandhānām caiva rāśayah || kairātikānām ayutam dāsīnām ca ... / āhṛtya ramaṇīyārthān dūrajān mṛgapakṣīṇaḥ || nicitam parvatebhyaś ca hīranyam bhūrivarcasam / balim ca kṛtsnam adāya dvāri tiṣṭhanti vāritāḥ ||*) 2. 48. 9-11; the kings of Kirātas acted at the Rājasūya as servers (*yatra sarvān mahīpālān śastratejobhayārditān /... kirātān ... yajñe te pariveśakān*) 3. 48. 18, 20, 22; (5) Arjuna's encounter with Mahādeva, who appeared in the form of a Kirāta, referred to in the list of events of the Āraṇyakaparvan (*yadāśrauṣam arjuno devādevam kirātarūpam tryambakam toṣya*

yuddhe) 1. 1. 109; (*mahādevena yuddham ca kirātavapuṣā saha*) 1. 2. 107; (6) Bhagadatta's army, unassailable on account of the inclusion of Cīnas and Kirātas, went to the side of Duryodhana (*tasya cīnaiḥ kirātais ca ... babhau balam anādhrīyam*) 5. 19. 15; (7) Kirātas are mentioned among those who, at the instance of Duryodhana (5. 196. 1) marched towards Kurukṣetra (*śakāḥ kirātā ... niryayuh*) 5. 196. 7-8; (8) Before the start of the war, the north side of the army was guarded by Kirātas and others led by Kṛpa (*sāradvataś cottaradhūr mahātmā ... śakaiḥ kirātaiḥ ... sār-dham camūm uttarato 'bhipāti*) 6. 20. 13; (9) On the second day of the war, Kirātas stood at the neck of the Krauñcāruṇavyūha (6. 46. 38) of the Pāṇḍavas (*kirātās ca grīvāyām*) 6. 46. 46; (10) Among the past exploits of Karṇa, Bhīṣma mentions his bringing the Kirātas under the control of Duryodhana (*kirātāḥ duryodhanasya vaśagāḥ kṛtāḥ karṇa tvayā purā*, 7. 4. 6; (11) Sātyaki pointed out to Yudhiṣṭhira seven hundred elephants, mounted by Kirātas, in the Kaurava army; they were defeated by Arjuna and their king had presented them to him as servants; they once served Yudhiṣṭhira, but in the war they took the side of the Kauravas and were helping Duryodhana; Sātyaki assured Yudhiṣṭhira that he could break through them and reach Arjuna (*yāms tv etān aparān rājan nāgān saptaśatāni ca / prekṣase ... kirātaiḥ samadhiṣṭhitān || kirātarājo yān prādād gṛhītaḥ savyasācinā /... preṣyān icchān jīvitam ātmanaḥ || āsann ete purā rājams tava karmakarā dṛḍham / tvām evādya yuyutsante paśya kālasya paryayam ||... ete vinirjitāḥ sarve saigrāme savyasācinā /*