SĀRVABHAUMA IV. An incarnation in the Manvantara (Manu's age) of Sāvarņi Manu. Sārvabhauma was begotten by Devaguhya and was born of Sarasvatī. (Bhāgavata, Skandha 8).

SARVADAMANA. Bharata, the heroic son of Sakuntala.

(For details see under Bharata I).

SARVADEVATĪRTHA. A sacred place in Kurukṣetra. He who bathes there will derive benefit equal to that of gifting away thousand cows. (Vana Parva, Chapter 83, Verse 88).

SARVAGA. Son of Bhīmasena by his wife Balandharā.

(Ādi Parva, Chapter 95, Verse 77)

SARVAKĀMA. Son of King Rtuparņa. (Bhāgavata,

Skandha 9).

SARVAKĀMADUGHĀ. A daughter of Surabhi. She holds up the northern region. (Udyoga Parva, Chapter

102, Verse 10).

SARVAKARMĀ. Son of King Saudāsa. When Paraśurāma killed the Kṣatriyas it was Parāsaramuni, who saved Sarvakarmā from death. (Sānti Parva, Chapter 49, Verse 76).

SARVAPĀPAPRAMOCANAKŪPA. A Kūpa (well) which drives away all sins. It is a tīrtha. He who bathes in its waters will never have to face evil fate.

(Vana Parva, Chapter 84, Verse 126).

SARVARTUKA. A beautiful forest near mount Raivataka. (M.B. Southern text, Sabhā Parva, Chapter 38)

SARVASĀRAŅGA. A nāga born in Dhṛtarāṣṭra dynasty. It was burnt to death at Janamejaya's serpent yajña. (Adi Parva, Chapter 57, Verse 18). SARVASENA. A king of Kāśī whose daughter Sunandā

- was married by emperor Bharata. The couple had a son called Bhumanyu. (Adi Parva, Chapter 95, Verse
- SARVATEJAS. A King born in Dhruva's dynasty.

Vyusta was his father. (Bhāgavata, Skandha 4). SARVATOBHADRA. Varuņa's home. (Udyoga Parva,

Chapter 98, Verse 10).
SARYĀTI I. A son of Vaivasvata Manu.

1) General. Ikṣvāku, Nābhāga, Dhṛṣṭa, Śaryāti, Nariṣyanta, Prāmśu, Nṛga, Diṣṭa, Karūṣa and Pṛṣadhra were sons of Vaivasvata Manu. Saryāti had a son called Anarta and a daughter called Sukanya, who was married by the aged and blind Cyavana, and a son named Pramati was born to the couple. (See under Cyavana).

2) Other information.

(i) Saryāti lives in Yama's court worshipping him.

(Sabhā Parva, Chapter 8, Verse 14).

- (ii) Cyavana performed for Saryāti his yajña at which the Asvinīkumāras, in disobedience of Indra, drank Somarasa. (Vana Parva, Chapter 124).
- (iii) Two famous Kings, Haihaya and Tālajangha were born in Śaryāti's dynasty. (Anuśāsana Parva, Chapter 30, Verse 6).
- ŚARYĀTI II. A King of the Pūru dynasty. He was the son of Prācinvān and father of Ahamyāti. (Āśramavāsika Parva, Chapter 90, Verse 14).
- ŚARYĀTIVANA. A sacred forest. Arjuna, in the course of his 'dream-trip' to Kailasa in the company of Śri Kṛṣṇa crossed this forest also. (Droṇa Parva, Chapter 80, Verse 82).
- SASABINDU. See under Saravindu.
- ŚAŚĀDA I. Son of Vikukṣi, the King of Ayodhyā.

Puranjaya was Śaśāda's son. (Brahmāṇḍa Purāṇa. Chapter 1).

ŚAŚĀDA II. A son of Ikṣvāku. His real name was Vikukṣi. (For the detailed story as to how 'Vikuksi' became 'Śaśāda' see under Vikukṣi).

ŚAŚAKA. A caste. Karņa, during his triumphal tour, defeated the King of the Śaśakas. (Vana Parva, Chap-

ter 254, Verse 21).

ŚAŚALOMĀ. A King very much reputed in the Purāṇas. He did tapas at Kurukṣetra and attained heaven. (Aśramavāsika Parva, Chapter 20, Verse 14).

ŚAŚAYĀNA. A sacred place. In the waters of river Sarasvatī at this place the full moon reflects in the form of a śaśa (hare). A bath here will make a man as bright and lustrous as the moon. (Vana Parva, Chapter 82, Verse 114).

SASIKA. A rural area in ancient India.

Parva, Chapter 9, Verse 46).

ŠAŠIKALĀ. Daughter of Subāhu, King of Kāśī. She was married by a prince Sudarsana who had been

driven out of his kingdom by Yudhājit.

As she became a young woman Sasikalā heard about Sudarsana, who lived in the forest with his mother and fell in love with him. One night Devi appeared in dream to her and told her that marriage with Sudarsana would take place, and at those words of Devi she awoke from sleep and began laughing. Though her mother asked Sasikalā about the reason for her laughing thus, she answered not, but continued laughing. One day while she was picnicking in the Campaka forest, an old brahmin came there and described to her about the great personality and beauty of Sudarsana, who then was staying with his mother at Bharadvājāśrama. Śaśikalā's heart yearned to be with Sudarsana.

Sudarsana, after the death of his father Dhruvasandhi, lived with his mother Manoramā and her father. But, Yudhājit killed Manoramā's mother also. It was after this that Sudarsana and his mother took refuge in the āśrama of Bharadvājamuni. One of those days, Niṣāda, King of Sringiverapura and a friend of Sudarsana's father (Dhruvasandhi) came to Bharadvājāsrama and presented a chariot, which possessed mysterious powers, to Sudarśana. The munis were pleased at this and imparted to Sudarśana the Kāmarājamantra, which gave one who practised it all that one desired, and after the above incident Sudarsana began slowly to come out of the asrama. He went about the forests in the chariot presented by Niṣāda, and he was astonished to find many an armed soldier surround him wherever he went. This happened because of the mysterious powers of the chariot.

It was at this time that King Subahu decided to conduct the Svayamvara of his daughter Sasikala. Kings from all lands came. Sasikalā told her mother in secret about her desire to marry Sudarsana, and the mother in turn told about this to the father. But, he was not for it. Then Sasikalā sent a messenger secretly to Sudariana to request him to be present at the Svayamvara, and Sudarsana and his mother started for the palace of the King of Kāśī and when they reached it, kings like Yudhājit had already come there. A rumour was spread that Subāhu, insultingly ignoring all the crowned heads, was going to marry his daughter