

Prepared for the Indrayāga; but gave it up and prayed to the mountains instead, as advised by Kṛṣṇa; Indra's anger towards Nanda; was surprised at Kṛṣṇa holding the Govardhana; when the Gopas wondered at the exploits of the boy, Kṛṣṇa, Nanda said that he heard from Garga that he was Vasudeva's son and an *amśa* of Nārāyaṇa; after fasting on *ekādaśi*, Nanda went to Yamunā for bath for the *dvādaśi*; it was āsura time and not the time for bath; so an Asura follower of Varuṇa took hold of him and placed him before Varuṇa; seeing Nanda missing, the Gopas got frightened and appealed to Kṛṣṇa who went to Varuṇa; pleased at seeing him Varuṇa said that it was a mistake committed by his servants in ignorance and set Nanda free; then he returned to Vraja to the great joy of all the Gopas; taken to Brahmaharada;⁷ when once he went to Ambikāvana he was seized by a reptile and was released with Kṛṣṇa's help.⁸

Extended a hearty welcome to Akrūra and enquired of Kamsa; became afraid of Akrūra's message; got ready with all the Gopas to start for Mathurā with presents to Kamsa; followed Akrūra's chariot with all his carts and men; came in advance and waited for Kṛṣṇa's arrival; took his seat along with the other Gopas in the gallery of the wrestling ground; Kamsa desired to imprison him; duly honoured by Kṛṣṇa, Nanda and the Gopas returned to Vraja after Kamsa's death;⁹ welcomed Uddhava with due honour; exhibited his deep love for Kṛṣṇa; Uddhava revealed the real nature of Kṛṣṇa to him.¹⁰

Came to Syamantapañcaka and met Kṛṣṇa and others; embraced and enquired after by Vasudeva and others;¹¹ was honoured by Kṛṣṇa, Rāma, Ugrasena and Vasudeva; spent three months unwilling to be away from the Yadus, left for Mathurā;¹² chief of Sātvatas and vassal of Kṛṣṇa: went with Vṛṣṇis to Bāṇa's city.¹³

¹ Bhā. X. 8. 48-50; Br. III. 71. 239. ² Bhā. I. 8. 21; X. 1. 62; 2. 9; Vi. IV. 15. 31. ³ Bhā. X. 5. 1-16; chh. 5. 6, 7 and 8 (whole). ⁴ Ib. X. 11. 1-2; Vi. V. 5. 1-21; 6. 6 and 21; 7. 22 and 34;