It is said that at the confluence of the Narmadā with Kāverī, Kubera practised tapas in honour of Śiva and became the Lord of the Yakṣas. A bath here is equal to that at the confluence of the Gangā and the Yamunā.[6]

To the north of the Narmadā are a number of *tīrthams* like Mantreśvara, Garjanā, Amrātaka, Karanyā, Kundeśvara and others. A bath in each of them rids one of all sins. Then follows other *tīrthas*, all equally sacred, including Rāvaneśvara, the shrines of Kubera, Ahalyātīrtha, and the shrine of Janārdana. Here Agni, Dharmarāja and Vāyu practised asceticism and attained emancipation. A visit to Śuklatīrtham sacred to Rājarṣi Cāṇakya washes off all the sins of a life time. Any gift given here bears rich fruits.[7]

Among the other sacred places can be mentioned the Bhṛgutīrtham, Kankhala, where Garuḍa once was in austereties, Kanyātīrtha, Pitāmahatīrtha, and Svargadvāratīrtham; He who reads or listens to the glory of the Namadā has his wishes fulfilled whatever be his caste.[8] On its banks Purukutsa heard the *Viṣṇu Purāṇa* from the sages.[9] Penance here by Asuras, who became converted into Arhats.[10] Marubhūmīviṣaya on the N. ruled by Śūdras and other castes.[11]

[1] Bhā. V. 19. 18; VIII. 18. 21; Br. II. 12. 14; 16. 29; III. 10. 97; M. 2. 13-15; 22. 25; 114. 23; Vā. 45. 99; 77. 32; 94. 28; 108. 82; V. II. 3. 11.   [2] Bhā. VI. 10. 16; X. 54. 23 [1];   Br. III. 13. 8, 32; 26. 10 and 38; 38. 3 and 7; 41. 15; 45. 2; 69. 28; M. 43. 31; 44. 31; 44. 31; 163. 63; Vi. IV. 11. 19.   [3] M. ch. 186.   [4] Ib. ch. 187.   [5] Ib. ch. 188.   [6] Ib. ch. 189.   [7] Ib. chh. 190-192.   [8] Ib. chh. 193-194. [9] Vi. I. 2. 9; IV. 3. 7-16.   [10] Ib. III. 18. 1 and 13.   [11] Ib. IV. 24. 68.

Narmadā (II)—the Mānasakanyā of Śukālā Pitṛs; given in marriage to Purukutsa by her brother Uraga; and mother of Trasadasyu; she took him to Rasātala where he killed some bad Gandharvas to the satisfaction of the Nāgas: [1] Heard the *Viṣṇu Purāṇa* from him and narrated it to Dhṛtarāṣṭra the Nāga and Āpūraṇa.[2]

[1] Bhā. IX. 7. 2-3; Br. III. 10. 97; Vā. 73. 48; 88. 74.   [2] Vi. VI. 8. 45.