

*pra* (PJS), abbreviation of *pratimā* (especially in medieval Jain inscriptions).

(IE 8-1), abbreviation of *prathama*.

*prabandha*, name of hymnical compositions in Tamil by ancient Vaiṣṇava devotees. The contributions of hymns and prayers by the twelve *āḷvārs* in praise of Viṣṇu make up the *Nālāyiradīvyaprabandham*. *Nālāyira* (four thousand) indicates the rough total number of items and *prabandham* is regarded as meaning a compilation. The first thousand is known as *Tirumōḷi* and comprises hymns of Periyāḷvār, Āṇḍāl, Kulaśekhara, etc.; the second thousand contains the hymns of Tirumaṅgai; the third comprises the compositions of the first three *āḷvārs* called *Iyaṅpā*, viz. Tirumāḷisai, Nammāḷvar and Tirumaṅgai, and the fourth called *Tiruvāymōḷi* is entirely the work of Nammāḷvār. Nāthamuniḡaḷ is stated to be the compiler of this anthology. See M. S. Purnalingam Pillai, *Tamil Literature*, pp. 181 ff.

*prabarha* (EI 13), a worthy.

*prābda* (EI 16), same as *abda*, 'the year.'

*prabhā* (SII 2), an aureole or nimbus. Cf. *prabhā-valaya*.

*prabhāṭaka* (EI 24), same as *bhāṭaka*; rent.

*prabhā-valaya* (*Ep. Ind.*, Vol. III, p. 16), aureole or nimbus.

*prābhṛtikṛta* (EI 14), 'presented'.

*Prabhu* (IA 30; BL), a village official; cf. *Mahāprabhu*.

*prabhujyamāna* (IA 18), cf. *bhujyamāna*.

*prabhu-śakti* (CII 4), power derived from the royal position.

*prabhu-svāmya* (SII 11.1), a tenure held by a *Prabhu* (q.v.).

*prabodhanī* (EI 8), *prabodh-otsava* (EI 32), same as *utthāna-dvādasi*.

*pradakṣiṇa* (CITD), circumambulation from left to right; paying homage to a temple, etc., by solemnly walking round it with the right hand towards it, so that the right side is always turned towards the person or object circumambulated; a reverential salutation made by walking in this manner.

*pradeśa* (IE 8-4), a province or district.

*Prādeśika* (IE 8-3; HD), cf. Prakrit *Pādesika* (EI 3), provincial governor; governor of a *pradeśa* or province. Cf. *CII*, Vol. I, pp. 4-5.

*Pradeṣṭṛ* (HD), a class of magistrates; the police magistrate. See Ghoshal, *H. Rev. Syst.*, p. 147; *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. XXII, p. 156; *Arthaśāstra*, I. 12; IV. 1 and 10 (last verse).