danced with pleasure at the very liberal gifts made to them. (Vana Parva, Chapter 8, Verse 5).

(iii) Nṛga was a King very dear to Indians. (Bhīṣma

Parva, Chapter 9, Verse 7).

(iv) Kṛṣṇa granted salvation to Nṛga who changed, at his touch, from chameleon to his former form as King Nṛga. (Anuśāsana Parva, Chapter 70, Verse 29). (v) He did not eat flesh. (Anusasana Parva, Chapter 70, Verse 29).

NRSAD. A maharsi, who was the father of sage Kanva.

(Rgveda, Mandala 10).

NRSART. A Rsi, who lived in the Rgvedic period. His son was deaf. (Rgveda, Mandala I, Anuvāka 17).

NYAGRODHA. A son of Ugrasena. When Kṛṣṇa killed Kamsa Nyagrodha fought with Kṛṣṇa and others and was killed by the blow of Balabhadra's shield. (Bhāga-

NYAGRODHATIRTHA. A holy place on the banks of the ancient river Drsadvati in North India. (Vana

Parva, Chapter 90, Versc 11).

O. This sound signifies Brahmā. (Agni Purāņa; Chapter 348).

ODRÁ (M). An ancient province of India, Mahābhārata, Sabhā Parva, Chapter 51, Verse 23 says that the King of this province had come to Dharmaputra with presents.

OGHARATHA. Son of the King named Oghavan. (M.B. Anuśāsana Parva, Chapter 2, Verse 38).

OGHAVĀN I. Grandson of King Nṛga. He had a son named Ogharatha and a daughter named Oghavati. (M.B Anuśāsana Parva, Chapter 2).

OGHAVĀN II. A warrior on the side of the Kauravas.

(M.B. Karna Parva, Chapter 5, Verse 42).

OGHAVATĪ I. There are seven Sarasvatīrivers in the world. These are Suprabhā, Kāñcanākṣī, Manoramā, Sarasvatī, Oghavatī and Sureņu. In the Mahābhārata, Salya Parva, Chapter 38 we find that Oghavatī was invoked and brought to Kuruksetra. It was on the bank of this Oghavati that Bhisma fell and lay on the Śaraśayyā. (Bed of arrows). (M.B. Śānti. Parva, Chapter 50, Verse 5).

OGHAVATĪ II. Daughter of the King named Oghavān. Sudarfana, the son of Agni married her. (M.B.

Anuśāsana Parva, Chapter 2).

OM. This sound is a combination of the three letters -A, U and M. The A-sound signifies Viṣṇu, the Usound signifies Siva and the M--sound signifies Brahmā.

> Akāro Visnuruddista Ukārastu Mahesvarah/ Makārastu smrto Brahmā Pranavastu trayātmakah // (Vāyu Purāņa).

The sound "Om" is called "Pranava" or "Brahman." All mantras begin with the sound 'Om'. Because of its saeredness, Śūdras and other low-caste people are not allowed to utter it or to hear it. They may pronounce it only as "Aum." This sound includes all that has happened and all that is to happen. (Māṇḍūkyopanisad).

OMPATU. (Malayālam word for nine). Nine grahas (nine planets). Sun, Moon, Mars, Budha (Mercury), Guru (Jupiter), Sukra (Venus), Sani

(Saturn), Rāhu and Ketu.

Nine Doşa. Gulika, Vişţi, Gandantam, Vişa, Uşna, ekārgalam, Sarpaśiras, lāṭam and Vaidhṛtam.

Nine Karmasāksin(s). Sūrya, Candra, Yama, Kāla, Ākāsa, Vāyu, Agni, Jala and Bhūmi.

Nine Rivers. Sarasvatī, Vaitaraņī, Āpagā, Mandākinī, Madhusravā, Amlu, Kausikī, Drsadvatī and Hiranvatī. Nine Dūti (s). Dūtī, Dāsī, Sakhī, Cetī, Dhātreyī, Prātiveśinī, Linginī, Śilpinī and Svastrī.

Nine treasures (nidhis). Mahāpadma, Padma, Śankha, Makara, Kacchapa, Mukunda, Kunda, Nīla and

Kharva.

Nine Prajāpatis. Bhrgu, Marīci, Atri, Daksa, Kardama, Pulaha, Pulastya, Angiras and Kratu.

Nine Yogins. Kavi, Hari, Antariksa. Prabuddha, Pippalāyana, Āvihotra, Dramida, Camasa and Kara-

bhājana.

Nine Varşa (s). (Sub continents). Bhāratavarşa, Kimpurusavarsa. Harivarsa, Ilavrtavarsa, Ramyakavarsa, Hiranmayavarşa, Kuruvarşa, Bhadraśvavarşa and Ketumālavarşa.

Nine kinds of Rājās. Sārvabhauma, Adhirāja. Narendra, Pārṣṇika, Paṭṭadhṛk, Maṇḍaleśvara, Bhaṭṭabhāk,

Prahāraka and Śrotragrāhī.

Nine kinds of Angels. Bhaktijvālaka, Jñānādhikya, Bhadrāsana, Nāthakṛtya, Tattvaka, Balavad, Samādhānamukhya and Mukhyadevadūta.

PA. A garden. (Agni Purāṇa, Chapter 348).

PADAPĀŢHA. An ancient system of studying the Vedas. (See under Ghanapāṭha).

PADARTHA. See under Pañcabhuta.

PADĀTI. One of the eight sons of Janamejaya, a King of Kuruvamsa. The others are Dhṛtarāṣṭra, Pāṇdu, Bālhīka, Niṣadha, Jāmbūnada, Kundodara and Vasāti. (The Pandu and Dhrtarastra mentioned here are not the fathers of Kauravapāņdavas.).

PADMA I. A serpent born to sage Kasyapa of his wife

Kadrū. (Śloka 10, Chapter 35, Adi Parva).

PADMA II. A King. This King shines in the court of Yama. (Śloka 39, Chapter 10, Sabhā Parva).

PADMA III. A soldier of Subrahmanya. (Chapter 45, Śalya Parva).

PADMA IV. A nidhi (treasure). This nidhi belongs to Kubera. (Śloka 39, Chapter 10, Sabhā Parva). Šankhanidhi, Padmanidhi and a Puspakavimāna were presented to Kubera by Brahmā. (Uttara Rāmāyaņa).

PADMÄKARA. A Character in the story in Siva Purāņa describing the greatness of a Sivayogin. (See

Rsabha).

PADMAKETANA. One of the children of Garuda. (Chapter 101, Udyoga Parva).

PADMAKŪTA. The palace where Suprabhā wife of Śrī Kṛṣṇa used to reside. (Dākṣiṇātya Pāṭha, Chapter 38, Sabhā Parva).

PADMANĀBHA I. One of the hundred sons of Dhṛtarāṣṭra. (See under Kauravas).

- PADMANĀBHA II. A serpent. This scrpent resides on the shores of the river Gomati which flows through Naimiṣāraṇya. This serpent once went to Bhīṣma and talked to him about Dharma. (Chapter 355, Santi Parva).
- PADMAPURĀŅA. One of the eighteen Purāņas. (See under Purānas).

PADMARĀGA. See under Navaratna,