

any traces of the city : it may have been washed away by the Gaṅgā. According to Pandey¹³⁵ the name of the modern village Kiul has some resemblance with the name Kṛmilā and it is not unlikely that the city may have been somewhere in that locality.

Sircar is himself not sure about the identification of Kṛmilā with Valgūdar¹³⁶ and seems to prefer the claim of modern Kawali not being far from Valgūdar Kṛmilā.¹³⁷ But in the district Gazetteer of Monghyr it is the village of Kiul which is mentioned and not Kawali. Hence we prefer the view of Dr. Pandey.

The word Kṛmilā means "a fruitful woman" or "a place full of worms" and the word Kṛmi forming its first part is sometimes also written as Krimi.¹³⁸

5. *Lāṭa*¹³⁹ (No. 17, L. 3)

The district or viṣaya of Lāṭa is here described as "pleasing with choice trees that are bowed down by the weight of (their) flowers, and with temples and assembly-halls of the gods, and with vihāras, (and) the mountains of which are covered over with vegetation".

The country south of Mahī or at times south of the Narbadā up to the Pūrva or so far as Daman, was called Lāṭa and 'it corresponded roughly with Southern Gujarat'.¹⁴⁰ It comprised the collectorates of Surat, Bharoch, Kheda and parts of Baroda territory.¹⁴¹

According to Prof. Bühler, Lāṭa is Central Gujarat, the district between the Mahī and Kim rivers and its chief city was Broach.¹⁴² Lāṭa has been identified with Central and Southern Gujarat in the Rewah Stone Inscription of Karṇa.¹⁴³ We also find the Lāṭa kingdom mentioned in other epigraphical records.¹⁴⁴ Lāṭarāṣṭra¹⁴⁵ is identical with the old Lāṭa kingdom of Gujarat, the capital city of which is stated in the Dīpavaṃśa to have been Siṃapura (Siḥapura).¹⁴⁶ In the early days of the imperial Guptas, the Lāṭa country was formed into an administrative province in the Lāṭaviṣaya.¹⁴⁷ The Śaktisaṅgam Tantra places the Lāṭa country to the west of Avanti and to the north-west of Vidarbha.¹⁴⁸

Lāṭa is the same as the Larike of Ptolemy which lay to the east of Indo-Scythia along the sea-coast.¹⁴⁹ The word Lāṭa is