

Urvaṣī (I)—an apsaras born of Nārāyaṇa; worshipped for success in love affairs.¹ While she was plucking flowers in Badari āśrama Mitra and Varuṇa saw her, when she gave birth to Agastya and Vasiṣṭha.² Satyadhṛti saw her, and she was mother of Śaradvata.³ Heard of the beauty of Purūravas from Nārada, when she came to the earth due to a curse of Mitra and Varuṇa, and gave enjoyment to him so long as he satisfied her two conditions—keeping her two sheep safe, and not showing himself naked before her except in sexual intercourse. When after 64 years she saw him naked one day, she left him. He looked for her and saw her at the R. Sarasvati playing with her friends. At his request she promised a day's enjoyment with him every year. On her advice he prayed to Gandharvas, and got an Agnīsthāli. Mother of six sons by Purūravas.⁴ Returned to Heaven.⁵

The Goddess enshrined at Badari.⁶ When she danced before Indra, she forgot her *abhinaya* and was cursed by Bharata to become an invisible creeper for 55 years on the earth. During that time Purūravas was in the guise of Paisāca. After the lapse of the period she bore him 8 sons.⁷ In the *sabhā* of Hiranyakaśipu.⁸ Mother of six sons by Aila.⁹ Also *Ūrvaṣī* (s.v.).

¹ Br. III. 7. 16; Bhā. II. 3. 6. ² Bhā. VI. 18. 6; IX. 13. 6; M. 201. 25-29; Vi. IV. 5. 11-12. ³ Bhā. IX. 21. 35; Vi. IV. 19. 65. ⁴ Bhā. IX. 14. 16-42; 15. 1; XI. 26. 4-5 and 25; Br. III. 65. 46; 66. 4-5; Vā. 2. 16; 91. 4; Vi. IV. 6. 35-78. ⁵ Bhā. XI. 4. 15; Br. IV. 33. 18. ⁶ M. 13. 49. ⁷ Ib. 24. 12-33. ⁸ Ib. 161. 25. ⁹ Vā. 90. 45.

Urvaṣī (II)—The Apsaras presiding over the month of *Saha*.¹ With the sun in the *Hemanta*;² in the sun's chariot in the *Mārgaśīrṣa* month;³ a *Brahmavādinī*.⁴

¹ Bhā. XII. 11. 41; Br. II. 23. 18. ² Br. I. 2. 16; Vā. 52. 18; M. 126. 19. ³ Vi. II. 10. 13. ⁴ Br. II. 33. 18.

Urvaṣī (III)—An Ābhira *kanyā* who observed the *Bhīmadvādaṣī*, and became *Urvaṣī*.