

Nīlamata Purāṇa

(Geographic References)

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Om auspiciousness. Salutation to the auspicious Ganes'a. Salutation to the venerable Vasudeva Om....

Verses 601-622

601-605. O best of the Brahmanas, Sakra etc. (should be worshipped) and so also the daughters of Daksa, namely, Sati, Khyati, Smrti, Svaha, Anasuya, Svadha, Priti, Ksama, Sambhuti, Sannati, Arundhati, Kirti, Laksmi, Dhrti, Medha Tusti, Sraddha, Kriya, Mati, Buddhi, Lajja, Vasu, Santi, Pusti, Siddhi, Rati, Arundhati Vasudhasi, Lamba, Bhanu, Marutvati, Samkalpa, Muhurta, Sadhya, Visva, Aditi, Diti, Kala, Danayu, Simhika, Muni, Kadru, Krodha, Ira, Pava Vinata, Surabhi, Khasa, Bhrcasva, Suprabha and Jaya.

606. Bahuputra and his two wives should be worshipped. Aristanemi accompanied by his four wives should be worshipped.

607. Rddhi, Vrddhi, Nidra, Dhanesa and Nadakubara (should be worshipped). The treasures Sankha and Padma should be worshipped and so also Bhadrakali and Sarasvati.

608. Vellas, Upavedas, Vedangas, all the abodes of knowledge, Nagas, Yaksas, Pisacas, Garuda and Aruna (should be worshipped).

609. Of the continents, namely, Janabu, Saka, Kusa, Kraunca, Salmali, Gomeda and Puskara each should be wonhipped separately.

610. (The seas) of salty water, milk, butter, curd, wine, sugarcane-juice and tasty water (should be worshipped).

611-12a. Holy Uttara Kurus, Ramya, Hairanvata, Bhadrasva, Ketumala, Ilavrta. Harivarsa, Kimpurusa and Bharatavarsa (should be worshipped).

612b-15. Nine divisions of Bharata, namely, Indradyumna, Kaseruman, Tamravarna Gabhastiman, Nagadvipa, Saumya, Gandharva, Varuna and this Manavadvipa [Bharatakhanda] surrounded by the seas should also be worshipped. Four oceans should be

worshipped and so also the seven Nether worlds, namely, Rukmdbhauma, Silabhauma, Nilamrttika, Raktabhauma, Pitabhauma, Sveta and Krsnaksiti.

616-17. O best among the twice-borns, Kalagniruda, Sesa, Varaha, Hari and the worlds, namely, Bhuh, Bhuvah, Svar, Mahah, Janah, Tapas and Satya should be worshipped. One should worship the Earth, the Water the Fire, the Air, and the Ether.

618-620. (One should wororship) the Mind, the Intelligence the Soul and the unmanifested Purusa. (One should worship) Himavan Hemakuta, Nisadha, the mountain Nila, Sveta, Srngavan, Meru, Malyavan and Gandhamadana.

The chief mountain named Manasottara should be worshippod and so also Mahendra, Malaya, Sahya, Suktiman, Rksavan, Vindhya, Pariyatra and Kailasa - the best of the mountains.

621-622. O giver of honour ! (one should worship) the seven rivers (namely), Bhagirathi, Pavani, Hladini, Hradini, Sita, Vankusu and Sindhu. (One should worship) Suprabha, Kancanaksi, Visala, Manasahrada, Sarasvati, Oghananda and Sumeru having unsullied water.