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Ritual Performances in the *Nāţyaśāstra* I. Ritual Items*

SUMMARY: The present paper stands first in a series of planned articles that present systematically arranged data on ritual performances culled from Bharata's *Nāţyaśāstra* (usually dated around the beginning of the CE). This data is surprisingly extensive and multifaceted and mainly appears in the following three contexts: (1) the detailed description of five rituals of varying complexity that are preliminary to the staging of a play; (2) theatrical rules that codify the representation of rituals appearing in a play's narrative; and (3) a wide variety of textual passages that, often parenthetically, offer insight into individual aspects of ritual acts. Before this information will be evaluated in the final essay of this series in order to assess the nature of the boundary between ritual and theatrical performances, it is presented systematically to be of use to ritual and theatrical studies in general. The present and the following article begin the series by offering information on ritual offerings and other items used in rituals contexts.

KEYWORDS: Nātyaśāstra, Bharata, theatrical studies, ritual studies, offerings.

Introduction

More than a decade ago, when I had the good fortune of studying Bharata's $N\bar{a}tya\dot{s}\bar{a}stra$ (NŚ) for my doctoral research on the $p\bar{u}rvaranga$

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rituals,² it soon emerged that, apart from the main topics centred on the theatrical arts that are each comprehensively treated in a single or a few of the NŚ's chapters, more or less substantive information on a number of additional subjects is provided in references scattered across the entire treatise. In the course of my research I had gathered some of this data. The kind invitation by Elisa Ganser to present a paper in the Coffee Break Conference panel convened by her on "Theatrical and ritual boundaries in South Asia" provided a welcome opportunity to share and analyze some of this collected material. The present article and a number of follow-up articles³ expand on that paper. They present the systematically arranged data on ritual performances culled from the NŚ to provide a sound basis for ritual and theatrical studies in general, and specifically for the final follow-up article, which will explore the nature of the boundary between the ritual and theatrical performances dealt with in the work.

The framing of a suitable definition of 'ritual' to be adopted in this study is not a simple matter, since the term is highly elusive. A major reason behind its vagueness is aptly expressed by George 1987. Having pointed out the success ritual studies have enjoyed since the 1970s, leading to a focus on ritual by a great number of disciplines including Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Semiotics, Psychology, Zoology and Neurophysiology (*ibid*.: 135f.), George observes:

This success has [...] not been achieved without cost. The success of a concept often renders it increasingly vague until it becomes ultimately unusable as the designation of a specific phenomenon. [...] if, as some social psychologists now argue, all behavior is ritual, then one may as well drop one of the terms. [...] whenever a term achieves pan-disciplinary reference, there is a need to discover common ground. The result is the sort of reductionist definition which defines ritual as "behavior that is formally organized into repeatable patterns" (D'Aquili, Laughlin, and McManus 1979: 51).⁴

² Kintaert 2005. The writing of this thesis was generously supported by a doctoral scholarship from the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

³ See Outlook, p. 110f.

⁴ The reference is to D'Aquili, E. G., C. D. Laughlin and J. McManus. 1979. *The Spectrum of Ritual: A Biogenetic Structural Analysis*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Biologists, anthropologists, zoologists, and psychologists can share such definitions, but as a result tooth-filing becomes conflated with tooth-brushing or both are reduced to some even more bland generalization. (*ibid*.: 136)

The observed reduction and generalization of definitional criteria has consequently led to a semantic widening of the term. Such a broad understanding of the term ritual naturally has to be discarded for our purposes, since it would turn every theatrical performance into a ritual one and the NŚ, which codifies theatrical performance, into a ritual manual.

Turning to South Asia, Michaels already notices a semantic widening of the term ritual since the end of the 19th century (Michaels 2003: 2). He notes that this widening of meaning eventually led to the difficulty, and often impossibility, of finding equivalent terms in other cultures and languages. Sanskrit terms that have been translated as 'ritual', he writes, include *karman*, *kriyā*, *saṃskāra*, *homa*, *yajña*, *iṣți*, *bali*, *utsava*, *tīrthayātrā*, *pūjā*, *sevā*, *vrata*, *yoga* and even *vīrya*. Yet the Indians, he adds, do not possess an equivalent generic term to encompass the domestic rituals, rites of passage, sacrifices, festivals, pilgrimage, worship, vows, etc., referred to by these words (*ibid*.: 3).⁵

'Ritual' in the present study corresponds to several of the above Sanskrit terms, as well as to additional ones, insofar as they meet the criteria of the following definition: A ritual here denotes a **formalized action that is ultimately (by itself or as part of a larger performance) aimed at securing the support of one or more supernatural beings for achieving a specific goal.** These beings encompass what are termed celestial beings (*divya*) in the NŚ,⁶ which include male and

⁵ Despite the great cultural, historical and regional differences that can be observed in the use of the term ritual, Michaels does not believe it wise to simply refrain from using it. Instead he argues against a monothetic use of 'ritual', for which all of a given set of criteria have to be met, in favour of a polythetic use of the term, none of whose criteria is essential (Michaels 2003: 3–5).

⁶ For an enumeration of *divyas*, see e.g. GOS 13.27A–32B, which names their respective abodes.

female deities, so-called semidivine beings,⁷ the paternal ancestors (*pitr*) and even the god's demonic antagonists (*asura*, *dānava*, *daitya*, $r\bar{a}k\bar{s}asa$),⁸ which, like the gods themselves, claim descent from Brahmā (see NŚ GOS 1.104A–B). As a result of their supernatural faculties, sages (*rṣi*, *muni*)⁹ are furthermore considered supernatural beings as well.¹⁰

Due to time constraints, the topics treated in this article could not be elaborated upon in each case. No claim is furthermore made to the completeness of the NŚ's textual material on rituals presented here, although it is fairly comprehensive.

The compilation and systematic presentation of relevant data scattered throughout the NŚ has the distinct advantage of providing a clearer picture of individual aspects of ritual performances and of bringing to light textual (in)consistencies. It might, however, also hamper the ability to grasp some of the more comprehensively treated preliminary rituals in their entirety and within their proper context by breaking them down into their constituent parts. The reader is therefore advised to consult the respective passages and chapters of the NŚ detailing these preliminary rituals as listed in the table on p. 88. Contextual information is furthermore provided by the use of twoletter abbreviations prefixed to textual references (see below) and by the Appendix p. 111ff., which frequently provides a larger context for

⁷ These include *yakṣas*, *guhyakas*, *rakṣas*es, *bhūtas*, *piśācas*, *gandharvas*, *apsaras*es, *nāgas*, etc. Cf. the beings considered to have a divine origin (*devayoni*) listed in AmKo 1.1.11A–12B: *vidyādharāpsaroyakṣarakṣo-gandharvakiṃnarāḥ* | *piśāco guhyakaḥ siddho bhūto 'mī devayonayaḥ* ||

⁸ Cf. also AmKo 1.1.12A–B: asurā daityadaiteyadanujendrāridānavāķ | śukraśiṣyā ditisutāķ pūrvadevāķ suradviṣaķ ||

⁹ The two terms seem to be used interchangeably in the NŚ, and are clearly synonyms in *GOS 36.33B and 35A (*rṣīnām* [...] *munayaḥ*).

¹⁰ The words of *munis*, for instance, are said to never fail (GOS 36.47A, alluding at a previously uttered curse). Mighty *maharsis* are even considered to be [like] gods of gods [themselves] (GOS 17.56A). Cf. also GOS 1.22A–23B, which expresses the *rsis*' ability, in contrast to the gods' inability, in grasping, retaining and putting to practice the theatrical art.

a cited passage and additionally provides back references to the article page(s) detailing its contents.

In order to keep the systematically arranged information on rituals both concise and informative, the following **conventions** are resorted to:

References to textual passages from the NŚ, consisting of the chapter number and the number(s) of the relevant stanza(s) or prose sentence(s), are provided in the running text and footnotes. The referenced text itself, unless prefixed with an asterisk (*), is given in the Appendix, p. 111ff., ordered by chapter, together with back references.

All text references correspond to the NŚ's **GOS** (Gaekwad's Oriental Series, Baroda) edition, unless one of the following editions is specified: **AUL** (Annales de l'Université de Lyon, Paris & Lyon), **BI** (Bibliotheca Indica, Calcutta), **KKS** (Kashi Sanskrit Series, Benares), U (Unni's ed., Delhi).

References to alternative versions of NS chapters in the GOS edition (*bhinnapāțhakrama*) are marked with the capital letter B after the *adhyāya* number (e.g. 34B.214A).

To facilitate the identification of a textual passage from the NS, the full reference is invariably given, that is, without resorting to the use of the abbreviation *'ibid.'*

Purely **descriptive** information on rituals, often of an incidental or parenthetical nature, is marked by the abbreviation '**DE**' before the textual reference, while the particular context (mythological narrative, stanza exemplifying a prosodical metre, etc.), if considered relevant, is specified in the text. The NŚ also **prescribes** the performance of rituals, which are of two kinds: a group of five ritual complexes that are **preliminary** to the staging of a play on the one hand, and rituals that form part of a play's storyline and consequently have to be **enacted** on stage, on the other.¹¹

¹¹ It should be kept in mind that it is not always clear to which degree these enacted rituals resemble the performance of similar rituals beyond the stage.

These prescribed rituals are again indicated by prefixing two-letter codes to the textual reference (see the table below). References to textual passages without immediate relevance for rituals are consequently not prefixed in this way.

The lines of a stanza are indicated with the capital letters A and B, the $p\bar{a}das$ of a stanza as customary with the small letters a to d.

In the free renderings of the Sanskrit passages referred to, the bracketing conventions of translations (additions within square brackets, Sanskrit equivalents and explanations between round ones) have been adopted.

Within citations, comments and emendations by the author are placed between curly braces.

Source (GOS ed.)	Abbr.
passim	DE
adhyāya 2	NĀ
(see also 1.79A–98B)	INA
34.272A–293B,	MR
34B.210B-231A	IVIĶ
21 172D 185D	JA
21.173B-183B	JA
adhy. 3	RA
(see also 1.120A–127B)	KA
adhy. 5 (see also adhy. 4;	
29.79B–prose sentence	
before 112A, 29B.114A-	ΡŪ
prose sentence before	
147A; adhy. 31; etc.)	
passim	EN
	passim adhyāya 2 (see also 1.79A–98B) 34.272A–293B, 34B.210B–231A 21.173B–185B adhy. 3 (see also 1.120A–127B) adhy. 5 (see also adhy. 4; 29.79B–prose sentence before 112A, 29B.114A– prose sentence before 147A; adhy. 31; etc.)

¹² The worship of divine beings (*daivatapūjana*) in the *pūrvaranga* is said to be limited to the limbs (*anga*) Āśrāvaņā (v.l.: Pratyāhāra) to Cārī (PŪ 5.53A–B). The following *angas* Trigata and Prarocanā are consequently left out, which might be related to the fact that no musical elements are used in them.

1. Ritual items

1.1. Quality: new, clean and white

For some of the items employed during ritual acts a certain quality is stipulated. The baskets $(pitaka)^{13}$ in which earth has to be carried during the construction of the theatrical stage¹⁴ are specified as being new (*nava*) (NĀ 2.71A–B).¹⁵ The clothes (*ambara*) that the *nātyācārya* wears while consecrating the stage seem to be new as well, since they are said to be unstruck (ahata) (RA 3.3B), referring to the traditional way of washing clothes, which includes beating them on a flat surface and/or hitting them with a stick. This obviously should not be considered an injunction to wear unwashed dirty clothes, but on the contrary to put on clean new garments that have not been washed even once. Whereas the clothes (vāsas) worn by the upādhyāya consecrating the mrdanga drums should be white (*śukla*) (MR 34.275B), the garments (vastra) of the sūtradhāra and his two attendants in the pūrvaranga are specified as being *suddha* (PU 5.66B),¹⁶ which could either mean clean or pure, similar to the new, unwashed garments of the *nātyācārya*, or white, like the garment worn by the upādhyāya. The theatrical classification of dresses (vesa) into śuddha, vicitra and malina (21.122A) is not helpful for our understanding of the *suddha* dresses worn in the *pūrvaranga*, since the latter can be understood both as clean clothes, as opposed

¹³ Ghosh gives the reading $p\bar{i}thaka$ (a seat or pedestal) instead of *piţaka* in NĀ BI 2.71d, but still translates it with "baskets" (Ghosh 1967: 28). Cf. NŚ BI, vol. 1, p. liv: "C. Words found mostly in the very early literature. [...] *pīţhaka* (basket) II. 71. *R{āmāyaņa}*. (in the form of *piţaka*). Cf. Pali *piţaka* in *Tipiţaka*."

¹⁴ This is the blackish earth with which the empty basin between the front panel of the stage and the wall separating the stage from the green room will be filled. See $N\bar{A} * 2.67B-70B$.

 $^{^{15}}$ The persons carrying these baskets are themselves required not to have deficient or missing limbs (NĀ 2.71A–B). See also Kintaert, forth-coming b.

¹⁶ As to the variant reading '*suddhavarnāh*', see fn. 89.

to filthy (malina) ones, and as white clothes, in contrast to variegated (vicitra) dresses. The following elaborations on the theatrical use of the different types of dresses are more instructive. It is stated that *suddha* clothes should be worn by men and women when approaching deities, on auspicious occasions, while being engaged in penance, at the time of specific astronomical constellations, during wedding ceremonies and the performance of virtuous acts (EN 21.123A-124B). Thus śuddha clothes are generally prescribed to be worn on auspicious and ritual occasions, conforming fully to their use in the *pūrvaranga*. Even kings, who normally wear colourful (citra) dresses (21.125A-B), should exchange them for white ones during ceremonies performed to avert calamities (EN 21.136A-B). It here becomes clear that 'suddha' in this context cannot simply mean pure or clean in contradistinction to 'malina', as this would imply citra clothes, also assigned to gods, etc. (21.125A-B), to be less clean. It therefore can be presumed that *suddha* clothes are meant to be white,¹⁷ as opposed to colourful (vicitra) clothes, and clean as well, as purely white clothes are unlikely to be dirty. The same (clean and) white garments (*suddha vastra*) also characterize the chief priest or advisor of a king (*purodhas*),¹⁸ as well as old Brahmins, merchants, armour-bearers $(k\bar{a}\bar{n}cuk\bar{v}a)$,¹⁹ ministers, ascetics, people of the three upper social classes in general, etc. (EN 21.126A-127B).

For further information on the ritual use of colours in the NŚ, see 1.3.6.–7., p. 100f., Kintaert, forthcoming a (e.g. in regard to food offered to Brahmins before the raising of the theatre's four corner pillars) and Kintaert 2005b.²⁰

¹⁷ For '*śuddha*' as 'white', see NŚ 2.70B (*śuddhavarņa*) (cf. Kintaert 2005b: 227, fn. 107). Cf. also '*śuci*', synonym of '*śuddha*', in the list of names signifying white or whitish in the *Amarakośa*: AmKo 1.5.12B–13B: *śuklaśubhraśuciśvetaviśadaśyetapāņḍarāḥ* || 12 || *avadātaḥ sito* gauro valakṣo dhavalo '*rjunah* | *harinah* pāndurah pāndur īsatpāndus tu dhūsarah || 13 ||

¹⁸ See Olivelle 2015: 256, s.v. '*purodhas*' and '*purohita*'.

¹⁹ See Ghosh 1967: 228, fn. 1 ad *BI 13.112A–113B.

²⁰ For the use of the colour white in ritual contexts within the NŚ, see esp. Kintaert 2005b: 261-264 (4.3.1).

1.2. Cow products

Cow products are most likely deployed in ritual contexts due to their assumed purity, which they share with the venerated cow herself. The NS bears witness to the great esteem held for cows (go) by providing three instances of a prayer directed towards their well-being and that of Brahmins: once during the consecration of the stage at the end of a eulogy directed to the jarjara staff²¹ (RA 3.14B), then in the benedictory prayer (nāndī) after the pūrvaranga's caturthakārapūjā (PU 5.105d), and finally in the benediction at the conclusion of the treatise (37.31B). During the erection of the theatre building's or stage pavilion's four corner pillars cows (go) and other items are gifted (NĀ 2.54A–B), most likely to Brahmins. The specific mention of a cow (go) to be given as a donation to a priest (daksina) at the Brahmin pillar (NĀ 2.58A) might indicate that one cow is gifted at each pillar (cf. the plural number of godāna in 54c). The cow's purity is indirectly alluded to in the description of a woman with the nature of a cow (gavām sattvam), which characterizes her as being perpetually pure (*nityaśaucā*) (DE 22.144A–B).²²

Although the hurling of cow dung (*gomaya*) (most likely by unsatisfied audience members towards the stage) appears among the defects (*ghāta*) of a theatrical performance (27.24B; BI 27.21B–22B), the purifying quality of cow droppings is obviously put to use by letting cows (*go*) dwell in a newly built playhouse for a period of seven days (RA 3.1A–B). Furthermore, after a certain deposit (*rohaṇa*) consisting of ghee made from cow's milk (*gavya ghṛta*), oil and sesame flour or paste has been continuously applied to the newly created *mṛdaṅga* drum set (MŖ 34.272A–B),²³ each of the three drums is consecrated

²¹ Here it is the *jarjara* staff (through the deities invoked in it) that is requested to effect their well-being (*śiva*).

²² See *22.100A–144B for the different types of women believed to share the nature of different animals and supernatural beings.

²³ According to Abhinavagupta (AbhiBhā ad 34.272A, vol. 4, p. 465, l. 1), the *rohaṇa* paste is applied to the drum skins. This might of course serve a purely

in a separate *maṇḍala* drawn with fragrant cow dung(*gomaya sugandhin*) (MŖ 34.276A; MŖ 34B.213A).²⁴ Later on, the drums having been consecrated and ritually worshipped, a play is staged, [before which(?)] each *mṛdaṅga* drum is placed in a heap of dry cow dung (*karīṣa*) (MŖ 34B.230B–231A; see also MŖ 34.291B–292A). The *mṛdaṅga*'s drum skins meanwhile are fashioned from cow's hide (*carma*[...]*gavām*) themselves (34.264A; 34B.210A).²⁵

1.3. Offerings and other ritual items

Although the items described below are arranged in the order in which they frequently appear as offerings in $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ manuals,²⁶ this order is not discernible in the NŚ.²⁷

1.3.1. Seats

Seats fulfil two ritual functions in the NS, appearing as the seating of both worshipped deities and ritualists.

secular purpose.—The reading *'na vai'* in BI 33.258c and Ghosh's corresponding translation (Ghosh 1961: 196: "But one should not apply to Mrdangas, a Rohana consisting of sesamum paste mixed with cow's ghee and oil") do not make much sense.

²⁴ Such a *maṇḍala* might show some resemblance to the first type of *maṇḍala* identified in ritual texts belonging to the Siddhānta school of Śaivism by Brunner 2003: 156: "a limited surface deprived of structure. For example: the 'cow-dung maṇḍala' enjoined on numerous occasions to serve either as the seat for a god [...], for a man [...], or for a revered object [...]. Such maṇḍalas are made by smearing a generally circular portion of the ground with a semiliquid paste made of cow-dung or sandalwood."

²⁵ For the use of ghee as a component of unguents in ritual contexts, see p. 97f. Cow products in food offerings will be dealt with in Kintaert, forthcoming a.

²⁶ See e.g. the lists of services (*upacāra*) in Bühnemann 1988: 32–36, Einoo 1996 and Brunner et al. 2000: 237f., s.v. *upacāra*.

²⁷ An exception is the sequence *gandha*, *mālya* and *dhūpa* (RA 3.36A, verse 2 after 72B, 76c), which corresponds to the order of three of the 'five services' (*pañcopacāra*) gandha, puṣpa, dhūpa, dīpa and naivedya (see Einoo 1996: 78f.). A different order however appears in NĀ 2.65B.

Seats of the worshipped

The offering of a seat and other items to a deity as part of its ritual veneration ($p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$) is considered to have been modelled after the traditional manner of welcoming a distinguished guest.²⁸ According to the NŚ, the throne to be offered to a god is a lion seat (*simhāsana*) (EN 12.216A).²⁹ Only Brahmā, invoked in the central compartment of the stage *maṇḍala*, is said to be seated on a lotus flower (*padmopaviṣṭa*) (RA 3.24A) and the lotus flower (*padma*, *Nelumbo nucifera* subsp. *nucifera* Borsch & Barthlott) accordingly appears as his, Svayambhū's, characteristic sign (PŪ 4.254d, 259A).³⁰

²⁸ In the context of the stimulants (*vibhāva*) and consequents (*anubhāva*) of the theatrical aesthetic theory the NŚ mentions itself a seat (*āsana*), together with a specific respectful [water] offering (*arghya*) (cf. fn. 36) and water for cleaning the feet (*pādya*) as some of the offerings that are part of the hospitable reception (*pūjana*) of a visiting teacher (*guru*) or of one of different types of friends (*mitra*, *sakhi*, *snigdha*) or relatives (*sambandhin*, *bandhu*) (25.42A–43B). Cf. Bühnemann 1988: 137: "The offerings *āsana-pādya-arghya-ācamanīya* (1.1–1.5) are relics of the old Indian ritual of honouring distinguished guests (*arghya*). According to the Pāraskara GS 1.3.1 'to six persons the arghya reception is due: to a teacher, to an officiating priest, to the father-in-law, to the king, to a friend, to a snātaka.'[...] Translation by Oldenberg." See also Einoo 1996: 75f., 83–85.

²⁹ A lion seat is also assigned to kings (*nrpati*) (12.216A) and queens ($r\bar{a}j\tilde{n}\bar{i}$) (12.219a). The *devī*s mentioned in 12.219b most probably do not refer to goddesses, but to the secondary queens of the royal harem residing in the palace's inner quarters (*antahpura*) (see 24.29B–30a, 36A–37B; similarly Ghosh 1967: 239 ad BI 13.211b), since the wickerwork stool (*mundāsana*) assigned to them (see fn. 33) must be considered inferior to the lion throne of the principal queen ($r\bar{a}j\tilde{n}\bar{i}$).—After the mythological first theatrical performance, a *simhāsana* was presented as a gift to Bharata's sons by Viṣnu (DE 1.58B–59B, 61a).

³⁰ Brahmā's lotus flower and characteristic signs of other deities are stated to be present, i.e. depicted, on [those deities'] banners (*dhvaja*). These signs also lend their name to the *pindī* (one of four subtypes of *pindībandhas*,

Seats of the worshippers

A cushion or mat made of [woven] *kuśa* grass (*Desmostachya bipinnata* [L.] Stapf) (*bṛsī*),³¹ a wickerwork stool (*muṇḍāsana*)³² and a cane seat (*vetrāsana*) are prescribed for a ritual performer³³ [respectively?] in the case of the offering of oblations in the sacrificial fire (*homa*), a Vedic sacrifice (*yajñakriyā*) and [the ritual veneration and/or presenting of offerings] directed to the paternal ancestors (EN 12.224A–B). A cane seat (*vetrāsana*) is also assigned to a king's chief priest or advisor (*purodhas*)³⁴ (EN 12.216B), even though its use is not explicitly restricted to the performance of the latter's religious duties.

which seem to denote specific group dances) associated with the respective deity. It is in the context of these $pind\bar{i}s$ that the NŚ enumerates the characteristic attributes and vehicles of deities. See PŪ 4.253B–259A. Brahmā's origin from a lotus flower is expressed in his epithets Padmodbhava (1b before DE 1.81A [kṣa.tha.ma.]), Padmayoni (RA 3.4c [kṣa.ja.ma.]; RA 3.47b [kṣa. ga.ma.ta.]) and Ambujasambhava (DE 4.5b).

³¹ The GOS reading *brusī* is not recorded in Apte, pw, PW and MW. Ghosh reads vrsi, referring to the respective entry in Apte ("The seat of an ascetic or religious student [made of Kusa grass]."). According to pw, vrsi is a wrong reading for *brsī* (MW provides the additional readings *brsī* and *vrsī*), for which PW refers *inter alia* to the *Amarakośa*. See AmKo 2.7.46b: *vratinām āsanam brsī*.

³² Modern versions of the *munda* seat are called *morhā* or *momrhā* in Hindi. For the names of this stool in other NIA languages, see Turner 1966: 598a, no. 10352. Cf. also Ghosh 1967: 239, fn. 2 ad BI 13.216a: "*mundāsana* is probably nothing other than Bengali *modā*" (read *modā*, as in Ghosh 1951: 235). The round stool mentioned in Davidson 1843: 127 (cited in Yule and Burnell 1903: 586a) is spelled '*mondah*'.

³³ The *mundāsana* is additionally assigned to the military leader (*senānī*) and to the crown prince (*yuvarāja*) (12.217A), as well as to the secondary queens (*devī*; see fn. 29, above) (12.219b).

³⁴ As well as to the high official or minister (*amātya*) (12.216B) and to the wives of both (12.219B).

1.3.2. Water

Water is offered in its capacity of averting negative results, as appeasing or propitiatory water (*sāntitoya*), just before the measuring cord is extended to trace the outlines of the future theatre building (NĀ 2.33A).³⁵ Whereas the terms *arghya* and *pādya*, which denote water offerings to a distinguished guest,³⁶ do not appear in the NŚ as offerings to supernatural beings, we do learn of the libation of water (*nivāpasalila*) in the context of its theatrical expression by means of the single hand gesture Haṃsapakṣa (EN 9.106A–107A).³⁷ This might be a reference to the offering directed to paternal ancestors (*pitrya nivāpa*), which should be realized in a kneeling position (EN 12.209B–210A).³⁸

³⁷ Cf. the use of this hand gesture for sipping water from the palm of the hand (*ācamana*) (EN 9.106B, 107B). Regarding the shared sitting posture of the two rituals, see EN 12.209B–210A. Both gesture and sitting posture will be dealt with in Kintaert, forthcoming b.—The offering of water (*salilapradāna*) and the pouring or sprinkling of water (*toyasecana*) (EN 9.85A) can also be represented with the single hand gesture Sarpaśiras (EN 9.84A–B), and the fetching and draining of water (*toyānayanāpanayana*) by means of the double hand gesture Puṣpapuṭa (EN 9.151d), which latter consists of two Sarpaśiras hands placed side by side (EN 9.150A–B). These actions are however not stated to have a specifically ritual nature.

³⁸ Regarding the purification of persons through the sipping (\bar{a} camana) and besprinkling (*prokṣaṇa*) of water, as well as by taking a purifying bath

³⁵ It is not stated whether this water is applied on the measuring cord (cf. Ghosh 1967: 22 ad BI 2.33A: "Then he should spread the string after sprinkling on it the propitiating water."), on the building ground or on the ritualist himself.

³⁶ See fn. 28 above. Bühnemann defines *arghya* as "water offered at the respectful reception of a guest" (Bühnemann 1988: 34). For the use of *arghya* in tantric rituals, including lists of substances added to the water, see Brunner et al. 2000: 140-142. Klostermaier, referring to a modern practice, states that *arghya* denotes "offering water to wash the hands" (Klostermaier 2007: 130). *Pādya* water on the other hand is used for washing the feet.

1.3.3. Textiles

Varicoloured cloth or clothes (vastra) appear among the offerings at the mattavāranī part of the stage platform³⁹ after the latter's construction (NĀ 2.64B, 65B–66A). These offerings are most probably directed to the supernatural beings already protecting the mattavāranī and its pillars, at Brahmā's behest, in the first playhouse constructed by Viśvakarman (DE 1.79A–80B, 83A–B, 90B–91B; cf. NĀ 2.66b). As part of the consecration of the three mrdanga drums, white cloths or garments (*śukla vāsas*) are presented to Svayambhū's (i.e. Brahmā's) *ālinga* drum (MR 34.279B),⁴⁰ red garments (*raktāmbara*) to the *ūrdhvaka* drum in Śańkara's mandala (MR 34B.214B [~ MR 34.277B], 217A, 218B $[\sim MR BI 33.268A])^{41}$ and yellow clothes (*vastra pīta*)^{42} to the *ankika* drum in the vaisnava mandala (MR 34.282c).43 Furthermore, during the consecration of the stage, all musical instruments (*ātodva*) of the theatrical orchestra (which would include the *mrdanga* drums) are to be covered with cloths (vāsas) (RA 3.76A).44 Immediately prior to this, cloth (vastra) of varying colour is mentioned as being attached

⁽snāna), see Kintaert, forthcoming b.

³⁹ For reasons that cannot be expounded here, I agree with Rao 1992: 433–437 that the *mattavāraņī* in the NŚ denotes the frontal (that is eastern) panel of the stage block.

⁴⁰ That is, in the *brāhma maņdala* in which this drum has been placed. See MŖ 34.276A–277A.—Regarding the association of the colour white with Brahmā, see also p. 100 with fn. 65, p. 103f. and fn. 89, p. 107.

⁴¹ The term *raktaka* in MR 34.281d might refer to a red garment as well. See Kintaert 2005b: 263, fn. 113.

 $^{^{42}}$ Read *pītaiś* instead of *prītaiś* in MR 34.282c (cf. MR 34B.219c, MR BI 33.269a).

⁴³ I have not come upon instances of $P\bar{1}t\bar{a}mbara$ or a synonym as epithets of Viṣṇu in the NŚ. Yellow garments on the other hand are prescribed for the wives of *siddhas* (EN 21.60B–61A).

⁴⁴ See also the interjected verse after RA 3.72B, which similarly mentions musical instruments covered with cloths (*vastra*).

to each of the five internodes of the *jarjara* during the ritual veneration of the bamboo staff (RA 3.74A–75A).⁴⁵

Whereas the NŚ refers to the sacred cord of members of the twice-born classes (*yajñopavīta*) a few times (see EN 9.114a, DE 25.12a), it does not mention the presenting of the cord to a deity (cf. Bühnemann 1988: 155f.; Einoo 1996: 73, 86). Red *pratisara* threads⁴⁶ are finally employed together with other red substances prior to or during the invocation of the deities and semidivine beings in the stage *mandala* (RA 3.19A–B). Regarding the **ritual performers' attire**, see the pertinent specifications in 1.1.,p. 89f.

1.3.4. Unguents

As has been mentioned above (see p. 91f.), a paste (*rohaņa*) consisting of cow's ghee, oil and sesame flour or paste is continuously applied to the three newly created *mrdanga* drums or their drum heads (MR 34.272A–B), after which each drum is consecrated in a separate *maṇḍala* smeared (\bar{a} - \sqrt{lip}) with fragrant cow dung (*gomaya sugandhin*) (MR 34.276A; MR 34B.213A). As part of this consecration, an unguent of ghee and honey (*ghṛtamadhvakta*)⁴⁷ is presented to Svayambhū's (i.e. Brahmā's) *āliṅga* drum (MR 34.279A–B) and a probably yellow⁴⁸ unguent (*ālepana*) to the *ankika* drum in the *vaiṣṇava maṇḍala* (MR 34.282A–B; BI 33.268B–269A).⁴⁹ During the consecration

⁴⁵ Regarding the colours of the cloths attached to the staff internodes and the latter's protection by different divine and semidivine beings, see Kintaert 2005b (esp. p. 254–256).

⁴⁶ Cf. Goodall and Rastelli 2013: 520, s.v. *pratisara*. See also Gonda 1975 and Karttunen 2011.

⁴⁷ Alternatively, the compound may be understood as an attribute of $p\bar{a}yasa$. See Kintaert, forthcoming a.

⁴⁸ See fn. 42.

⁴⁹ It is not clear whether these unguents are merely presented to the respective drum-cum-deity in some receptacle, or whether the drums are besmeared with them.—The *(pra)lepa* and *(pra)lepana* mentioned in relation

of the playhouse and its stage white unguents (*anulepana*) are furthermore offered to deities and red ones to the *gandharvas* and the [deified] fire (Vahni) and sun (Sūrya) (RA 3.35A–B). An unguent (*anulepana*) is also presented to the *jarjara* staff as part of its consecration (RA 3.75B, 77A; RA BI 3.76A–B). During the creation of the *jarjara* the selected bamboo culm is itself besmeared with an unguent consisting of honey, [liquid]⁵⁰ ghee and mustard [seed paste] (*madhusarpiḥsarṣapākta*) (JA 21.179A–B).⁵¹ While erecting the corner pillars of the theatre building or stage pavilion, again a mixture of ghee and mustard [seed paste] (*sarpiḥsarṣapa*), but excluding honey, is offered or applied to the south-eastern⁵² Brahmin pillar (*brāhmaṇastambha*) (NĀ 2.46B). Whether the use of these shared substances (see however fn. 51) is in any way related to the similar shape of staff and pillar has to remain a matter of conjecture.

1.3.5. Aromatics

A [human] woman of the divine type (devasilangana) is said to be pleased by fragrances and flowers, or by fragrant flowers (*gandhapuṣpa*) (DE 22.103B).⁵³ This accords with the statement that gods are pleased when being worshipped with fragrances and garlands,

with the *mrdanga* drums in *adhyāya* 34 (see 3^{rd} and 4^{th} prose sentences after 39B, 125b, 129a, 131d) refer (in a non-ritual context) to a paste consisting of clay from a riverbank or a dough made with wheat and/or barley flour that is applied to the left drumhead of the horizontal *ankika* drum and to the upper drumhead of the upright *ūrdhvaka* drum, in order to enable the tuning of these drumheads in conformity with one of the three *mrdanga* tunings (*mārjanā*). See *34, prose sentence after 117B–131B.

⁵⁰ See Apte, s.v. $\bar{a}jya$.

⁵¹ The mss. subsumed under the siglum *ja*. and JA BI 23.175c omit the mustard (*sarṣapa*).

⁵² See Kintaert 2005b: 250f., with fn. 32.

⁵³ This reading is not accepted in the BI edition (BI 24.102c), although it is recorded in its textual apparatus as the GOS edition's reading. The BI edition however still refers to the woman's fondness of fragrance when reading or with fragrant garlands (gandhamālya) (DE 37.29A).54 Fragrant substances (gandha) indeed figure among the offerings that are placed in the ten directions⁵⁵ after the outlines of the future theatre building have been traced (NĀ 2.38B-39A). Gandha is also presented and/or applied to the front panel of the stage block (*mattavāranī*; cf. fn. 39) after its construction (NĀ 2.64B, 65B–66A), most likely as offerings to the residing supernatural beings (see p. 96). During the consecration of the stage fragrant substances (gandha) again appear among the offerings used in the veneration of the orchestral instruments (RA 3.76c)⁵⁶ and of the *jarjara* staff (RA 3.77b). Aromatics, finally, are already included among the red substances used before or while invoking the deities and semidivine beings into the stage mandala (*raktagandha*) (RA 3.19A).⁵⁷ The latter term is understood by Ghosh to refer to red sandal (Ghosh 1967: 35 ad RA BI 3.18b). This raktagandha is however unlikely to be identical with the raktacandana identified as Pterocarpus santalinus L.f. in McHugh 2012: 183, 187f., since the latter is said to be "not fragrant" (*ibid*.: 183) and "relatively scentless" (*ibid*.: 189),⁵⁸ but might denote the reddish gummy resin of the guggul

'*surabhipriyā*' (BI 24.102b; also 22.103b [*bha*.]), where the GOS edition has '*suratapriyā*' (22.103b).

⁵⁴ In a royal court scents would be mixed by female artisans (*śilpakārikā*), who are said to be knowledgeable in the elements of the art of [manufacturing] perfumes (*gandhaśilpavibhāgajñā*) (24.44c, 45d). The art of composing perfumes is dealt with in Varāhamihira's *Bṛhatsaṃhitā* (6th c. CE) (BṛSaṃ, vol. 2, ch. 77 [Gandhayukti], p. 504ff.).

⁵⁵ That is, the four cardinal and the four intermediate directions, the nadir and the zenith. See also Kintaert 2005b: 249, fn. 23.

⁵⁶ See also the stanza after RA 3.72B.

⁵⁷ See also p. 97 with fn. 46.

⁵⁸ That *gandha* has come to refer to sandalwood powder or paste (see e.g. pw and Apte s.v. '*gandha*', and, for more recent times, Bühnemann 1988: 33, fn. 26: "*Gandha* means scent; but in current Mahārāṣṭrian practice it is taken as equivalent to *candana* [sandalwood paste].") must be due to sandalwood being "arguably both the most prestigious aromatic in South

or mukul myrrh tree (*Commiphora wightii* [Arn.] Bhandari),⁵⁹ still commonly used as an incense.

1.3.6. Wood⁶⁰

The most common Sanskrit word for sandalwood, *candana*, can denote a variety of woods (McHugh 2012: 183, 188), often, and probably already in the first centuries BCE, the aromatic⁶¹ Indian or white sandalwood (*Santalum album* L.) (*ibid*.: 183ff.)⁶² or its paste.⁶³ Since Brahmā is already associated with the colour white by means of the white cloth attached to the upper *jarjara* segment (co-)protected by him,⁶⁴ it would seem that the *candana* offered together with other white substances⁶⁵ to the *ālinga* drum associated with Brahmā (MŖ 34.279A–B) refers

Asian culture and the most enduring in importance, having been highly valued from a quite early period until the present day." (McHugh 2012: 182).—For an explicit reference to a *candana* offering in the NŚ, see 1.3.6., p. 100.

⁵⁹ Cf. the identification of *raktagandhaka* with myrrh in pw (referring to the Rājanighaņțu), MW and Apte.

⁶⁰ Wood, although not among the typical offerings in $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ rites, is dealt with here as an intersection between aromatic substances, which include fragrant sandalwood (1.3.5.), and botanical items (1.3.7.).

⁶¹ Cf. the reference to *candanagandha* in the *Mahābhāṣya* (middle of 2nd c. BCE) mentioned in McHugh 2012: 185.

⁶² According to Gode 1961: 317 *candana* does not refer to white sandalwood in the *Arthaśāstra*. It should however be noted that the fragrant heartwood of *Santalum album* L. is much darker (a light brown) than the whitish or beige sapwood surrounding it, which latter, being largely devoid of sandalwood oil and its characteristic fragrance, would not be mentioned in the *Arthaśāstra* as the colour of an aromatic type of wood.

⁶³ Mayrhofer assumes a Dravidian origin of Sanskrit *candana*, related to Tamil *cāntu* 'sandal tree, sandal paste' and *cāttu* 'to daub, smear, anoint' (EWA: III 178; see also KEWA: I 373 and McHugh 2012: 184).

⁶⁴ DE 1.92A–B, RA 3.74a, 79A. See also p. 97 with fn. 45.

⁶⁵ Whereas only the offered garments or cloths are explicitly stated to be white, the sweet rice pudding ($p\bar{a}yasa$) daubed with or accompanied by honey-sweetened ghee are likely white or whitish as well (see Kintaert, forthcoming a). In view of to this 'white' species as well.⁶⁶ The colour white also seems to be attributed to sandalwood in a stanza given in Grosset's edition (NĀ AUL 2.49A-B),67 according to which each of the theatre building's or stage pavilion's four corner pillars, associated with one of the four social classes, consists of a different type of wood. The brāhma pillar should accordingly be made of sandalwood (candana), the ksātra pillar of khādira or wood from the khadira tree (the cutch tree, Senegalia catechu [L. f.] P. J. H. Hurter & Mabb.), the pillar associated with the vaiśvavarna should consist of dhāva or wood from the *dhava* tree (the axlewood, *Anogeissus latifolia* [Roxb. ex DC.] Wall. ex Guillem. & Perr.) and the *śūdra* pillar of [the wood of] all types of trees (sarvadruma). The fact that white (sukla) items are subsequently offered to the *brāhmana* pillar, red (rakta) ones to the ksatriva pillar, vellow ($p\bar{i}ta$) substances to the vaiśva pillar and (dark) blue ($n\bar{i}la$) ones to the śūdra pillar (NĀ 2.46B-50B),68 makes it likely that the kṣatriya pillar should indeed consist of the deep red heartwood of the cutch tree and the vaiśya pillar of the yellow wood of the axlewood. The whitish sapwood of Santalum album L. would therefore be a likely candidate for the brāhmaņa pillar's candana. Whether the colour of the śūdra pillar conforms to the (dark) blue or grey colour⁶⁹ of the offerings presented there can only be determined after the exact meaning of sarvadruma has been ascertained.⁷⁰

the colours mentioned in connection with the offerings to the remaining two *mrdanga* drums (see p. 96 and 104f.), the flowers mentioned in MR 34.279b would be white too.

⁶⁷ The stanza is given in the GOS edition after NĀ 2.46A as the reading of *kha.*, which latter "represents the French edition with all its train of variants" (NŚ GOS, vol. 1, p. 67), but it wrongly reads *chatram* instead of *chūdram* in the final *pāda*. Ghosh silently corrects the GOS reading (stanza after NĀ BI 2.46A, attributing the reading *chūdram* both to Grosset [G] and the GOS or Baroda edition [Bkh.]).

- ⁶⁸ Regarding the symbolism of these primary colours, see Kintaert 2005b.
- ⁶⁹ Cf. Kintaert 2005b: 248 (with fn. 16), 259f.

⁷⁰ Sarvadruma is perhaps a misreading of suradruma, the tree of the gods, also termed *devadāru*. For different tree species that can be denoted by these names, see pw s.v. '*devadāru*' and '*suradruma*'.

⁶⁶ Or, to be precise, to its whitish or beige sapwood (see fn. 62).

1.3.7. Flowers and garlands

Flowers⁷¹ (*puṣpa*, *kusuma*) and garlands (*mālya*, *sraj*), which latter presumably refer to, or at least include, flower garlands,⁷² are ubiquitous offerings in the NŚ.⁷³ Since garlands (*mālya*) are also worn by characters of a play (see 21.157A–B, 27.102A–B; BI 27.102B–103A) it makes sense that the theatrical ensemble includes a garland-maker (35.22b), knowledgeable in the five types of garland (35.36A). The latter are enumerated in the *āhārya* chapter,⁷⁴ which deals with the actors' attire, stage props, etc. (21.11A–B). The wearing of flowers and garlands is also a common theme in poetry. The examples provided for different poetical metres, including the 'garland wearing' *mālinī* and *sragdharā*, regularly mention women who are adorned with garlands⁷⁵

⁷³ Other botanical material used in ritual contexts includes:
 [medicinal?] plants (*oṣadhi*) used in the mythological consecration of the first theatre building (DE 1.121b)

- the *jarjara* staff, made of wood or bamboo (JA 21.174A–175B)

- the curved (*kuțila*, *vakra*) *daṇḍakāṣṭha* staff, made of the wood of either the wood-apple (*kapittha*, *Limonia acidissima* L., syn. *Feronia elephantum* Corrêa) or the bael tree (*bilva*, *Aegle marmelos* [L.] Corrêa), or of bamboo (*vaṃśa*, a species of the subfamily *Bambusoideae* Luerss.) (21.182B–185B), which was gifted to the *vidūṣaka* by Brahmā (DE 1.58B–59A, 60a; see also Zin 1998; 2015)

- the wood of different tree species (see 1.3.6.)

- [constituents of] textiles (1.3.3.), unguents (1.3.4.), perfumes (1.3.5.) and incense (1.3.8.)

- some of the offered food products and beverages or their ingredients (see Kintaert, forthcoming a)

- several implements that are specifically employed in Vedic sacrifice and will be considered more closely in Kintaert, forthcoming b.

⁷⁴ Abhinavagupta provides definitions for each. See *AbhiBhā ad 21.11A–B, vol. 3, p. 110, l. 5–7.

⁷⁵ See BI 16.6a (*sraj*) (not in the parallel reading GOS 15.8a), 15.88b

⁷¹ Although I consistently speak of flowers in this section, it cannot be excluded that, in some contexts, merely flower petals are presented as offerings.

⁷² Cf. AbhiBhā ad *saṃghātyaṃ* in 21.11b (vol. 3, p. 110, l. 6f.): *bahupuṣpaguccha*°.

or who have flowers in their hair.⁷⁶ They once specify a garland ($m\bar{a}l\bar{a}$) to consist of jasmine flowers ($m\bar{a}lat\bar{i}$, Jasminum sambac [L.] Aiton) (15.10B) and another time to be made with the blossoms of the blue water lily (*kuvalaya*, a Nymphaea species) and to be worn on the head (15.33A–B). The wearing of flower garlands is not restricted to women, since, on stage, garlands possessing the fragrance of various flowers ($n\bar{a}n\bar{a}puspasugandh\bar{a} m\bar{a}l\bar{a}$) characterize a male lover (12.42B).

A woman with flowers (*puspa*) on her head as part of her attire is once likened to the lotus-dwelling goddess Śrīdharā (DE 15.110A–B), suggesting that the latter can be similarly adorned. That deities are assumed to have a liking for flowers is expressed indirectly in the description of a [human] woman of the divine type ($deva \hat{z} \bar{l} \bar{a}$) who is said to be fond of flowers (*puspa*) (DE 22.103B),⁷⁷ and made explicit in the statement that gods are pleased when worshipped with perfumes and garlands or with fragrant garlands (gandhamālya) (DE 37.29A). Ritual offerings of flowers and garlands are indeed omnipresent in the NS. Flowers (*puspa*) are presented in worship of [the deities presiding over and protecting] the ten directions (NĀ 2.39A) before the actual construction of the playhouse is taken up. A garland (*mālya*) later figures among the offerings to [the supernatural beings residing in] the stage block's *mattavāranī* panel (NĀ 2.64d, 65c; cf. p. 96, with fn. 39). Gifts of flowers $(puspopah\bar{a}ra)^{78}$ are furthermore used in the veneration of the three mrdanga drums (puskaratrava) (MR 34.278B) during the latter's consecration in three mandalas (MR 34.276A-278A; MR 34B.213A–215A): Flowers (kusuma) that are probably white are

⁽*sraj*, *dāman*, *mālya* [It is not clear how *sraj* and *mālya* differ from each other here.]); 15.131d (*sraj*).

⁷⁶ See 15.88a (read *'kusumaiḥ'* instead of *'kusamaiḥ'*); 15.100b (*puṣpa*); 15.110b (*puṣpa*); 15.118c (*kusuma*).

⁷⁷ Regarding the qualities attributed to women of different constitution in *22.100A–144B, see fn. 22.

⁷⁸ MR 34B.215B speaks of variegated flowers (*nānāpuṣpa vicitraka*), although the double occurrence of *'puṣpa'* in this verse does not speak for its authenticity.

offered to the *ālinga* drum associated with Svayambhū, i.e. Brahmā (MŖ 34.279A–B).⁷⁹ Flowers (*puṣpa*) or flower-shaped lumps of rice (*puṣparūpapiṇḍa*) are also presented to the upright drum of the threeeyed Śiva (Tryambaka) (MŖ 34.280A-B [not in MŖ 34B.217B and MŖ BI 33.267A]). The *bali* offering presented to Tryambaka should specifically be adorned with datura flowers (*unmattaka*, a species belonging to the genus *Datura* L., perhaps *Datura metel* L.),⁸⁰ oleander flowers (*karavīra*, the sole oleander species *Nerium oleander* L.) and flowers of the *arka* or crown flower (*Calotropis gigantea* [L.] W.T. Aiton)⁸¹ (only in MŖ 34B), as well as with other flowers (*puṣpa anya*) (MŖ 34.281A–B; MŖ 34B.218A–B).⁸² Garlands (*sraj*), that

81 It may be noted that all three plants are poisonous (see Nelson et al. 2007: 102ff., 145ff., 223f.; regarding the oleander, Syed 1990: 186, n. 2). According to the Bhavisyottarapurāna (as cited in Meyer 1937: 69, fn. 2) their poison stems from the kālakūta poison produced during the churning of the milk ocean. The veneration of Siva with these flowers might be related to the belief that the god drank the rest of this poison to save the world, the resulting blue colouring of his throat earning him the epithet of Nīlakantha. The latter appears in DE 1.45b (see also Asitakantha in verse 56B after PU 5.174B, part of an interpolated section; on the equivalence of the colour terms *nīla* and *asita* in this context, see Kintaert 2005b: 259, with fn. 95). The Visnudharmottarapurāna (cited in Meyer 1937: 70, n. 3), perhaps with a sectarian motivation, forbids the use of karavīra blossoms as offerings to Vișnu (see however the exceptions cited *ibid*.). Apart from being toxic, datura is strongly psychoactive (Rätsch 1998: 194–218, D. metel on p. 202–207), while oleander honey has an inebriating quality (ibid.: 755a). The crown flower can apparently be denoted by the Sanskrit name *somalatā* (*ibid*.: 801). According to Rätsch (*ibid*.: 802) it is however not known whether it possesses a psychoactive effect.

⁸² Unni erroneously assigns the flowers beginning with datura (spelled 'Dhattura') to the *ankika* drum in the *vaiṣṇavamaṇḍala* (Unni 2003: 1054, ad MŖ *U 33.318A–319A). It is not clear whether

⁷⁹ Even if *kusumāni* in 279b is not construed with *śuklāni* in 279c, it would not be unlikely that the flowers should indeed be white, just like the other offerings (see fn. 65).

⁸⁰ Cf. AbhiBhā ad *unmatta*° in 34.281a (vol. 4, p. 466, l. 1).

are probably yellow,⁸³ are finally laid down in the *vaiṣṇava maṇḍala* (MŖ 34.282B).

Proceeding to the consecration of the stage, we find red flowers (*rakta sumanas*) used besides other red substances before or during the ritual invocation of divine and semidivine beings into the stage *maṇḍala* (RA 3.18B–19B). After this invocation, white garlands and unguents (*sitamālyānulepana*) are used to honour deities in general and red ones (*raktamālyānulepana*) to specifically venerate the *gandharvas* and the [deified] sacrificial fire and sun (RA 3.34A–35B). The offering of garlands (*mālya*) and other items as part of this worship is mentioned again in the following stanza (RA 3.36A–B). Later on in the same rite a pot filled with water is placed in the centre of the stage and worshipped with one or more flower garlands (*puspamālā*) (RA 3.72A–B).⁸⁴ Garlands (*mālya*) are then deployed to honour the *jarjara* (RA 3.73B, 75B, 77A), as had already been done earlier during the staff's manufacture (JA 21.179A–B). All the instruments (*ātodya*) of the theatrical orchestra are finally venerated with garlands (*mālya*) as well (RA 3.76A–B [cf. stanza after 72B], 77A).

these flowers have to be red, corresponding to the offerings mentioned in MR 34B.218B and MR BI 33.268A (Ghosh on the other hand takes '*rakta*' here to denote blood [Ghosh 1961: 197]). The specified flowers would probably allow such a conclusion, since there are red flowered varieties of *Datural metel* L., reddish or dark-pink oleander flowers (cf. Syed 1990: 183) and lilac crown flowers. Since the enumeration of flowers has been exhausted in MR 34.281A (*anyaiś ca*), it seems likely that the term *raktaka* in the next verse does not refer to a reddish flower or plant, but to a different red-coloured item (cf. Kintaert 2005b: 263, fn. 113; MR 34B.218d and MR BI 33.268b instead mention red garments [see also p. 96]). It might also simply be an attribute of *audumbara*, which latter would then likely refer to the ripe red figs of the cluster fig tree (*udumbara*, *Ficus racemosa* L., syn. *Ficus glomerata* Roxb.), and not, as understood by Rangacharya (Rangacharya 1996: 325) and Unni (Unni 2003: 1054, ad MR *U 33.318d), to its flowers, since these latter are contained within the *udumbara*'s hollow figs.

- ⁸³ See fn. 42, p. 96.
- ⁸⁴ This jar is later on broken (RA 3.90A). Cf. Kuiper 1979: 146, 162–164.

During the $p\bar{u}rvaranga$ rituals flowers are offered on up to four occasions:

(1) Tāņdava

After the performance of one of the seven $g\bar{\imath}taka$ songs and immediately before the Utthāpana, the Vardhamāna song is optionally presented in accompaniment to the Tāṇḍava dance (PŪ 5.13A–B). The first of four female dancers executing this dance carries two handfuls of flowers (*puṣpāñjali*) with her when entering the stage pavilion. Having released them,⁸⁵ she walks around the stage and bows down in veneration of the deities [present in its *maṇḍala*] (PŪ 4.273A, 274B–276A).⁸⁶ The other [three] female dancers are said to separately enter the stage in the same manner (*anenaiva vidhānena*) (PŪ 4.279A), which suggests that they likewise carry flowers with them and subsequently release them on the stage floor, perhaps in the very centre of the stage *maṇḍala* (cf. [2] Utthāpana, below).

(2) Utthāpana

In the following $p\bar{u}rvaranga$ limb named Utthāpana, the $s\bar{u}tradh\bar{a}ra$, flanked by his two attendants ($p\bar{a}rip\bar{a}rsirika$), similarly enters the stage with two handfuls of flowers ($pusp\bar{a}njali$) ($P\bar{U}$ 5.65B–66A).⁸⁷ Having walked five steps with the wish

⁸⁵ This is perhaps done while executing the Talapuşpapuţa *karaņa* (*4.61B–62A; cf. AbhiBhā ad 4.275A–B, vol. 1, p. 183, l. 17), which, termed Talapuşpa, comes first in the series of *karaṇa*s of the Paryastaka *angahāra* (*4.177B–179A) performed by the dancer (see PŪ *4.280a, 281c). Regarding the double hand gesture Puṣpapuța used as part of this *karaṇa*, see 9.150A–151B.

⁸⁶ In view of the partly similar entry of the *sūtradhāra* and his two assistants in the *pūrvaranga*'s Utthāpana limb (see 1.3.7.[2]), it can be surmised that the Tāṇḍava dancer similarly releases her flowers in the *brāhma maṇḍala* in the centre of the stage floor and surrounds it in a clockwise progression.

⁸⁷ Since the subject of the absolutive *samādāya* in PŪ 5.66a is *traya*h in 67d, referring to the *sūtradhāra* and his attendants, it would seem that all three persons carry two handfuls of flowers when entering the stage. This interpretation, shared by Ghosh 1967: 85, Bhat 1975: 43 and the 'Board

to worship Brahmā (PŪ 5.69A; cf. DE 1.95A–B), he releases the *puṣpāñjali* in the *brāhma maṇḍala* (PŪ 5.72A), Brahmā being naturally established in the centre of the stage⁸⁸ (PŪ 5.72B [= 1.95A]), and reverentially bows down before the god, here called Pitāmaha (PŪ 5.73A–B).⁸⁹

of Scholars' (BoS 1989: 60), is however unlikely, since the assisting pāripārśvikas already carry implements in their hands, namely the bhrngāra vessel and the *jarjara* staff respectively (PU 5.68A). It is therefore most probable that the *sūtradhāra* alone carries two handfuls of flowers. This is also Abhinavagupta's view (AbhiBhā ad 5.66a, vol. 1, p. 226[1. 15]-227[1. 1]). Although Feistel comes to the same conclusion (Feistel 1969: 55: "Nur der Sūtradhāra kann mit Blumen in der Hand aufgetreten sein, denn seine Begleiter tragen Vase bzw. Jarjara"), he still translates puspāñjalim samādāya literally with "Nachdem sie eine Handvoll Blumen ergriffen haben" (*ibid*.: 52), 'After they have taken a handful of flowers'. The fact that $P\bar{U}$ 5.69A still uses the plural ("They should go with the wish of offering to Brahmā") can perhaps be explained by taking the two *pāripārśvikas* as being inextricably connected with the *sūtradhāra* in this part of the *pūrvaranga*. In addition to their known functions in the following rituals, the *bhrngāra* and *jarjara* might perhaps stand for the typical implements of an ascetic Brahmin (which would here be represented by the *sūtradhāra*), namely the water vessel (*kamandalu*) and staff (danda). Cf. dvijair iva kamandaludandahastaih (DE 16.127d).

⁸⁸ Brahmā, invoked in the central compartment of the stage *maņdala*, is regent of the centre (RA 3.21B, 24A), or perhaps, if we understand the *maņdala* to be a two-dimensional cosmogram of the three-dimensional cosmos, of the zenith (cf. the upper *jarjara* segment [co-]protected by Brahmā in DE 1.93A and RA 3.79A). Brahmā already assumes the role of guardian of the zenith in the *Gobhilagrhyasūtra* and *Mānavaśrautasūtra* (see Wessels-Mevissen 2001: 10, Table VI).

⁸⁹ Nothing more is said on the nature of the *puṣpāñjali*'s flowers. Should we however accept the variant reading *'suddhavarṇāḥ'* ("[possessing] white colours") instead of *'suddhavastrāḥ'* ("clean/white clothes") in $P\bar{U}$ 5.66c, then it would be obvious to construe this with the following *'sumanasas'*, in which case *'sumanas'* would have to be understood in its meaning of flower and not as referring to the positive mental state of the three protagonists.

(3) Caturthakārapūjā

The third time flowers are offered during the *pūrvaraṅga* occurs after or at the end of the ensuing *pūrvaraṅga* limb, the Parivartana. There, the *caturthakāra* (lit. 'the fourth performer', probably meaning in addition to the *sūtradhāra* and his two attendants) should enter the stage, take flowers (*puṣpa*) and [with them] worship the *jarjara* staff, the whole theatrical orchestra (*kutapa*)⁹⁰ and the *sūtradhāra* according to the rules (PŪ 5.99A–100B). The latter are however not specified.

(4) following the Caturthakārapūjā in a *citrapūrvaranga*:

After the performance of the Caturthakārapūjā in a *citrapūrva-raṅga*,⁹¹ accomplished (*siddhā*), or, following a variant reading, pure (*suddhā*) goddesses (*devī*), perhaps referring to female dancers impersonating heavenly *apsaras*es (cf. the variant reading *divyā*), should scatter garlands of flowers (*kusumamālā*) all around [the stage or stage *maṇḍala*] before staging their dance (PŪ 5.152A–B).⁹² Our text however does not state whether the garlands are strewn as offerings (probably across the stage *maṇḍala*) or whether they primarily serve a decorative purpose.⁹³

⁹⁰ A possible reference to the embellished orchestra occurs in the description of a *citrapūrvaranga* (cf. fn. 91). If we accept the v.l. *alamkṛtāḥ* in PŪ 5.150d, then this could be construed with the heavenly drums (*devadundubhayaś*) in PŪ 5.151c, especially if we interchange lines 150B and *151A, as is the case in the BI edition (PŪ BI 5.157A–B), causing the two words to appear in consecutive *pādas*. These drums (*devadundubhi*) might consequently stand for the *mrdanga* or *muraja* drums (cf. 34.10A) adorned with flowers by the *caturthakāra*.

⁹¹ A*citrapūrvaranga* is distinguished from a standard *śuddhapūrvaranga* by additional dance performances. See $P\bar{U}$ *4.13A–16A, $P\bar{U}$ *5.149A–154B.

⁹² Ghosh obviously emends his own reading '*śuddhāḥ kusumamālābhir*' (BI 5.158a) into '*śuddhakusumamālābhir*', since he translates with "clusters of white flowers" (Ghosh 1967: 96; cf. Feistel 1969: 90).

⁹³ One more instance of the veneration of a deity with flowers was possibly mentioned in the description of the musical aspect of the Geyapada,

1.3.8. Incense

The offerings to the *mattavāraņī* part of the stage following its construction include incense (*dhūpa*) (NĀ 2.64B, 65B–66A). Incense should additionally be presented to Tryambaka's, i.e. Śiva's, *maṇḍala* during the consecration of the upright *mrdaṅga* drum (MŖ 34B.217B), to the bamboo culm out of which the *jarjara* will be fashioned (JA 21.179A), as well as, during the consecration of the stage, to the *jarjara* staff itself (RA 3.75B), to the deities installed in the stage *maṇḍala* (RA 3.36A–B) and to the theatrical orchestra's musical instruments (*ātodya*) (RA 3.76A–B).⁹⁴

In the example provided for the prosodical metre $Sr\bar{i}dhar\bar{a}$, incense (*dhūpa*) appears among the cosmetics and adornments of a beautiful woman who is likened to the lotus-dwelling goddess of the same name (DE 15.110A–B).⁹⁵ It therefore seems appropriate that incense figures among the offerings to a deity.

1.3.9. Light

Fire is employed several times during the consecration of the stage in its capacity of bestowing light and purity. First, before commencing

which is the first of ten *lāsyāngas*, miniature plays inserted in the play proper and/or in the *pūrvaranga* (cf. Bansat-Boudon 1991). Where the GOS ed. reads '*brahmaņas triṣu pārśveṣu*' (31.333B), the KSS ed. has '*bṛṃhaṇaḥ pūrvavarṣeṣu*' (KSS 31.485B). Ghosh emends this latter reading and the reading '*brāhmaṇaḥ pūrvarṣeṣu*' of his ms. N. into '*brāhmaṇaḥ [puṣpa]varṣeṣu*' (NŚ BI 31.436A) and takes these showers of flowers to be "flower offerings [...] to the seat assumed to have been taken [by Brahman]" (Ghosh 1961: 98 [fn. omitted]).

⁹⁴ [Burning] incense and lamps $(d\bar{i}pa)$ can be represented theatrically by means of the single-hand gesture Sūcīmukha, holding the forefinger erect and shaking it $(\bar{u}rdhvalolitay\bar{a})$ (9.64A–65B, 67A–B), presumably to emulate quivering smoke.

⁹⁵ According to Ghosh, the incense is here used to perfume the woman's hair (Ghosh 1967: 281 ad BI 16.84a).

the worship of the deities, the $\bar{a}c\bar{a}rya$ has to carry out the illumination (*ud[d]yotana*) of the stage (RA 3.17A–B). Later on, during the performance of a *homa* ritual, he should perform a ritual cleansing (*parimārjana*) of the king and the female dancers by means of torches (*ulkā*), kindled in the sacrificial fire, to heighten their splendour (*dīpti*) (RA 3.82B–83B). This illumination (*abhi*- \sqrt{dyut}) of king and female dancers is to take place with [the sound of] musical instruments (RA 3.84A). Finally, after the water jar has been broken (see fn. 84, p. 105), the *nātyācārya* should take a lighted lamp (*dīpikā dīptā*), illuminate (*caus.* of *pra*- $\sqrt{d\bar{i}p}$) the whole stage with it and, creating noise by howling or whistling and by running and jumping around, apply the lamp (*dīptā*) to the centre of the stage (RA 3.90A–91B).⁹⁶

Outlook

In conclusion of the present focus on ritual items in the NŚ, food offerings will be treated in the next CIS volume. Topics to be addressed in future studies include:

ritual agents: designations, physical and mental requirements, etc.

ritual space and time: construction of *mandalas*, astrological instructions, etc.

ritual actions: from broad overviews to single actions (circumambulation, prostration, adoption of standing and sitting postures, *mantra* recitation, etc.)

Vedic sacrifice

expected results: effects of correct and incorrect performances of ritual acts

Besides providing the basis for further research into the respective subjects and related fields of study, this data will be made use of in the final article of the series to investigate the boundary between ritual and theatrical performances in the NŚ, also drawing on previous studies

⁹⁶ Concerning this ritual, see Kuiper 1979: 165.

on the matter.⁹⁷ Of particular importance for this investigation will be the consideration of the $p\bar{u}rvaranga$ complex, uniquely positioned at the intersection of ritual and theatrical performances.

APPENDIX

	Quotations from NS AUL	Referred to on
2.49A	candanam ca bhaved brāhmam kṣātram khādiram	
	eva ca	p. 101
	{lignes} 19–20 manquent dans G, B et P	p. 101
	A. candanasya bhavned (? restitué)	
	dhavā-'khyam vaiçya-varnam syac{sic} chūdram	
2.49B	sarva-drumaiḥ smṛtam	p. 101
	{lignes} 19–20 manquent dans G, B et P	p. 101
	A. syāt çūdram	

Referenced NŚ passages⁹⁸

	Quotations from NŚ BI	Referred to on
2.33A	śāntitoyan tato dat{t}vā tatra sūtram prasārayet	p. 95 (fn. 35)
stanza after 2.46A	1. <i>G and Bkh. add</i> candanam tu bhaved brāhmam kṣātram khādiram eva ca dhavākhyam vaiśyavamām syāc chūdram sarvadrumaih smrtam	p. 101 (fn. 67)
2.71B	ahīnāngaiś ca voḍhavyā mṛttikā pīṭhakair navaiḥ	p. 89 (fn. 13)
3.18A	raktāḥ pratisarās tatra raktagandhāś ca pūjitāḥ	p. 99
3.76A	sadṛśaṃ ca pradātavyaṃ mālyadhūpānulepanam	p. 98
3.76B	sarvam eva vidhim kṛtvā dhūpamālyānulepanaih	p. 98
5.157A	caturthakāradattābhih sumanobhir alankrte	p. 108 (fn. 90)
5.157B	devadundubhayaś caiva ninadeyur bhrśam tatah	p. 108 (fn. 90)
5.158A	śuddhāḥ kusumamālābhir vikireyuḥ samantataḥ	p. 108 (fn. 92)
13.211A	simhāsanan tu rājñīnām devīnām mundam āsanam	p. 93 (fn. 29)

⁹⁷ E.g. Amaladass 1999; Bansat-Boudon 1992; Ganser 2016; Kersenboom 1990; Lidova 1996; Moačanin 2003.

⁹⁸ For the resolution of the sigla used in the respective textual apparatus, see: NŚ AUL: ix–xxiii; NŚ BI, vol. 1: v; vol. 2: xi; NŚ GOS, vol. 1: 3, 14–16; vol. 2: vii; vol. 3: ix; vol. 4: ix, xiii.

	Quotations from NŚ BI	Referred to on
13.216A	 ¹daņdamuņdavrsīprāyam vetrāsanam athāpi vā 1. B. brasīmuņdāsanaprāyam 	p. 94 (fn. 32)
16.6A	¹ strānagandhasragbhir vastrabhūṣāyogaiḥ 1. B. snānagandhādhikyaiḥ	p. 102 (fn. 75)
16.84A	 snānaiś cūrņaiḥ sukhasurabhibhir gaņḍalepaiś ca dhūpaiḥ² puṣpaiś cānyaiḥ śirasi racitair vastra- yogaiś ca tais taiḥ 2. B. gandhavāsaiś ca dhūpaiḥ 	p. 109 (fn. 95)
23.175B	³ aktam tu madhusarpi{ m ,bhyām mālyadhūpa- puraskrtam 3. B. madhusarpisarṣapāktam	p. 98 (fn. 51)
24.102A	alpasvedā samaratā svalpabhuk ⁵ surabhipriyā 5. B. suratapriyā	p. 98f. (fn. 53)
24.102B	 ⁶gāndharvavādyābhiratā hrdyā devānganā smrtā 6. B. gandhapusparatā 	p. 98 (fn. 53)
27.21B	 ⁴gomayaloşţatrņopalavikşepāś ca syuh parasambhūtāh 4. B. gomama {sic} loşţapipīlikāvikşepāś cārisambhūtāh 	p. 91
27.22A	mātsaryād dveṣād vā tatpakṣatvāt tathārtha- bhedād vā	p. 91
27.22B	ete paraprayuktā jñeyā ghātā budhair nityam	p. 91
27.102B	 ¹²suvibhūṣaṇatā yā tu sumālyāmbaratā tathā 12. B. suvibhūṣaṇatāyām tu mālyābharaṇavāsasām 	p. 102
27.103A	¹ yā tv angaracanā caiva samrddhir iti ² sā smrtā 1. B. vicitraracanā 2. B. samjñitā	p. 102
31.436A	 ¹brahmaņaḥ [puṣpa]varṣeṣu cāsane parikalpite 1. C. bṛmhaṇaḥ pūrvavarṣeṣu N. brāhmaṇam pūrvarṣeṣu 	p. 109 (fn. 93)
33.258B	na vai mṛdaṃge dātavyaṃ rohaṇaṃ satataṃ budhaiḥ	p. 92 (fn. 23)
33.267A	svastike ¹ [loci]kāpūpapiņdakeņdarikaih saha 1. C. dhūpikadhūparūpakaiś calitaih	p. 104
33.268A	balih kāryah prayatnena rakto raktāmbaraih saha	p. 96, 105 (fn. 82)
33.268B	vaisnave mandale ¹ sthāpya ² sarvabījagate 'nkike 1. K. sthāpyah 2. sarvabījagato 'nkike	p. 97
33.269A	 ¹sragvastrālepanaiķ pītaiķ carubhiś ca sapāyasaiķ 1. C. śuddhasyālambanaiķ pītaiķ 	p. 96 (fn. 42), 97

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	Quotations from NŚ GOS & AbhiBhā	Referred to on
1.22A	grahaņe dhāraņe jñāne ⁷ prayoge cāsya sattama 7. ba. caiva	p. 86 (fn. 10)
1.22B	 ⁸aśaktā bhagavan devā ayogyā nāţyakarmaņi⁹ 8. ta. na śaktā bhagavan devā na yo N. āyogyā bhagavan devā na śaktā nāţyakarmaņi 9. pa. karmasu 	p. 86 (fn. 10)
1.23A	ya ime vedaguhyajñā ¹ ṛṣayaḥ ² saṃśitavratāḥ 1. ja. munayaḥ 2. na. brahmavādinaḥ pa.ta. brahmasaṃbhavāḥ kha. śaṃsitavratāḥ ma. saṃśritavratāḥ	p. 86 (fn. 10)
1.23B	 ³ete 'sya grahaņe śaktāḥ prayoge dhāraņe tathā 3. da. ete sangrahaņe N. te samyaggrahaņe pa.ta. te hy asya ja.ma. etasya 	p. 86 (fn. 10)
1.45A	 ⁶drstā mayā bhagavato^{7 8}nīlakaņthasya nrtyatah 6. ja. drstomayā 7. N. sa mantavyā 8. na. nīlavarņasya N. pa.ta. nrtyatah śankarasya tu 	p. 104 (fn. 81)
1.58B	tato brahmādayo devāh prayogaparitositāh	p. 93 (fn. 29), 102 (fn. 73)
1.59A	 ⁴pradadur matsutebhyas tu sarvopakaraņāni ⁵vai 4. gha.ba.ta. pradadur hrstamanasah ksa.tha.ma. prayayuh pradadur hrstā 5. ksa.da.ba.ta.ma. nah 	p. 93 (fn. 29), 102 (fn. 73)
1.59B	prītas tu prathamam śakro dattavān svam ⁶ dhvajam śubham 6. <i>N</i> .na.ba.ta. dhvajam uttamam	p. 93 (fn. 29)
1.60A	brahmā ¹ kuțilakam caiva bhrngāram varunah śubham ² kṣa.ḍa.ma. kamaṇḍalum 2. <i>N</i> .ḍa.ba.ta.ma. tathā	p. 102 (fn. 73)
1.61A	vișnuh simhāsanam caiva kubero makuṭam tathā	p. 93 (fn. 29)
1.79A	 ¹¹tataś ca viśvakarmāņam ¹²brahmovāca pra- yatnataķ 11. N.kṣa.ṭha.ma. tataķ sa ta.ba. tatas tu 12. N.na.ta.ba. āha brahma na. brahmāvocat 	p. 96
1.79B	kuru lakṣaṇasaṃpannaṃ nāṭyaveśma mahāmate ¹³ 13. <i>N</i> . mahāmune	p. 96
1.80A	tato 'cireņa kālena viśvakarmā mahacchubham	p. 96
1.80B	sarvalakṣaṇasaṃpannaṃ ¹⁴ kṛtvā nāṭyagṛhaṃ tu saḥ 14. <i>N</i> .ga. nāṭyaveśma cakāra saḥ	p. 96

	Quotations from NŚ GOS & AbhiBhā	Referred to on
verse before 1.81A	15. kṣa.ṭha.ma. kṛtvā yathoktam evam tu gṛham padmodbhavājñayā ity adhikam dṛśyate	p. 94 (fn. 30)
1.83A	dṛṣṭvā nāṭyagṛhaṃ brahma prāha sarvān surāṃs tataḥ ¹ <i>N</i> .kṣa. tadā	p. 96
1.83B	amśabhāgair bhavadbhis tu rakṣyo 'yam nāṭya- maṇḍapaḥ	p. 96
1.90B	sthāpitā mattavāraņyām vidyud daityanisūdanī	p. 96
1.91A	stambheșu mattavāraņyāh sthāpitāh ⁸ paripālane 8. ga.ba. parirakṣaṇe	p. 96
1.91B	⁹ bhūtayakṣapiśācāś ca guhyakāś ca mahābalāḥ 9. kṣa.ma. bhūtā yakṣāḥ	p. 96
1.92A	jarjare ¹⁰ tu viniksiptam vajram daityanibarhanam 10. N. cāpi niksiptām kṣa.ṭha.ma. caiva niksiptam	p. 100 (fn. 64)
1.92B	¹¹ tatparvasu viniksiptāh surendrā hy amitaujasah 11. na. sandhau sandhau ma. tatparvasu ca ni	p. 100 (fn. 64)
1.93A	¹ śiraḥparvasthito brahmā dvitīye śaṅkaras tathā na. śiro rakṣan sthito brahmā haraḥ parvaṇy an- antare ba. śiraḥ pārśve	p. 107 (fn. 88)
1.95A	rangapīthasya madhye tu svayam brahma pratisthitah	p. 107
1.95B	 ⁴iştyartham rangamadhye tu kriyate puşpamokşa- nam 4. ta. ijyārtham 	p. 107
1.104A	tan naitad evam kartavyam tvayā lokapitāmaha	p. 86
1.104B	yathā devās tathā daityās tvattah sarve vinirgatāh	p. 86
1.121A	balipradānair homaiś ca mantrauṣādhisamanvi- taiḥ{ <i>read</i> °auṣadhi° <i>as in the 2nd ed.</i> }	p. 102 (fn. 73)
2.33A	 ¹²śāntitoyam tato dattvā tatah sūtram prasārayet 12. <i>N. omits this line</i>. 	p. 95
2.38B	niśāyām ca balih kāryo nānābhojanasamyutah ⁷ 7. na.ba.ta. samśrayah a. sañcayah <i>N</i> . nānā- vyāñjanasamśrayah	p. 99
2.39A	gandhapuspaphalopeto diśo daśa samāśritah	p. 99, 103
stanza after 2.46A	kha. [] candanam ca bhaved brāhmam ksātram khādiram eva ca dhāvākhyam veśyavarņām syāc chatram sarva- drumaih smṛtam	p. 101 (fn. 67)

	Quotations from NŚ GOS & AbhiBhā	Referred to on
2.46B	prathame brāhmaņastambhe sarpissarṣapa- saṃskṛtaḥ ⁴ { <i>read</i> °saṃskṛte <i>as in the v.l.</i> } 4. kṣa.ma.ba. saṃskṛte	p. 98, 101
2.47A	sarvaśuklo vidhih kāryo dadyāt pāyasam eva ca	p. 101
2.47B	tataś ca kṣatriyastambhe vastramālyānulepanam	p. 101
2.48A	sarvam raktam pradātavyam dvijebhyaś ca gudaudanam	p. 101
2.48B	vaiśyastambhe vidhih kāryo digbhāge paścimottare	p. 101
2.49A	 ⁵sarvam pītam pradātavyam dvijebhyaś ca ⁶ghṛtaudanam 5. N. pītam sarvam 6. na.ba.ta. ghṛtāśanam 	p. 101
2.49B	śūdrastambhe vidhiķ kāryaķ samyakpūrvot- tarāśraye	p. 101
2.50A	nīlaprāyam ¹ prayatnena ² krsaram ca dvijāśanam 1. kṣa.tha.ma.ta. pradātavyam 2. pa.ba. krsarā ca ca. krśarā	p. 101
2.50B	³ pūrvoktabrāhmaņastambhe śuklamālyānulepane ⁴ 3. <i>N</i> .kṣa.ca.ma. pūrve tu 4. da. lepite ta. lepanam	p. 101
2.54A	stambhānām ¹³ sthāpanam kāryam ¹⁴ puṣpamālā- puraskṛtam 13. ḍa. sthāpanam kuryāt 14. ḍa. varga ṭha.kṣa. parṇa kṣa. {sic}ma. varṇa ta. vanamālāsamanvitam	p. 91
2.54B	15 ratnadānaiķsagodānairvastradānairanalpakaiķ16 15. na. ratnapradānair godānaiķ 16. N.na. s tathaiva ca	p. 91
2.58A	 ⁴pavitre brāhmaņastambhe dātavyā daksiņā ca gauķ 4. <i>N</i>.ta.ba.ma. pavitram 	p. 91
2.64B	adhyardhahastotsedhena ¹ kartavyā mattavāraņī 1. na. hastā cotsedhā	p. 96, 99, 103, 109
2.65B	tasyām mālyam ca dhūpam ca gandham vastram tathaiva ca	p. 92 (fn. 27), 96, 99, 103
2.66A	³ nānāvarņāni deyāni tathā bhūtapriyo baliķ 3. <i>N</i> . nānāvarņam pradhātavyam	p. 96, 99
2.70B	 lāngale śuddhavarņo⁴{<i>read</i> śuddhavarņau} tu dhuryau yojyau prayatnataḥ 4. ja.ba. varņe 	p. 90 (fn. 17)

	Quotations from NŚ GOS & AbhiBhā	Referred to on
2.71A	kartāraḥ puruṣāś cātra ⁵ ye ⁶ 'ngadoṣavivarjitāḥ 5. <i>N</i> . na puruṣāś caiva ṭha.ma. puruṣās tatra 6. ca.ba. śabda	p. 89
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