

## Appendix - 1

## Śaktipīṭhas

On the above subject D.C.Sircar has thrown a flood of light in his work "The Śākta Pīṭhas" printed with necessary modifications from the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, Letters, Volume XIV, No.1, 1948. In the above work Sircar has traced the development of the Śaktipīṭhas from four to seven (Kālikāpurāṇa Ch.18.42-51)<sup>1</sup>, ten (Rudrayāmela)<sup>1</sup>, eighteen (Kulārṇavatāntara and Aṣṭādaśapīṭha)<sup>2</sup>, forty-two (Kubjikātāntara)<sup>3</sup>, fifty (Jñānārṇava and Tantrasāra)<sup>4</sup>, fifty-one (Tantrasāra by splitting the name of one of the fifty Pīṭhas viz. Merugiri into two separate Pīṭhas)<sup>5</sup>, (also Pīṭhanirṇaya or Mahāpīṭhanirūpaṇa)<sup>5</sup>. Prāṇetoṣaṇītantra by Rāmetoṣaṇa Vidyālaṅkāra who was seventh in descent from the compiler of the Tantrasāra, in 1820 adheres exactly to this number viz. fifty-one. The composition of the Pīṭhanirṇaya or Mahāpīṭhanirūpaṇa may be assigned to C.1690-1720<sup>6</sup> as it is not mentioned in Tantrasāra (17<sup>th</sup> century). About the origin of Śaktipīṭhas vide chepter VIII.

In Devīgītā the number of Devīpīṭhas is given as 72<sup>7</sup>. A complete list of 108 names of the mother-goddess with the specification of Her association with particular holy places is

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1 Vide Sircar D.C., The Śākta Pīṭhas, P.17

2 Ibid. P.18

3 Ibid. P.19

4 Ibid. P.20

5 Ibid. P.23

6 Ibid. P.24

7 Vide Kalyāṇe, Śakti-Aṅka, Gītā Press, Gorakhpur, 1934, P.647.

probably to be found for the first time in the Matsyapurāṇa, Ch.13 (early medieval period). The same text of Matsya has been quoted in Skandapurāṇa, Āvāntyakhaṇḍa, Revākhaṇḍa as well as in Śrīṣṭīkhaṇḍa section (Ch.17) of the Padmapurāṇa. The same text is also quoted in the Devībhāgavata (VII, Ch.30) which refers to the holy places associated in this work with the different manifestations of the mother-goddess and of Her consort as Pīṭhas without mentioning the particular limbs of the goddess and the particular Bhairavas,<sup>8</sup> that are mentioned in Tantracūḍāmaṇi. The list of Śaktipīṭhas supplied by the Pīṭhanirṇaya (or Mahāpīṭhanirūpaṇa) is offered in a tabular form in the work 'The Śakta Pīṭhas'<sup>9</sup>. A similar list was found in Kalyāṇa<sup>10</sup>, and also in 'Devīkośa'<sup>11</sup>. Below is given a consolidated list of Śaktipīṭhas on the basis of the above mentioned three lists noting the differences among them.

| No. | Pīṭha                 | Āṅga-pratyāṅga                      | Śakti or Devī                   | Bhairava                               |
|-----|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1   | Hīṅgulā,<br>Hīṅgulatā | Brahmarandhra                       | Koṭṭarī, Koṭṭavī<br>Koṭṭavīśā   | Bhīmalocana                            |
| 2   | Ḳaravīra,<br>Sarkarā  | Trinetra                            | Mahiṣamardinī                   | Krodhīśa,<br>Krodheśa                  |
| 3   | Sugandhā              | Nāsikā                              | Sunandā, Sugandhā               | Tryambaka                              |
| 4   | Kāśmīra               | Kaṅṭha                              | Mahāmāyā                        | Trisandhyeś-<br>vara,<br>Trinetreśvara |
| 5   | Jvālāmukhi            | Jihvā                               | Siddhidē, Ambikā                | Unṛmatta                               |
| 6   | Jālandhara            | Stana (Vāma acc.<br>to Prabhudesai) | Tripuramālinī,<br>Tripurenāśinī | Bhīṣaṇa,<br>Iśāna                      |

8 Vide Sircar D.C., Op., Cit., P.25

9 Vide Sircar D.C., Op.Cit., PP.35-37

10 Vide 'Śaktiāṅka', PP.644-645

11 Vide Prabhudesai P.K., Devīkośa, Vol.I, Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeetha, Pune 2, 1967, PP.280-281.

| No. | Piṭha  | Aṅga-pratyāṅga                           | Śakti or Devī                   | Bhairava  |
|-----|--|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 7   | Vaidyanātha  | Hṛdaya                                   | Jayadurgā                       | Vaidyanātha   |
| 8   | Nepāla   | Jānu                                     | Mahāmāyā                        | Kapālī  |
| 9   | Mānasa, Mālava                                     | Dakṣiṇa-hasta                            | Dākṣāyāṇī                       | Amara, Hara, Heri   |
| 10  | Virejākṣetra in Utkala                             | Nābhi                                    | Vimelā, Vijayā                  | Jagannātha, Jaya  |
| 11  | Gaṇḍakī, Gaṇḍaka                                   | Gaṇḍa                                    | Gaṇḍakī, Gaṇḍī                  | Cakrapāṇi, Jagannātha   |
| 12  | Bāhulā, Bāhulā                                     | Vāma-bāhu                                | Bāhulā, Bāhulā                  | Bhīruka, Tivraḥ   |
| 13  | Ujjayinī, Ujānī, Ujjanī, Urjanī, Urjayānī          | Kūrpara                                  | Maṅgalacandī, Maṅgalā           | Kapilāmbara, Kapileśvara                                      |
| 12  | Caṭṭala (Candreśekhara), Cahala                    | Dakṣiṇa-bāhu                             | Bhavēnī                         | Candreśekhara   |
| 15  | Tripurā  | Dakṣiṇa-pāda                             | Tripurā, Tripura-sundarī        | Tripureśa, Tripurākṣa, Nala                                   |
| 16  | Trisrotā (Sans. Trisrotas), Tiroṭā                 | Vāma-pāda                                | Brāmarī, Amerī                  | Īśvara, Ambara, Bhairaveśvara, Amara                          |
| 17  | Kāmegiri (Ten Piṭhas were originally located here) | Mahāmudrā (yoni)                         | Kāmākhyā                        | Umānanda, Sivānand, Rāvānanda, Rāmānanda                      |
| 13  | Prayāga  | Hastāṅguli                               | Lalitā                          | Bhava   |
| 19  | Jayantī, Jayantā                                   | Vāma-jaṅghā                              | Jayantī                         | Kramadīśvara  |
| 20  | Yugādyā (Kṣīragrāma)                               | <del>Sapta</del><br>Dakṣiṇa-pādāṅ-guṣṭha | Yugādyā, (Yogādyā), Bhūtadhātṛī | Kṣīrakaṇṭha, Kṣīrakaṇṭha                                      |
| 21  | Kālīpīṭha<br>Kālapīṭha<br>(Kalighat)               | Dakṣiṇa-pādāṅ-guli                       | Kālikā, Jayadurgā               | Nakulīśa, Nakuleśa, Nalīśa, (Krodhesa, Krodhisā acc. to P.D.) |

12 Piṭha numbers 14 and 15 are in reverse order in Kalyāṇa, P.644.

13 Piṭha numbers 18, 19 and 20, 21 are transposed in The Śakta Piṭhas, P.36.

| No. | Pīṭha  | Aṅga-pratyāṅga                                | Śakti or Devī                         | Bhairava   |
|-----|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 22  | Kirīṭa,<br>Kirīṭakonā                                  | Kirīṭa  | Vimelā,<br>Bhuvaneśī                  | Samvarta,<br>Siddhirūpa<br>(Siktarūpa<br>acc.to P.D.)        |
| 23  | Maṅikarṇikā<br>at Vārāṅeśī                             | Kuṇḍala                                       | Viśālākṣī,<br>Maṅikerṇī               | Kālabhairava   |
| 24  | Kenyāśrama   | Pr̥ṣṭha Dr̥ṣṭi                                | Sarvāṅī(Śar-<br>vāṅī acc. to<br>P.D.) | Nimiṣa   |
| 25  | Kurukṣetre   | Dakṣiṇe -gul-<br>pha                          | Sāvitrī                               | Sthānu, Snāyu  |
| 26  | Maṅiveda, Maṅi-<br>vedika, Māneve-<br>ḍaka, Maṅibandha | Maṅibandha                                    | Gāyatrī                               | Sarvānanda   |
| 27  | Śrīsaīla, Śrīhaṭṭ<br>-a                                | Grīvā   | Mahālekṣmī,<br>Mahāmāyā               | Samvārānanda,<br>Samarānanda,<br>Sarvānanda,<br>Sambarānanda |
| 28  | Kāncī  | Asthi, Kaṅkāla                                | Devagarbhā                            | Ruru   |
| 29  | Kālemādhava  | Nitamba                                       | Kālī                                  | Asitāṅga   |
| 30  | Śonadeśa, Śaīla,<br>Narmadā                            | Nitamba                                       | Śonā, Narmadā                         | Bhadrāsena   |
| 31  | Rāmagiri, Rāja-<br>giri, Rāmakiṇī                      | Anyastana,<br>Nalā, Nāsā                      | Śivānī                                | Caṇḍa  |
| 32  | Vṛndāvana,<br>(Umāvana),<br>Keśajala                   | Keśa  | Umā, Kātyāyanī                        | Bhūteśa,<br>Kṛṣṇanātha                                       |
| 33  | Śuci, Anala  | Ūrdhva-danta                                  | Nārāyaṅī                              | Sāmhāra,<br>Sāṅkrūra   |
| 34  | Pañcasāgara  | Adhodanta                                     | Vārāhī                                | Mahārudra  |
| 35  | Keratoyētata   | Vāma-karṇa<br>(Gulpha acc.<br>to P.D.), Talpa | Aparṇā                                | Vāmaṅa,<br>Vāmeśa  |
| 36  | Śrīparvata   | Dakṣiṇe-gulpha,<br>Dakṣiṇa-karṇa,<br>Talpa    | Sunderī                               | Sunderānanda,<br>Sunandānanda                                |
| 37  | Vibhāsa(ṣa)  | Vāma-gulpha                                   | Bhīmarūpa,<br>Kapālīnī                | Kapālī,<br>Sarvānanda  |
| 38  | Prabhāsa   | Udera, Adhara                                 | Candrabhāgā                           | Vakratuṇḍa   |
| 39  | Bhairavapervata<br>Bhīrupervata                        | Ūrdhvoṣṭha,<br>Tuṇḍa                          | Avantī                                | Lambakarṇa,<br>Narmakarṇa                                    |

| No.  | Pīṭha                                | Aṅga-pratyāṅga         | Śakti or Devī   | Bhairava   |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| 40   | Janēsthāna,<br>Janēsthala            | Civuka                 | Bhrāmarī  | Vikṛta,<br>Vikṛtākṣa   |
| 14   |                                      |                        |   |  |
| 41   | Sarveśaile                           | Vāma-gaṇḍa             | Rākinī  | Vatsanābha   |
| 42   | Godāvarītīra                         | [Vāma] -gaṇḍa          | Viśvesī, Rākinī<br>(?as per D.C.S.)<br>Śaṅkinī (as<br>per P.D.) | Viśveśa,<br>Daṇḍapānī,<br>Vatsanābha<br>(?as per<br>D.C.S.)                    |
| 43   | Ratnāvalī,<br>Ratnavatī              | Dakṣiṇa-skandha        | Kumārī, Śivā  | Kumāra, Śiva   |
| 44   | Bithilā                              | Vāma-skandha           | Umā-Mahādevī  | Mahodara   |
| ( The following Pīṭhas were omitted in the original text<br>which located ten Pīṭhas in Kāmarūpa.) |                                      |                        |   |  |
| 45   | Nalahēṭī                             | Nalā                   | Kālī  | Yogeśa, Yogīśa   |
| 46   | Karnāṭa, Kālī-<br>ghāṭa<br>Kālīpīṭha | Karna, Muṇḍa           | Jayadurgā   | Abhīru, (Kro-<br>dhīśa,<br>Krodheśa acc.<br>to D.C.S. &<br>P.D.) <sup>15</sup> |
| 47   | Vakreśvara                           | Manas                  | Mahiṣemardinī   | Vakranātha   |
| 48   | Yaśora                               | Pānipadma,<br>Vāmapānī | Yaśoreśvarī   | Caṇḍa, Caṇḍeśa   |
| 49   | Aṭṭahāsa                             | Oṣṭha                  | Phullarā  | Viśveśa  |
| 50   | Nandipurā                            | Kaṇṭhēhāra             | Nandinī   | Nandikeśvara   |
| 51   | Lankā                                | Nūpura                 | Indrākṣī  | Rākṣaseśvara,<br>Nandikeśvara  |
|  | Virāṭa <sup>16</sup>                 | Pedāṅguli              | Ambikā  | Amṛta,<br>Amṛtākṣa   |
|  | Magadha                              | Dakṣiṇejaṅghā          | Sarvānandaḥarī  | Vyomakēśa  |

14 Sarveśailapīṭha is not shown either in the work of D.C. Sircar or in that of Prabhudesai.

15 The mention of Krodhīśa as well as Krodheśa seems to be a mistake as they are already there at pīṭha no.2.

16 Sircar and Prabhudesai complete the number of pīṭhas by including this pīṭha as no.51. In some works the two pīṭhas mentioned last are not included.