

## Appendix III: Marriage Relations among Bhumihar Brahmins and Kanyakubja Brahmins as recorded in Brahmarshi Vansha Vistar<sup>87</sup> (Raghav S. Sharma 2003a:325-329)

For above mentioned (Appendix II) Brahmins, where there was a doubt regarding the certainty of gotra, I have not mentioned it, but if someone wants to know it can surely be ascertained by the addresses mentioned therein.

Now, I will show relations of (Pachchima/Bhumihar Brahmins) with few famous Kanyakubja Brahmins and then show connected relations with both Kanyakubja and Saryupareen Brahmins.

1. The Ayachak (Bhumihar) Brahmins residing in Pargana Suram, district Prayag (in United Provinces now Uttar Pradesh), like Shri Devkinandan Singh of Aanapur and other neighbouring villages are descendants of Sukshamati Pandey, Pandey of Pahitipur, who are Saryupareen Brahmins of Shandilya Gotra. This fact is registered in the genealogical records of Saryupareen Brahmins, but because of marital relations with Bhumihar Brahmins for many generations they have merged with them. For example, Shri Devkinandan Singh's sister was married to Shri Alrav Singh of Kashi (Varanasi), whose son is Krishnaprasad Singh. And Shri Devkinandan Singh himself was married to the paternal aunt (*phua*) of Shri Ram Govind Singh, a Kudhniya Bhumihar Brahmin of Saryupur in Azamgarh district.

2. From the same marriage (above-mentioned) of Shri Devkinandan Singh, one of his daughters was married to Kashyap Gotra, Kanyakubja Brahmin Siru's household, in district Fatehpur, village Virsinghpur, Pargana Koda Jahanabad, and they still maintain relations and visit each other.

3. Shri Devkinandan Singh's second daughter was married in district Fatehpur, station Bindaki road, village Sultanganj in a Kanyakubja Brahmin household of Harnarayan Singh and Sudarshan Singh, who are Avasthi Gotra from Siru. Among their descendants are Shankar Singh, Gandharva Singh, etc., who still maintain relations with their matriarchal family and visit each other.

4. In district Kanpur (earlier Cawnpore), Bithur, in Chaudhari Khuman Singh Awasthi, Kashyap gotra's household is married the paternal aunt (*phua*) of

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One instance of horizontal solidarity among Bhumihar Brahmins and Kanyakubja Brahmins was in the political career of Sukhada Pandey, a professor at Patna University and a woman political leader from the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) in Bihar (Sharma & Kamlesh 2010). She herself is a Bhumihar Brahmin married to a Kanyakubja Brahmin making her a winnable candidate garnering votes of both (Sharma & Kamlesh 2010).

Shri Siddhanarayan Singh of Aanapur. In Khuman Singh's house, now his descendant Shiv Singh is there.

5. Similarly, Shri Prasiddhnarayan's father paternal aunt (phua) was married in district Basti, tehsil Haraiya, village Trignauta, Vatsagotra, Saryupareen Brahmin, Ram Narayan Ojha Khairi's household whose son has maintained relations with his maternal side and visit each other.

6. Shri Siddhanarayan's father's paternal aunt (phua) was married to Triphala Pandey Laxminarayan of district Basti, pargana Amodha, village Nathpur Visnayan, Kashyap *gotra*.

7. District Gorakhpur, village Mahavankhor, in Baisi Deen Mishra is related to his (*Siddhnarayan*) third paternal aunt (*phua*). They are both Saryupareen Brahmins.

8. Vikramjit Singh, etc., are also Pandeys of Pihitipur just like those of Aanapur and are *samgotriya* (belonging to the same *gotra*) from district Prayaag (Allahabad), Pargana Suram, Kalyanpur. But now they are called landed Brahmins (Bhumihar Brahmins).

Vikramjit's daughter is married to Saryupareen Brahmin from district Sultanpur, village and pargana Beraunsa in the household of Mangalram, Shivcharan Ram Nagwa belonging to Shukla Garg *gotra*.

9. From the same village (of Vikramjit Singh), Kamtaprasad Singh's daughter is married into the household of Shitalram Shukla and Babu Shukla of Beraunsa.

10. From the same village (of Vikramjit Singh), Mahavir Prasad Singh's daughter is married in the household of Balgovind Ram Shukla of Beraunsa.

11. From the same village (of Vikramjit Singh), Sukhnandan Prasad Singh's daughter is married in the household of Shaligram Shukla of Beraunsa.

Additionally, Zamindar Brahmins (landed Brahmins/Bhumihar Brahmins) from Mahrudih, Sarai Gaon, Malaka Gaon Pareshpur, Chauhare, Aanapur, Ismailpur, Sarai Hariram, Chaturipur, Sarai Gopal, and from Chauraroad, etc., villages are maritally related to Nagwa Shuklas of Beraunsa and 10-12 other adjoining villages.

12. Like Bhagwati Shukla from Mahrudih in Beraunsa is the son of Baijnath Prasad Singh's uncle's daughter.

Now I will list of marital relations (of Bhumihar Brahmins) with both Kanyakubja and Saryupareen Brahmins:

13. Kamtaprasad Pandey and Durgaprasad Pandey from Mirzapur district, Kathinhin village are Tiwaris of Pindi, Shandilya Gotra, and Saryupareen Brahmins. Their marital relation is with the household of Beniprasad Tiwari, with Pannalal of Prayag-Jhunsi, who are Tiwari Saryupareen of Khoriya, and their mansion (*kothi*) is in Agra-Belanganj. The same Pannalal, son of Beniprasad is

married to the daughter of Shri Ramsharan Singh Pandey of Charwa (village) of Pargana Chayal, district Prayag. He (Shri Ramsharan Singh Pandey) is Kaushik Gotra, Pandey of Tekar, and now merged and counted among Bhumihar Brahmins. Because the same Ramsharan Singh's other daughter is married to above mentioned Panasa's Shri Braj Bihari Singh alias Matar Singh. And Matar Singh's paternal aunt (*phua*) is married in district Benares, village Khochwa to Shri Mahavir Prasad Singh, who is a Gautam (*gotra*) Bhumihar Brahmin and a Mishra of Pipra.

14. In the household of the above-mentioned Pandey of Kathinhin; Tripathi Bua Singh of district Prayag, pargana Karari, village Berauncha, Tiwari of Kusumi, Shandilya gotra's two sons are married.

Bua Singh's own marriage, or those Tripathis from district Banda from Madaur, etc., 24 villages like Tripathi Nripati Singh, Madhav Singh, Raghuvir Singh, Avadh Singh, Shivpal Singh and Ramsharan Singh named Saryupareen Kusumi Tiwaris – who resemble the landed Brahmins (Bhumihar Brahmins) today – their sons are married to Pandey of Savarnya Tikra, who are referred to as Chappangaonwale/Chappanwale, i.e., (Kanyakubja Brahmins) who reside in 56 villages in district Prayag, pargana Kada. For example, (those Kanyakubja Brahmins who are related to Bhumihar Brahmins by marriage) from Parsara village, Vishwanath, Thakurdeen, Chandradayal Pandey, etc.; from Bisra (village) Saryupal, Baldev Pandey, etc.; from Aswa (village) Ramratna, Bhagirath Pandey, etc.; from Balak Mau (village) Sukhnandan Ram, Jagmohan Ram Pandey, etc.; from Kakoda (village), Shivsahayram, Raghuvirram Pandey, etc.; from Vidanpur (village) Ramprasanna Ram Pandey; from Tikra Dih (village), Ramjiyawan Pandey, Mathuraprasad Pandey, etc. From Chappangaonwale/Chappanwale Pandey of Tikra (Saryupareen Brahmins), are frequently and openly related by marriage with above-mentioned Bhumihar Brahmins of Aanapur, etc., villages and Panasa, etc., villages. And above-mentioned Charwa village, whose marriage relations with Panasa has already been shown. In Charwa village, Ramsharan Singh, Ramnidhi Singh and Rampratap Singh, etc., 150 households of Saryupareen/Landed/Bhumihar Brahmins live. In Tata village, nearby Charwa, in the household of Brahmadutt Singh Tiwari's household also Chappangaonwale/Chappanwale have marital relationships. Nearby Tata village, in Chauradih, Mathura Prasad Singh Tiwari; in Sana Jalalpur, Shri Kallu Singh Tiwari; in Singhpur, Bhaggusingh; in Faridpur, Chhedisingh and in Kamalpur, Sudhwal, Nimi, and Sana, named 12 villages live Saryupareen Brahmins, who are now transforming into landed Brahmins/Bhumihar Brahmins and are referred to as Bharadwaj gotra, Tiwaris of Dumtikar. Additionally, in Charwa, Kaushik gotra Pandey of Tekar and in Parsara, etc., villages, Savarna gotra, Pandey of Tikra, have already been mentioned. Tikra Dih has also been referred already.

Exactly, these Pandeys and Tiwaris of Tikra and Dumtikar from Uttar Pradesh when settled in the Magadh region (of Bihar) became the Maharaja of Tekari/Tikari and other Bhumihar Brahmins belonging to Bharadwaj and other gotras. They (Pandeys and Tiwaris of Tikra and Dumtikar) spread out and became known with titles of Pandey, Tiwari and Dubey in Magadh (south Bihar) and Tirhut (north Bihar, north of river Ganga) and in some places also adopted the titles (became known as) of Rai, Singh and Chaudhary. Pandeys and Tiwaris of Dumtikar, who are the Brahmins of Chappangaonwale/Chappanwale, mention Tekari/Tikari from Magadh as the place of their ancestors (thus they are Saryupareen Brahmins of Bhumihar Brahmin descent). It is quite possible that these people in order to commemorate Tekari/Tikari as their original place of ancestry, established Tikra named village in Uttar Pradesh.

Over time, these descendants often took up names in oral history like Dumkatar, Domkatr, Domkatar, etc., in different places and even developed falsified local mythologies. But the original and correct phonetical usage is Dumtikar or Dumtekar. Therefore, this should be used more widely. In reality, these people (above listed) are Sayupareen Brahmins.

**15.** The sons of above mentioned Chappanwale (from 56 villages in district Prayag, pargana Kada) are often married into the households of Tiwaris of Sonhi in Fatehpur district near Sirthu station. These (Tiwari of Sonhi) live in 12 villages like Bhadwa, Brahmanouli and Ichauli and are Kanyakubja Brahmins.

**16.** Brahmin from Charwa village Ramsharan Singh's (marital) relations have been shown in Panasa, etc. His son-in-law Mata Dayal Singh's daughter is married in district Pratapgarh, Pargana Nawabganj, village Bamhanpura to Laxminarayan Mishra, from Mainach, of Vatsa or Katyayan gotra, whose son is Narayandas Mishra.

**17.** Mata Dayal Singh's (above-mentioned) daughter, is married in Prayag-Katwa Nawai Jaisingh, into the household of Jai (Jwala) Shankar Dubey, Kamlakant Dubey, of Belwa Sauri, Vatsa gotra.

The above-mentioned Tiwari Bua Singh of Kusumi whose family's marital relationships have been shown with Bhumihar Brahmins; his daughters have been married in Rewa (Madhya Pradesh) and Prayag (United Provinces now Uttar Pradesh) in Saryupareen Brahmin families whose details are the following:

**18.** District Rewa, village Rang Pateri, to Nripati Singh of Mandaur in the household of Baldevprasad Tiwari;

**19.** District Rewa, village Matiyari, to Madhav Singh in the household of Pandit Ayodhyaprasad Mishra, of Vashisht gotra from Padraha;

**20.** District Prayag, village Badshahi Mandai, to Raghuvir Singh in the household of Baijnath Mishra from Pipra belonging to Gautam gotra;

21. District Prayag, village Bahadur Ganj, to Avadh Singh in the household of Mahadev Shukla from Mamkhor belonging to Garg gotra;

22. Prayag, Pargana Suram, Kilahnapur, to Shivpal Singh in the household of Rudraprasad Mishra of Dharampur Laguni.

23. Prayag, Pargana Suram, village Bandhpur, Ramsharan Singh Tiwari's daughters are married in the household of Sukhnandan Ram Pandit.

In addition to Berauncha and Mandaur, Kusumi Tiwaris live in Tari, Mau, Ahiri, Surodha, and Akhauda, etc. villages.

24. Two-three kos (6-9 km) from Prayag, near Jasra station, in Beraul village by the banks of Yamuna river, in the household of Saryupareen Brahmin Ramnarayan Tiwari and other Tiwaris have marital relations with Bhumihar Brahmins of Panasa and Suram pargana.

Bhumihar Brahmins from above-mentioned Panasa, etc. villages in Arail pargana and Kalyanpur, etc. villages in Suram pargana are martially related to Mishras of Badarka, who are Kanyakubja Brahmins of Katyayana gotra who live in Bhagipur, etc. villages of district Allahabad, pargana Mirzapur Chauhari. For example:

25. Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra from Bhagipur is related to the household of Rajasaheb Shri Raghavendra Narayan Singh of Varaon village, Arail pargana.

26. And Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's nephew Ramanandsingh Mishra's niece is married in the household of Bhumihar Brahmin Shri Adityanarayan Singh from Sirsa Ramnagar in Prayag and who is a Vatsa gotra, Mishra of Gana.

27. Similarly from Charwa, etc. villages, Ramsharan Singh and the like's marital relations with Bhumihar Brahmins has already been shown. From the same Charwa village in the household of Ramnath Singh and Kashi Prasanna Singh's household the above mentioned Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's son is married.

28. Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's younger brother is married in the household of Ambika Prasad Singh Tiwari from Chaura, who is from Dumtikar, belonging to Bharadwaj gotra. People from Chaura have already been proven to be martially related to Bhumihar Brahmins. Now the same Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's marital relations with Kanyakubja Brahmins and Saryupareen Brahmins are as follows:

29. Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's daughter is married in the household of Ramlal Mishra who is a Vashisht gotra of Marjani, Saryupareen Brahmin, from village Anjana in district Faizabad.

**30.** Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's sister is married in the household of Kashi Nath Mishra who is a Gautam gotra Saryupareen Brahmin from village Bhakra in district Pratapgarh.

**31.** Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's second sister is married to Huberaj Dube/Dubey in the household of Raj Kishore Dube, of Sarar, Bharadwaj gotra, Saryupareen Brahmin from village Pahitayapur, district Jaunpur.

**32.** Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra's third sister is married in the household of Prayag Mishra, of Mau, Kashyap gotra, Saryupareen Brahmin from village Chema Saraiya, district Pratapgarh.

In addition to Bhagipur, the Mishras of Badarka live in the following villages:

- (1) Village Hussainpur, district Pratapgarh (Durgaprasad Singh)
- (2) Dhinapur, district Prayag, (Matadayal Singh)
- (3) Village Vardaha, district Pratapgarh (Shitaldin Singh)
- (4) Village Kesruwa (Surya Singh).
- (5) The Mishras of Badarka also live in Garhchampa, Bhanpur, Singhi and Mahammadpur villages.

Ramsukh Singh of village Kesruwa; Janki Singh of Vardaha; and Shiv Shankar Singh of Ismailpur have the following marital relationships:

**33.** Shriyut Ramsukh Singh's daughter is married in the household of Shitaldin Mishra of Mau, Kashyap gotra from village Chemar Saraiya, district Pratapgarh.

**34.** Janki Singh's daughter is married in the household of Janki Mishra, of Mau, Kashyap gotra, from village Domipur, district Pratapgarh.

**35.** Shiv Shankar Singh's daughter is married in the household of Shiv Mangal Mishra of Mau, from village Saruwa, district Pratapgarh.

**36.** Pandit Vindeshwari Bakshsingh Mishra of Bhagipur's daughter is married in the household of Devakinandan Upadhyay, of Khoriya, Bharadwaj gotra, Saryupareen Brahmin from Shekhpur village, district Pratapgarh.

**37.** Gautam (Bhumihar Brahmins) Gurai Singh, Ram Manorath Singh, etc. from Odhi etc. villages, district Mirzapur's daughters are married in the household of Pathaks from Tiliya Pati village in Rewa and one Pathak from this village has been taken in adoption in Odhi.

**38.** Brijlal Pandey, of Nagchauri, village Mardapur, pargana Chayal, district Prayag's sister is married to Matadayal Singh, Sarai Ragho, pargana Nawabganj, district Prayag. Pandit Brijlal Pandey is till now the purohit (officiating priest) of eight-ten villages (which means he would be enjoying jajmani ties/ties of prestations).

**39.** Pandit Indranarayan Dwivedi, Secretary, Kisan Sabha's nephew is married in the household of Kusumi Tiwaris of Virauncha. Hisdaughter's maternal grandparent's household is in Kakoda.

40. Pandit Balraj Sahay Upadhyay, lawyer's (Pratapgarh) nephew is married to the daughter of Bhairo Prasad Singh, Kalyanpur, Suram, from Prayag and Pandit Balraj Sahay Upadhyay's son is married in the household of Gayaprasad Pandey, from Mirzapur.

