

prāptakālañña and *dirghasūtra*) 12. 135, 3, 2.

[See Śakula]

Dirghasūtra adj. : 'One who procrastinates'.

One of the three fishes of the Śakula type is so characterized (the other two being *prāptakālañña* and *dirghadartīn*) 12. 135, 3, 2.

[See Śakula]

Durmukha m. : A mythical serpent.

Foremost among the serpents (*nāga-śreṣṭha*); one of those who received the white snake issuing from the mouth of Balarāma and entering the ocean 16. 5, 15, 12.

Daityadvīpa m. : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99, 11, 1.

Born in the *kula* of Vainateya (Garuḍa), in the *vanśa* of Kaśyapa; feeding on serpents; marked with *śrīvatsa*, his deity is Viṣṇu; by action a Kṣatriya not obtaining Brahminhood because indulging in destroying kinsmen 5. 99, 2-8.

Drāṅga m. : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Takṣaka, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52, 8, 7, 1.

Droṇa m. : A *Śārṅgaka* bird.

A. Birth : Fourth son of the sage Mandapāla (turned a *Śārṅgaka* bird) and *Śārṅgikā* Jaritā 1. 221, 9; 1. 220, 16, 17; abandoned by the father when he and his brothers were still in the eggs (1. 220, 17), but not abandoned by their mother 1. 220, 19.

B. Learning and Status : Mandapāla expected his son Droṇa to become an excellent knower of *brahman* (*brahmavid uttamah*) 1. 221, 9; 1. 225, 3; he became a seer (*rṣi*) 1. 220, 19; Agni knew him as such and

recognized what Droṇa said in praise of him as *brahman* 1. 223, 21; 1. 225, 3; Agni addressed him as *vibhu* and *brahman* 1. 223, 23. C. Khāṇḍava fire : Mandapāla had already secured from god Agni assurance regarding safety of his children; this was not known to them 1. 220, 21, 31, 32; when the forest was on fire Droṇa and his brothers were abandoned by their mother when they did not act on her advice and enter a hole to save themselves from fire 1. 223, 10, 16; Droṇa noticed the advancing fire 1. 223, 5; all the *Śārṅgaka* brothers started praising Agni; when his turn came Droṇa praised god Fire and requested him to move away and not touch them as he would not touch the houses in the ocean (? *sāgarasya gṛhān iva*) 1. 223, 16-19 (Nīla. *nadīpravāhān va anabhibhāvyaṅ svābhībhāvakāmś ca* on 1. 232, 19 Bom. Ed.); Agni informed Droṇa that Mandapāla had already interceded on their behalf and further that he was highly pleased with Droṇa's praise; Agni asked Droṇa what he could do for all of them; Droṇa requested him to finish the cats and their relatives who posed a constant threat to their existence 1. 223, 22-24; when the fire subsided, Jaritā returned to her sons and was happy to see them safe 1. 224, 17-19; Mandapāla, too, remembered his sons and returned to them 1. 224, 6, 14, 20; Droṇa and his brothers neither greeted him nor answered his questions 1. 224, 20-22; but in the end all were reconciled 1. 224, 32; 1. 225, 1-4.

Dvidida m. : A monkey-chief.

One of the four councillors of Sugrīva 3. 264, 23; according to Tārā, wife of Vālin, they were all noble-minded (*mahātmān*), intelligent (*buddhimant*), and very strong (*mahābala*) 3. 264, 24; one of the guardians