

of the army of monkeys of Rāma when it marched towards the southern ocean 3. 267. 19; he, with other monkey-chiefs, kept watch over the bodies of Rāma and Lakṣmaṇa lying on the ground bound by the arrows of Indrajit 3. 273. 4; he, with others, applied water, sent by Kubera, to eyes so that they could see beings which had made themselves invisible 3. 273. 10-13; (in all the above references Dvīvida is mentioned in the company of Mainda); Vidura informed Duryodhana that the monkey-chief (*vānarendra*) Dvīvida hurled a shower of stones on Kṛṣṇa at the gate of Saubha and tried to arrest him with valiant efforts, but did not succeed 5. 128. 41-42.

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

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

**Dhanamjaya m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 9, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; also listed by Sūta among the sons of Kadrū 1. 31. 5, 2; he, among others, waits upon Varuṇa in his *sabhā* without feeling fatigue; marked with banner (*patākā*) and circular spots (*maṇḍalin*), hooded (*phaṇavant*) 2. 9. 9, 10, 11.

**Dhāraṇa m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 15, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7.

**Dhūrtaka m.** : A mythical serpent.

Born in the *kula* of Kauravya, listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 12, 1.

**Dhṛtarāṣṭra m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 15, 1.

**A. Birth and Family** : Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; also listed by Sūta among the sons of Kadrū 1. 31. 13, 2; serpents born in his *kula* listed by Sūta among those offered in the snake sacrifice of Janamejaya 1. 52. 13-17. **B. Description** : Marked with jewel, *svastika*, circles and *kamaṇḍalu*; having many heads and huge shape like a mountain 5. 101. 5-7. **C. Eminence** : Called high-souled (*mahātman* 16. 5. 14); considered as the foremost among the snakes (*dhṛtarāṣṭraś ca nāgānām (varaḥ)* 4. 2. 14); Uttanka while praising the *nāgas* mentioned that when Dhṛtarāṣṭra went out two thousand eight hundred and eight snakes moved as his attendants (?) (*śatāny aśītir aṣṭau ca sahasrāṇi ca vimśatiḥ sarpāṇām pragrahā yānti dhṛtarāṣṭro yad ejati*) 1. 3. 142. **D. Functions and Part in the myths** : One of the snakes who wait on Varuṇa in his *sabhā* 2. 9. 9; he, along with other serpents, received the white snake issuing from the mouth of Balarāma and entering the ocean 16. 5. 14, 12; when gods prepared Śiva's chariot for his fight against the *tripuras* they made its strong pole (*iṣā*) with ten lordly elephants chief of whom was Dhṛtarāṣṭra 8. 24. 72.

**Dhṛtarāṣṭrī f.** : A mythical female swan (?).

Daughter of Tāmrā, shining (*bhāminī*), she gave birth to swans (*haṁsas*), *kala-haṁsas*, and *cakravāka* birds 1. 60. 54, 56.

**Dhvajaviṣkambha m.** : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 10, 1.