

annihilate the army of the Pāṇḍavas within a month. (M. B. Udyoga Parva, Chapter 193, Stanza 18).

8) Why Droṇa, whose leaning was towards the Pāṇḍavas, took the side of the Kauravas in the battle of Bhārata. At heart Droṇa was on the side of the Pāṇḍavas. But he fought against them, taking the side of the Kauravas. Even at that time he ardently wished the Pāṇḍavas to win the battle. What is the reason for it? An answer to this question is found in Mahābhārata, Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 43.

The battle was about to begin. Dharmaputra went to Droṇa and bowed before him and requested to bless him so that he might win the battle against the Kauravas. Droṇa said, "It is good on your part to have come and seen me before the battle is begun. If you had not seen me I would have cursed you to lose the battle. But today I am honoured since you have come. You fight the battle. Victory is yours. But I have to stand with the Kauravas, and there is a reason for it. Man is a slave of money and money is not the slave of Man. The Kauravas have tied me with money'. Śrī Kṛṣṇa will be on the side of the righteous. Where Śrī Kṛṣṇa is, there will be victory. But so long as I fight it is difficult for you to win. So try to kill me at the beginning of the battle. You need not feel sorry for killing your teacher. Because when I shower arrows and fight vehemently I won't look to see which enemy has struck me down. Enemies could kill me only when I am lying on darbha grass leaving fighting in disappointment. I will put down my weapons in battle only when I hear words which I dislike to hear."

After having revealed these secrets of his own he sent Yudhiṣṭhira back. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 43).

9) Droṇa in the battle of Bhārata. (1) On the first day of the battle Droṇa fought in a combat with Dhṛṣṭadyumna, who was defeated. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 77, Stanza 69).

(2) Droṇa killed Śaṅkha the son of King Virāṭa. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 82, Stanza 23).

(3) Droṇa became unconscious by the clubbing of Bhīmasena. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 94, Stanza 19).

(4) Droṇa fought with Arjuna. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 102, Stanza 6).

(5) Droṇa defeated Drupada. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 104, Stanza 24).

(6) There was a fight between Droṇa and Yudhiṣṭhira (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 110, Stanza 17).

(7) Droṇa combated with Dhṛṣṭadyumna. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 116, Stanza 45).

(8) He became the commander-in-general after the fall of Bhīṣma. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 7, Stanza 5).

(9) He gave Duryodhana a boon to catch Yudhiṣṭhira alive. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 12, Stanza 20).

(10) He killed Yugandhara. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 16, Stanza 31).

(11) Vyāghradatta and Simhasena were killed by Droṇa. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter, 16, Stanza 37).

(12) In the fight which followed Arjuna and his army were driven back by Droṇa. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 16, Stanza 50).

(13) Droṇa advised Duryodhana to try to get Arjuna away from the battlefield. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 17, Stanza 3).

(14) He killed Baka. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 21, Stanza 16).

(15) He killed Sātyaki. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 21, Stanza 21).

(16) He killed Śatānika. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 21 Stanza 28).

(17) Dṛḍhasena was killed by Droṇa. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 21, Stanza 52).

(18) Droṇa killed Kṣema. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 21, Stanza 53).

(19) He killed Vasudāna and Kṣatradeva. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 21, Stanzas 55, 56).

(20) He fought again with Dhṛṣṭadyumna. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 31, Stanza 8).

(21) He annihilated the army of the Pāṇḍavas. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 32, Stanza 42).

(22) He made a Cakravyūha. (Strategical formation of the army in the shape of a wheel). (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 34, Stanza 13).

(23) He broke the sword of Abhimanyu (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 48, Stanza 37).

(24) By forming cakrāśakaṭavyūha he saved Jayadratha. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 87, Stanza 22).

(25) He fought with Arjuna again. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 91, Stanza 11).

(26) He put the divine armour on Duryodhana. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 94, Stanza 39).

(27) A fierce fight ensued between Droṇa and Dhṛṣṭadyumna. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapters 95 to 97).

(28) He wounded Sātyaki. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 11).

(29) Sātyaki defeated Droṇa. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 117, Stanza 30).

(30) Droṇa scolded Duśśāsana who ran away defeated by Sātyaki. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 122).

(31) He killed Viraketu. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 122, Stanza 41).

(32) He killed Citraketu, Sudhanvā, Citravarmā and Citraratha. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 122, stanza 43).

(33) He fell unconscious, hit by Dhṛṣṭadyumna. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 122, Stanza 56).

(34) He defeated Dhṛṣṭadyumna. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 122, Stanza 71).

(35) He killed Bṛhatkṣatra. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 125, Stanza 22).

(36) He killed Dhṛṣṭaketu for his son. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 125, Stanza 39).

(37) Sahadeva, the son of Jarāsandha, was killed by Droṇa. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 125, Stanza 45).

(38) He killed Kṣatradharmā the son of Dhṛṣṭadyumna. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 125, Stanza 66).

(39) Bhīmasena defeated Droṇa. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 127, Stanza 53).

(40) Bhīmasena threw away the chariot with Droṇa in it eight times. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 128, Stanza 13).

1. "Man is slave to wealth, wealth is slave to none. This is true oh King. The Kauravas have bound me with wealth. I am telling you this without shame. You only require battle. I will fight for the Kauravas and wish for your victory,"