

wandered about in search of disciples who were capable of confronting with Drupada. At last he came to Hastināpura and became the teacher of the Pāṇḍavas and the Kauravas. (M.B. Ādi Parva, Chapter 130).

4) *The revenge of Droṇa.* Droṇa told Bhīṣma about his dealings with Drupada. Bhīṣma consoled Droṇa. Before the commencement of the training in archery, Droṇa told his disciples : "When your training in archery is completed you will have to do a favour to your teacher". All stood agape. But Arjuna came forward and said: "I will do". Droṇa embraced Arjuna. The training commenced. The Andhakas, Vṛṣṇis and others joined his school of archery.

The training in archery came to an end. Droṇa called his disciples and told them that Drupada should be tied with a rope and placed before him. When they heard the words of the teacher, Duryodhana, Karṇa, Yu-yutsu, Duśāsana, Vikarṇa, Jarāsandha and Sulocana led the Kauravas to Pāñcāla. Arjuna knew that the Kauravas would not be able to defeat Drupada. He told the teacher that when the Kauravas returned without achieving the task, he himself would go and bring Drupada. After a terrible battle the Kauravas were defeated by the Pāñcālas. After that Arjuna confronted Drupada. Nakula and Sahadeva stood as guards of the wheels. Bhīmasena with his club stood in front of the army. Arjuna drove the chariot right in the midst of the Pāñcāla army. Bhīma took his club and a terrible battle ensued. Arjuna shattered the Pāñcāla army, bound Drupada and took him to Droṇa. The teacher looked at Drupada and reproached him with scornful word: "I have destroyed your country. Now you are at my mercy. Is not the former friendship a friendship?" Drupada requested that they should be friends in future. Accordingly Drupada was set free. The country of Pāñcāla was divided into two, and giving Uttara Pāñcāla to Drupada, Droṇa took Dakṣiṇa Pāñcāla. Thus because of the revenge of Droṇa, Drupada lost half of his kingdom. (M.B. Ādi Parva, Chapter 137).

5) *Birth of Children.* Though Droṇa and Drupada were on friendly terms Drupada did not forget the defeat he had incurred at the hands of Droṇa. So, Drupada desired to have a son who would become powerful enough to take revenge on Droṇa. He began to think of ways and means. He consulted several learned Brahmins. At that time two hermit brothers yāja and Upayāja lived on the bank of the Ganges. The King approached them and requested their help to obtain a son, who would kill Droṇa, and promised to give them cows and other precious things in return. At first they refused to help him. The King served Upayāja for a year, and pleased him. He sent the King to the hermitage of Yāja. They accepted the request of the King. Both the hermits performed a sacrifice for Drupada. A boy and a girl arose from the sacrificial fire. The boy was named Dhṛṣṭadyumna and the girl was named Kṛṣṇā (Pāñcālī). There was a celestial voice that the boy would kill Droṇa when he grew up. (M.B. Ādi parva, Chapter 167).

6) *The marriage of Pāñcālī.* Pāñcālī grew up. Drupada desired to give her in marriage to Arjuna. But at that time the lac-house caught fire and the Pāṇḍavas disappeared. Drupada set certain tests in the Svayamvara of Pāñcālī with a view to ascertain if Arjuna was alive.

The Pāṇḍavas came to the svayamvara and Drupada found out Arjuna. But Drupada did not like the idea of his daughter becoming the wife of more than one husband. Then Vyāsa appeared there and informed Drupada of the previous births of the Pāṇḍavas and Pāñcālī. Drupada was much pleased and he gave the Pāṇḍavas a good deal of wealth and sent Pāñcālī with them. (M.B. Ādi Parva, Chapter 196).

7) *Other details* (1) Drupada was present at the marriage of Abhimanyu, celebrated at the city of Upaplavya (M.B. Virāṭa Parva, Chapter 72, Stanza 17).

(2) Drupada gave the Pāṇḍavas an akṣauhīnī, (division 21870 elephants, 21870 chariots, 65610 horses, 109350 footmen) of army for the battle of Bhārata. (M.B. Udyoga Parva, Chapter 57).

(3) At the battle of Bhārata, Drupada was anointed as one of the seven commanders on the side of the Pāṇḍavas. (M.B. Udyoga Parva, Chapter 157, Stanza 11).

(4) Drupada fought with Jayadratha on the first day of the battle of Kurukṣetra. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 45, Stanza 55).

(5) Drupada was defeated in a combat with Droṇa the teacher. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 7, Stanza 48).

(6) Drupada combated with Aśvatthāmā. (M.B. Bhīṣma Parva, Chapter 110, Stanza 16).

(7) He fought with Bhagadatta. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 14, Stanza 40).

(8) He fought with Bālhika. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 25, Stanza 18).

(9) He was defeated by Pṛṣata. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 138, Stanza 24).

(10) Droṇa the teacher killed Drupada. (M.B. Droṇa Parva, Chapter 186, Stanza 43).

(11) The Pāṇḍavas gave offerings to the manes for Drupada. (M.B. Śānti Parva, Chapter 42, Stanza 5).

(12) Vyāsa evoked the spirits of the dead to the surface of the Ganges, after the Battle of Bhārata came to an end. Drupada also was there among the spirits which appeared on the Ganges. (M.B. Āśramavāsika Parva, Chapter 32, Stanza 8).

(13) After death Drupada entered heaven and was absorbed in Viśvadevas. (M.B. Svargārohaṇa Parva, Chapter 5, Stanza 15).

(14) It is stated in Mahābhārata, Ādi Parva, Chapter 67, Stanza 68, that Drupada was born from a portion of the Marudgaṇas.

8) *Synonyms of Drupada.* Pāñcāla, Pāñcālya, Pāñcālārāja, Pārṣata, Pṛṣatātmaja, Saumaki, Yajñasena, Drupada are his synonyms.

DRUMA I. A King in ancient Bhārata. Mention is made about him in Mahābhārata, Ādi Parva, Chapter 1, Stanza 233.

DRUMA II. In Mahābhārata, Chapter 67, Stanza 8, King Druma, who was the rebirth of the asura Śibi, is mentioned.

DRUMA III. The leader of the Kinnaras (heavenly musicians). M.B. Sabhā Parva, Chapter 10, Stanza 29). He sits in the Durbar of Kubera (God of wealth) and sings. He was the teacher of Rukmin, the son of Bhīṣmaka and he gave a bow to his pupil Rukmin. (Mahābhārata, Udyoga Parva, Chapter 158.)

DRUMASENA I. A Kṣatriya King. He was born from a portion of an Asura called Garviṣṭha. (M.B. Ādi Parva, Chapter 66, Stanza 55). He stood as guard of