(v) After death he got absorbed in the Viśvadevas. (Svargārohaņa Parva, Chapter 5, Verse 17).

SANKHA IV. A maharsi, who was the elder brother of Likhitamaharşi. Likhita once punished Sankha for plucking fruits from his garden without his permission. For details see under Likhita).

SANKHA V. A Kekaya prince. He and his four brothers were mahārathas on the side of the Pāndavas.

(Udyoga Parva, Chapter 171, Verse 15).

ŚANKHĀ VI. The asura called Hayagrīva. (See under

Hayagrīva).

SANKHACŪDA I. An Asura. Sudāmā became this asura as the result of a eurse. (For details see under

Tulasī, Para 5).

SANKHACŪDA II. A slave of Kubera. While Kṛṣṇa and Balabhadra were enjoying pleasures with naked Gopastrīs at Vrndāvana Śankhacūda, attracted by the Gopī women, went there. He abducted the women and in the fight that ensued was killed by Kṛṣṇa, who gave to Balabhadra the precious stone taken from his (Sankhaeūḍa's) head. (Bhāgavata, 10th Skandha).

ŚANKHALIKĀ. A female attendant of Subrahmanya.

Śalya Parva, Chapter 46, Verse 15).

ŚANKHAMEKHALA. A maharsi. Once he went to the āśrama of sage Sthūlakeśa to see Pramadvarā who was lying there, bitten by a snake. (M.B. Adi Parva, Chapter 8, Verse 24).

ŚANKHANAKHA. A nāga that lives in the court of Varuna worshipping the latter. (Sabhā Parva, Southern

text, Chapter 9).

SANKHAPADA. Son of Svārocisa Manu, who once taught him Sātvatadharma and Samkhapada imparted the dharma to his son Suvarņābha. (Šānti Parva, Chapter 348, Verse 37)

ŚANKHAPARVATA (MOUNTAIN). A mountain near Mount Meru. (See under Kuranga Parvata).

ŚANKHAPINDA. A nāga born to Kasyapaprajāpati of Kadrū. (M.B. Ādi Parva, Chapter 35, Verse 23).

ŚANKHAŚIRAS (ŚANKHAŚĪRSA). A nāga born to Kaśyapaprajāpati of Kadrū. (Ādi Parva, Chapter 35, Verse 12).

ŚANKHAŚRAVAS. A female attendant of Subrahmanya.

(Salya Parva, Chapter 46, Verse 26).

SANKHATIRTHA. A sacred place on the banks of the

river Sarasvatī. (Śalya Parva, Chapter 371.

SĀNKHYĀYANA. An ācārya (preceptor) who was a prominent disciple of Sanatkumāra, Brhaspati being prominent disciple. (Bhāgavata, another equally Skandha 8)

SĀNKHYAYOGAŚĀSTRA. See under Kapila.

ŚANKHINI I. A sacred spot at Kuruksetra. A bath in the Devitirtha there will add to one's beauty. (Vana Parva, Chapter 83, Verse 51).

ŚANKHINI II. Wife of Mahāśankha, a crocodile.

(For details see under Mahāśankha).

SANKOCA. One of the Rākṣasas, who, in ancient days ruled the earth and ultimately died. The story of Sankoca was told by Bhisma to Yudhisthira to prove the truth that even the greatest and most powerful has, one day or other, to quit life and die. Among such great ones are included Prthu, Aila, Maya, Bhauma, Naraka, Śambara, Hayagrīva, Pulomā, Svarbhānu, Prahlāda Namuci, Dakṣa, Vipracitti, Virocana, Suhotra, Vṛṣa, Vṛṣabha, Kapilāśva, Virūpa, Bāṇa, Kārtasvara, and Viśvadamstra. Though all of them

were once emperors they had to give room to the next generation. Bhīsma, on his bed of arrows, was thus describing the transience of life. (Santi Parva, Chapter

SĀNKŖTI I. A King, who lives in the court of Yama worshipping him. (Sabhā Parva, Chapter 8, Verse 10).

SANKRTI II. A muni born in the Atri dynasty. After giving his disciples lessons on impersonal (attributeless) God he went and lived in Devaloka. (Mahābhārata, Santi Parva, Chapter 234, Verse 22).

Santi Parva, Chapter 234, Verse 22).

Sambara, Sakuni,

ŚANKU I. A son of Hiranyākṣa. Dvimūrdhā, Šanku and Ārya were the sons of Hiraņyā-

ksa. (Agni Purāņa, Chapter 19).

ŚANKU II. A Yādava King who was present at the wedding of Draupadi. (Adi Parva, Chapter 185, Verse 19).

He was a member of the company of Yādavas, who earried Subhadra's dowry at her wedding with Arjuna. He was a mahārathī also. (Sabhā Parva, Chapter 14

and Ādi Parva, Chapter 220).

ŚANKUKARNA I. A muni, who lived at the sacred Kapardīśvara tīrtha in Vārāņasī. There lived a brahmin in the temple there performing tapas. One day a lean and bony ghost, hungry and panting came to the brahmin. To the brahmin's question the ghost replied thus; "In my previous life I was a rich brahmin. I looked after my family well, but did not worship Devas, guests or cows. Nor did I do any pious deed. But, one day I happened to worship Lord Viśvanātha and touch his idol. Within a short period after that I died. You will please tell me the means, if any, for me to attain heaven."

Sankukarna answered the ghost as follows:—"There lives no man on earth, who is more fortunate than your good self, who could touch and prostrate before Lord Viśvanātha. That good fortune has led you to me. You bathe in this holy tirtha and you will lose your ghosthood. The ghost, accordingly dived in the water and immediately rose up to heaven. (Padma Purāņa, Ādi

Khaṇḍa, Chapter 34).

SANKUKARNA II. A nāga born in the Dhṛtarāṣṭra dynasty. It was burnt to death at the serpent yajña conducted by Janamejaya. (Adi Parva, Chapter 57, Verse 15).

SANKUKARNA III. An attendant of Siva. He lives in the court of Kubera. (Sabhā Parva, Chapter 10, Verse

ŚANKUKARŅA IV. One of the two attendants presented by Pārvatī to Subrahmaņya, the other being Puspadanta. (Śalya Parva, Chapter 45, Verse 51).

ŚANKUKARNA V. A warrior of Subrahmanya.

(Salya Parva, Chapter 45, Verse 56).

SANKUKARNEŠVARA. A mūrti (aspect) of Šiva whose worship is ten times more productive of good than the asvamedha Yajña. (Vana Parva, Chapter 82, Verse 70).

SANKUROMĀ. A nāga with thousand heads, one of the sons of Kasyapa by Kadrū. (Matsya Purāņa

Chapter 6, Verse 4).

SANNATEYU. A son born to Raudrāsva, the third son of emperor Puru, by Miśrake i, the apsarā woman. He, a great archer, had nine sons called Reeyu, Vaneyu, Jaleyu, Pakseyu, Krpaneyu, Sthandileyu, Tejeyu, Satyeyu and Dharmeyu. (Adi Parva, Chapter 94, Verse