- MITRADHARMĀ. Son of the Agni called Pāñcajanya, (Śloka 12, Chapter 220, Vana Parva).
- MITRAGHNA. A demon who fought on the side of Rāvaņa in the Rāma-Rāvaņa battle. Śrī Rāma killed this demon. (Chapter 34, Verse 27, Yuddha Kanda, Vālmīki Rāmāyaņa).
- MITRAIÑA. Son of the Agni named Pāñcajanya. He was one of the five Devavinayakas. (Sloka 12, Chapter 220, Vana Parva).
- MITRASAKHA (MITRASAHA). A King of the Solar dynasty. He was known as Kalmāşapāda also. (Sec under Kalmāsapāda).
- MITRASENA. A King who fought on the side of the Kauravas in the great battle. Arjuna killed him. (Śloka 20, Chapter 19, Karna Parva).
- MITRAVĀN I. Son of the Agni named Pāñcajanva. He was one of the Pancadevavinayakas. (Śloka 12, Chapter 220, Vana Parva).
- MITRAVĀN II. An ascetic who lived in the city of Saupura. He acquired complete peace of mind by reading the second Chapter of the Gītā sitting in a Siva temple. Once a brahmin of name Devasarma approached a sage named Muktakarmā seeking advice to obtain peace of mind. The latter directed Devasarmā to Mitravan and Mitravan advised him to read the second Chapter of the Gītā. (Padma Purāna, Uttara Khanda, 176).

MITRAVARDHANA. Son of the Agni called Pāñcajanya. He was one of the Pañcadevavināyakas. (Śloka 12, Chapter 220, Vana Parva).

MITRAVARMAN, Brother of Susarma, King of Trigarta. Arjuna killed him in the great battle. (Sloka 3,

Chapter 27, Karna Parva).

MITRĀVARUŅA(S). The combined name of two of the Dvādaśādityas (twelve Sūryas) Mitra and Varuņa. These two are always seen together. Agastya and Vasistha were born as sons of Mitravaruna. It was due to a curse by Mitrāvarunas that Urvasī had to marry King Pururavas, a man of the earth. Manu had no children and he performed a yaga to placate Mitravarunas. But since there were many faults in the ceremony a girl was born to him. (For details see under Ilā, Nimi, Urvaśī, Vasistha and Mitra).

MITRAVINDA. A deva. The havis (clarified butter which is put in the Agni called Rathantara is intended for this deva. (Śloka 19, Chapter 220, Vana Parva).

MITRAVINDA. Daughter of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's father's sister. Mitravindā's mother's name was Rājādhidevī. Rājādhidevi, queen of Avanti, got three children named Vinda, Anuvinda and Mitravinda. In the Svayamvara Mitravindā chose Kṛṣṇa as her husband. Vinda and Anuvinda did not like it and joining the Kaurava side fought against Kṛṣṇa. But Kṛṣṇa defeated them all and took Mitravindā to Dvārakā. (10th Skandha, Bhāga-

MITREYU. A King of the Lunar dynasty. He was the

son of Divodāsa and father of Cyavana.

MLECCHA. A tribe of people of ancient India. This tribe was born from the tail of the celestial cow Nandini, kept by Vasistha for sacrificial purposes when there was a fight between Viśvāmitra and Vasistha. Mahābhārata gives the following information regarding them.

(1) The mlecchas who sprang up from the tail of the celestial cow Nandinī sent the army of Visvāmitra flying in terror. (Śloka 38, Chapter 174, Adi Parva).

- (2) Bhimasena defeated the mleechas living in the coastal regions and took from them several valuable diamonds as tax. (Sloka 25, Chapter 30, Sabhā Parva).
- (3) The mlecchas living in the coastal area were once defeated by Sahadeva, one of the Pāṇḍavas. (Śloka 66, Chapter 31, Sabhā Parva).

(4) Nakula also once defeated the mlecchas. (Śloka 16,

Chapter 32, Sabhā Parva).

(5) Bhagadatta was the King of the mlecchas. (Sloka 14, Chapter 51, Sabhā Parva).

(6) Bhagadatta accompanied by the mlecchas living on the coasts attended the Rajasuva of Yudhisthira. (Śloka 14, Chapter 51, Sabhā Parva).

(7) Different tribes of mlecchas will be born on earth at the beginning of the era of Pralaya. (Śloka 34,

Chapter 188, Vana Parva).

(8) Kalkī, the incarnation of Visnu, will destroy the mlecchas who are found everywhere in the world. (Śloka 97 Chapter 190, Vana Parva).

(9) Karna during his world campaign conquered many mleccha countries. (Śloka 19, Chapter 254, Vana Parva).

place of habitation in Bhārata is called (10) A Mleccha. (Śloka 57, Chapter 9. Bhīşma Parva).

(11) Anga, a mleccha warrior was killed in the battle by Bhimasena. (Śloka 17, Chapter 26, Drona Parva).

(12) Once the mlecchas attacked Arjuna with arrows. Arjuna killed the hairy soldiers. (Śloka 43, Chapter 93, Drona Parva).

(13) Sātyaki killed many mleccha soldiers in the great war. (Śloka 43, Chapter 119, Drona Parva).

(14) Nakula killed Anga, a mleccha King. (Śloka 18, Chapter 22, Karna Parva),

(15) Arjuna had to face a great army of mlecchas to protect the Yāgāśva. (Śloka 23, Chapter 73, Aśvamedha Parva).

(16) The wealth that remained in the Yāgaśālā of Yudhisthira after the distribution as gifts to brahmins was taken away by the mlecchas. (Śloka 26, Chapter 89, Aśvamedha Parva).

(17) The mlecchas drove angered elephants on to the army of the Pandavas. (Śloka 10, Chapter 22, Karna Parva).

MODA I. A demon who was a companion of Hiranyākṣa. In the Devāsura battle Vāyu killed him.

MODA II. A serpent born of the clan of Airāvata. This serpent was burnt to death in the sarpasatra of Janamejaya. (Śloka 10, Chapter 52, Āṣramavāsika Parva).

MODĀGIRI. A country of ancient Bhārata. The King of this country was killed by Bhīmasena. (Śloka 31, Chapter 30, Sabhā Parva).

MODĀKĪ. A vast area of land in Śākadvīpa near the mountain Kesara. (Śloka 26, Chapter II, Bhīsma Parva).

MODĀPURA A country of ancient Bhārata. Arjuna defeated the King of this country once. (Śloka 11, Chapter 27, Sabhā parva).

MOHA. A son born of the lustre of Brahmā. (3rd Skandha, Bhāgavata).

MOHAKA. Son of Suratha, a devotee of Śrī Rāma. When Suratha blocked the Asvamedha horse of Śrī Rāma, a fight ensued in which Mohaka also took part (Padma Purāṇa, Pātāla Khaṇḍa).