

*madartham adya saṁyattā duryodhana-vaśānugāḥ || etān bhittvā śarai rājan kirātān ... anuyāsyāmi pāṇḍavam ||* ) 7. 87. 27-29, 31-32; Sātyaki was expecting to meet the Kirātas who desired the benefit of Duryodhana (*kirātaiś ca sameśyāmi ... duryodhanahitaiṣibhiḥ*) 7. 87. 49; Sātyaki killed thousands of them and made the ground impassable due to the mud of flesh and blood (*sahasraś tu ... kirātānām ... agamya rūpām prthivīm māṁsaṣoṇitakardamām*) 7. 95. 38-39; (12) On the seventeenth day of the war, Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna that the Kirātas and others who had joined the Kauravas could not be defeated by any one except him (*kirātāś ca ... | ete suyodhanasyārthe saṁrabdhāḥ kurubhiḥ saha | na śakyā yudhi nirjetuṁ tvadanyena paramtapa ||*) 8. 51. 19-20; (13) Kirātas mentioned among those who were formerly vanquished in the great war and whom Arjuna encountered again when he accompanied the Aśvamedha horse (*kirātā ... pūrvam vinikṛtā raṇe | ... samīyuh pāṇḍu-putrena*) 14. 72. 24-25; the Aśvamedha horse first reached the city of the Cedis; from there it went to the Kirāta country (*āsasāda purīm ramyām cedīnām ... tatrārcito yayau rājāns tadā sa turagottamaḥ | ... kirātān*) 14. 84. 2, 4.

**Kikaṭa m. (pl.) :** Name of a people.

Karṇa related to Saṁjaya what a Brāhmaṇa had told the assembly of the Kurus (8. 30. 41) regarding the Kikaṭas; he had said that the Kikaṭas were followers of bad religion and one should avoid them (*kikaṭāṣṭavīn | ... durdharmāṁś ca vivarjayet*) 8. 30. 45.

**Kīcaka m. (pl.) :** Name of a country and its people.

Epic events : (1) Young Pāṇḍavas and Kuntī, in their wanderings after their escape from the lac house, passed through many countries one of them being the Kīcakas (*te ... vīrā ... yayū ... | ... kīcakān antareṇa ca*) 1. 144. 1-2; (2) Dhṛtarāṣṭra, while recounting past exploits of Karṇa, mentioned that he had defeated the Kīcakas and made them pay tribute (*vaṅgakīcakān | ... yo jītvā samare vīraś cakre balibhṛtaḥ purā*) 8. 5. 19-20.

**Kukura<sup>1</sup> m. (pl.) :** Name of a people.

**A. Description :** Strong (*balin*) 2. 17.

**B. Characteristic :** Nārada mentioned them among those who were attached to Kṛṣṇa (*kukurā bhojāḥ ... tvayy āsaktā mahābāho*) 12. 82. 29. **C. History :** Since Jarāsandha was assisted by two counsellors Hamśa and Dībhaka (2. 17. 25), he was let alone by Kukuras and Andhakas out of consideration of policy (*evam eṣa tadā vīra balibhiḥ kukurāndhakaiḥ | ... nitihetor upekṣitaḥ* 2. 17. 27. **D. Epic events :** (1) Kṛṣṇa had assured Yudhiṣṭhira while he was in forest that the Daśārha heroes, as well as Kukuras and others, would carry out his orders and take positions in battle where he willed, in case Yudhiṣṭhira wanted to fight with Duryodhana (*daśārhayodhāḥ kukurāndhakāś ca | ete nideśam tava pālāyanti tiṣṭhanti yatrecchasi tatra rājan ||*) 3. 180. 31; (2) In the war they were on the side of Kauravas; Duryodhana mentions them among his army; on the second day of the war, he asked Droṇa, assisted by Kukuras and others, to protect Bhīṣma (*venikāḥ kukurās tathā | ... bhīṣmam evābhīrakṣantu*) 6. 47. 7, 9; (3) In the mutual killing in which the Yādavas indulged with the *erakā* grass, Kukuras and Andhakas