

Bhīravas—one of the 14 gaṇas of Apsarasas, born of Mr̥tyu.

Br. III. 7. 20.

Bhīru—a Yakṣa, son of Puṇyajani and Maṇibhadra.

Br. III. 7. 123.

Bhīṣaṇa (I)—a Vānara born of Pulaha.

Br. III. 7. 179.

Bhīṣaṇa (II)—a son of Hṛdika.

M. 44. 82.

Bhīṣaṇikā—a Goddess following Revati.

M. 179. 73.

Bhīṣma—son of Śantanu; Grandsire of the Pāṇḍavas and Gangā. The best of Bharatas, the foremost of the Vasus, and versed in dharma: Learned, self-controlled, and devoted to Hari. His prowess was praised even by Paraśu-rāma. Leader of a thousand legions, called Sahasrāṇi;¹ Informed by Uddhava of Balarāma's visit to Hastināpura: was invited for the Rājasūya of Yudhiṣṭhira;² went to Syamantapañcaka for the solar eclipse and there met Kṛṣṇa and the Vṛṣṇis. Left it for his home.³

Joined Duryodhana's army and was commander for ten days when he was mortally wounded; while on his death-bed he welcomed the sages and the royal guests, who visited him;⁴ told the Pāṇḍavas that they were safe under the guidance of Kṛṣṇa;⁵ Yudhiṣṭhira addressed B. lying on a bed of arrows on the various aspects of dharma and especially *mokṣa dharma*. The discourse was over when it was *uttarāyana*, B. cast off his mortal coil with his mind fixed on Kṛṣṇa Vāsudeva. His praise of Kṛṣṇa;⁶ was