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ಕಾರ್ತವೀರ್ಯಾರ್ಜುನೋ ನಾಮ ರಾಜಾ ಬಾಹುಸಹಸ್ರವಾನ್ .
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Note:-

(1) Srimad Bhagavatam says a few lines about Arjuna (he was the son of Kritavirya and hence called Kartaviryarjuna), in verses 23 to 27 in chapter 23, Book9. The verses and their rough translations are given here.

ಅರ್ಜುನಃ ಕೃತವೀರ್ಯಸ್ಯ ಸಪ್ತದ್ವೀಪೇಶ್ವರೋಽಭವತ್ .
ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯಾದ್ಧರೇರಂಶಾತ್ ಪ್ರಾಪ್ತಯೋಗಮಹಾಗುಣಃ ..
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 ಜಯದ್ವಜಃ ಶೂರಶೇನೋ ವ್ಯಾಷಭೋ ಮಧುರೂರ್ಜಿತಃ ..

Arjuna, the son of Kritavirya became the ruler of the entire world with its seven continents. From his guru Sri Dattatreya he attained a part manifestation of Sri Hari. He became an expert yogi and was blessed with the siddhis (mystic powers). No other king could be compared with Arjuna in valour, munificence, asceticism, wisdom and other virtues. He ruled for 85,000 years and enjoyed all the pleasures. His strength (of body, mind and senses) remained unimpaired. His very remembrance proves to be a security against loss of wealth. He had a thousand sons. All of them, except five, were killed by Parasurama. One of Arjuna's descendants was Yadu. Yadu's descendants were known as Yadavas.

(2):- Arjuna or Kartaviryarjuna, as he is popularly known, also finds a mention in the Uttara Kanda of Valmiki Ramayana. (chapters 31 - 33). Sage Agastya narrates the story of Ravana to Rama.

Ravana did severe penance and as a result got great powers from Brahma. He felt he was invincible. He could defeat anyone he came across with ease. He became puffed up with pride and was looking out for someone with whom he can have a good fight.


He went to the city of Mahishmati, the city on the banks of river Narmada, from where Arjuna ruled. Soon, he got into a severe fight with Arjuna. Ravana was hit on his chest by Arjuna and fell down crying. Arjuna trussed him up and imprisoned him. Sage Pulastya, the grand father of Ravana, heard of Ravana's defeat and subsequent imprisonment by Arjuna. He felt pity for Ravana's condition and came to Mahishmati and requested Arjuna to release Ravana. Arjuna immediately acceded to the request and released Ravana. Later both Arjuna and Ravana entered into an treaty of friendship. Another version of the stotram containing his twelve names is given below.

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These verses say that one who remembers the twelve names of the great Arjuna, son of Kritavirya, will be blessed with prosperity. He will draw (attract) people to him. He will not lose his wealth or property by theft etc., and will also get back the money that he had lost.

.. ಇತಿ ಕಾರ್ತವೀರ್ಯ ದ್ವಾದಶನಾಮ ಸ್ತೋತ್ರಂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಂ ..

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