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## Class Notes from Bhagvadgita Svadhyaya

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अपर्याप्तं तदस्माकं बलं भीष्माभिरक्षितम् ।

पर्याप्तं त्विदमेतेषां बलं भीष्माभिरक्षितम् ॥ 10॥

There are 11 words in this Shloka. Till now, Duryodhan had 'Sattva Ghuna' (purity) and was stating the facts right and was not demeaning anyone. He was telling everything honestly.

In this Shloka, Duryodhan's mood swings from 'Sattva Ghuna' (purity) to 'Rajas Ghuna' (Activity) and in pride he says that our strength is a lot and our Army is protected by Pitamah Bhishma. And, Pandavas strength is limited and not enough. Also, it is protected and led by Bheem.

The count of Kaurava army is 1.6 times more than Pandavas army. Duryodhan is talking about the strength of the army and we all know from the result of the war that the Pandavas army was stronger and more skillful than Kauravas. So, this shlok tells us that we should try to understand the true nature of the situation and if u feel the pride, recognise it and immediately take some steps to rectify it.

Acharaya ji also explained the structure of the army - 'Chaturgani sena' which consists of

- Gaj Bal (Elephant)
- Rath Bal (Chariots)
- Ghore (Horses)
- Paidal (Infantrymen)

An 'Akshohani sena' consists of 21,870 elephants, 21,870 Chariots, 65,610 horses and 1,09,350 infantrymen.

There were 11 Akshohani scenes from Kauravas side and 7 Akshohani senas on the Pandavas side - which is a huge difference.

Apart from these people, there were people who were working behind the scenes like cooks, caretakers, doctors, people who arrange the food items, feed the animals etc. So, this shows the war of Mahabharata was a major war with so many people involved in it.

अयनेषु च सर्वेषु यथाभागमवस्थिताः ।

भीष्ममेवाभिरक्षन्तु भवन्तः सर्व एव हि ॥ 11॥

There are a total of 12 words in this Shloka. At that time, the army was always in an organized way. The army was arranged in a 'vyuh' (a formation). The enemy has to destroy this vyuh to reach the army commander or the King. Duryodhan says that you all should stand in your position and take care of Bheeshm Pitamah.

Similarly, in our family, we should follow the head of the family, work on our own assigned tasks and follow discipline to have a successful family life.

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