

B. A. Sem - I

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Topic : "Abhigyan Shakuntalam"

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Plot Overview of Abhigyan Shakuntlam

Once while returning from his hunting expedition, King Dushyant of Hastinapur reaches the hermitage of the great sage Kanva which is located in the midst of a dense forest. In the hermitage he meets Shakuntala, the beautiful heroine of the play. Dushyant instantly falls in deep love with Shakuntala and marries her in the Grandharva

mode of marriage. However, soon after the marriage he leaves for his kingdom, leaving Shakuntala in the hermitage. But with the passage of time Shakuntala incurs the curse of Sage Durvasa which makes Dushyant forget everything about her. As a result, he fails to recognise his wife Shakuntala in the court. years later the King recalls the memory back when he sees the ring that he gave to Shakuntala

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as a token of their love.
Just when he remembers
everything back, he breaks
down in guilt and shame
for all the harassment
he did to his beloved wife
in his court.

Dusyant is a King
of great power who is
invited by Lord Indra
to the Heavens to fight the
demons. While returning
from heaven he sees an
extraordinary child playing
with a lion's cub feels
attracted towards him.
Later he realises that
the child is indeed his

son of Bharat. He begs
to Shakuntala for forgiveness
when he meets her in
Sage Marich's hermitage.
Dushyant's great love for
her gets happy ending
when Shakuntala agrees
to forgive him and they
happily return back
to the palace.

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