

mountain Kailāsa keeping the brahmins and the gods ahead.

61. Outside the mountain Kailāsa, Śiva stopped for a while along with the gods and brahmins receiving different ovations.

62. Then a great jovial festival was celebrated by the gods and others in order to propitiate Śiva. Songs were sung. Instruments were played. Dances were held.

## CHAPTER FORTY

*(The Marriage Procession of Śiva)*

*Brahmā said :—*

1. Then Śiva called Nandin and other Gaṇas and ordered them to accompany Him.

*Śiva said :—*

2. Station a few Gaṇas here and the rest of you accompany me to the city of the mountain in a jovial mood.

*Brahmā said :—*

3. Then the lords of Gaṇas thus ordered took their armies and started joyously. I shall explain it in general terms.

4. The lord of Gaṇas, Śaṅkhakarna started with a crore of Gaṇas to the city of Himavat along with Śiva.

5. Kekarākṣa took ten crores of Gaṇas with gaiety. Vikṛta, the leader of Gaṇas, took eight crores of Gaṇas.

6. Viśākha took four crores and Pārījāta took nine crores of Gaṇas.

7. The glorious Sarvāntaka and Vikṛtānana took sixty crores. Dundubha took eight crores.

8. O sage, Kapāla took five crores and the heroic Sandāraka took six crores of Gaṇas.

9. Kanduka and Kuṇḍaka took a crore of the Gaṇas. Viṣṭambha took eight crores.

10. The leader Pippala joyously went with a thousand