

41. The festivities performed by the attendants of Śiva to Satī, Śiva's beloved, were indeed very great.

42-43. The heroic attendants, favourites of Śiva sang songs of praise of Śiva and Śivā and jumped in their joy with hearts of childish innocence. In every respect the departure of the mother of the universe was very glorious. The three worlds became filled with pleasing sounds.

CHAPTER TWENTYNINE

(Satī's statement)

Brahmā said :—

1. Satī reached the place where the colourful sacrifice accompanied by the enthusiasm of devas, asuras, great sages etc. was in progress.

2. She saw her father's mansion abounding in wondrous things lustrous and beautiful as well as the groups of devas and sages.

3. The Goddess stopped at the gate and descended from Nandin, the bull. She went all alone inside the place of sacrifice.

4. On seeing Satī, her glorious mother Asiknī and her sisters received her respectfully.

5. Even after seeing her, Dakṣa did not show any sign or gesture of love or respect. The others too deluded by Śiva's Māyā did not receive her out of fear of Dakṣa.

6. Satī then bowed to her parents, O sage. In her surprise (at the cool reception) she gazed at every one.

7. In that sacrifice, Satī saw the shares allotted to the deities, Viṣṇu, and others but not to Śiva. She then fell into a great fury.

8. Slighted thus and hence very furious at everyone she directed her burning fiery look at Dakṣa and every one present there.

Satī said :—

9. How is it that Śiva who is highly auspicious and