

destroyer of all insurmountable distress split the discuses rapidly by means of his excellent arrows.

35. Then the Dānava seized his mace and accompanied by a huge army rushed at Śiva with the intention to kill him.

36. The infuriated Śiva, the destroyer of the pride of the wicked split the mace of the Dānava rushing headlong by means of a sharp-edged sword.

37. When the mace was split, the Dānava became very furious. The brilliant Dānava took up a spear that blazed unbearable to the enemies.

38. By means of his trident Śiva hit the comely king of Dānavas rapidly in the chest even as he approached with the spear in his hand.

39. From the chest of Śaṅkhacūḍa pierced by the trident, a valorous huge being came out and said "Stand by, Stand by".

40. Laughing noisily Śiva severed the terrible head of the being that was coming out, by means of a sword. He fell on the ground.

41. Then spreading her mouth wide open Kālī furiously devoured innumerable Asuras whose heads were crushed by her fierce fangs.

42. The excited and infuriated Kṣetrapāla devoured many other Daityas. Some were killed struck down by Bhairava's missiles. Others were wounded.

43. Vīrabhadra furiously destroyed many other heroes. Nandiśvara killed many other demons.

44. Thus the other Gaṇas, readily prepared and furiously heroic, destroyed many Daityas, Asuras and suppressors of the gods.

45. Thus a major portion of his army was destroyed there. Many other soldiers, cowardly and terrified, fled.