

CHAPTER TWENTY

(Śiva goes to Kailāsa)

Brahmā said:—

1. O Nārada, hear the story of Śiva's arrival at Kailāsa, the best of mountains, thanks to the power of penance of Kubera.

2. "The lord of the Universe, after bestowing the boon of lordship of treasures upon Kubera, returned to His excellent abode and thought within Himself thus.

3. My complete manifestation, born of Brahma can look after the activity of Dissolution. Now, assuming that form I shall go to Kailāsa, the residence of Guhyakas.

4. Rudra, born of my heart, my perfect manifestation is the Single Supreme Brahman. He is worthy of being served by Viṣṇu, Brahmā and others. He is not different from me. He is unsullied.

5. In that form I shall become that friend of Kubera²³¹, shall remain near him and perform great penance."

6. Thinking thus, Rudra, desirous of carrying out the wish of Śiva (the supreme Brahman) sounded his drum that gave out the divine Nāda.

7. Its resonant, reverberating sound pervaded the three worlds heightening enthusiasm and called upon everyone in diverse ways.

8. On hearing that, Viṣṇu, Brahmā and other deities, sages, the persons well-versed in Āgamas, Nigamas and Siddhas.

9. Devas and Asuras came there with great delight. The Pramathas* too reached that place from different quarters.

10. The leaders of Gaṇas revered by the whole world and of high fortune arrived there. I shall mention to you their number. Listen attentively.

231. Kubera or Kuvera. He is the God of wealth and the chief of the Yakṣas and Guhyakas. His name Ku-bera or Ku-vera signifies his deformed body having three legs and eight teeth. He is married to Yakṣī, the daughter of the Dānava Mura. As an especial friend of Śiva he is called Śiva-sakhā. His capital Alakā on the Himālaya mountain is mentioned also in the RV.

*A class of Gaṇas attending on Śiva.