

Gajāsura came to the capital city of Śiva.

30. O sage, when the lord of Asuras came there, there was a great tumult among the residents of Ānandavana, They shouted "Protect, Protect."

31-32. When this son of Mahiṣāsura haughty of his valour entered the city suppressing the Pramathas, Indra and other gods previously vanquished by him sought refuge in Śiva. After bowing to him they eulogised him with a great respect.

33. They mentioned to him the arrival of the Dānava at Kāśī, the height of distress of the people there, especially of the rulers.

*The gods said:—*

34. O great gods, O lord of gods, the Asura has gone to your city. He is inflicting pain on your people. O storehouse of benignity, please slay him.

35. Wherever he sets foot on the earth he shakes the ground there by his great weight.

36. By his great velocity trees fall down with roots and branches. Hit by his brawny arms, big mountains are reduced to powder.

37. The clouds leave the sky hit by his head. Still they do not lose their blueness due to the contact with his hair.

38. When he breathes out, the mighty oceans surge up with their billows. Even the rivers are filled with waves as though with whales.

39. His height is nine thousand Yojanas. The girth of this Asura who wields Māyā is also of that proportion.

40. The tawny colour and the tremulousness of his eyes is not borne even by the lightning. Thus he has come there all of a sudden.

41. Whichever quarter he approaches, the Dānava is unbearably oppressive. "I am not to be killed by men or women overwhelmed by lust" he shouts.

42. O lord of the gods, we have thus mentioned humbly the activities of that Dānava. Please protect your devotees, O lord, desirous of protecting Kāśī.