

*Santakumāra said:—*

22. On hearing these words of lord Śiva, the great soul, Viṣṇu, Brahmā and other gods said. “So be it.”

23. Hence all the gods and Asuras became the animals of the lord. Śiva became the lord of animals. He is the person who unties the nooses of the animals.

24. Then the name Paśupati, that bestows welfare, spread in all the worlds and became renowned.

25. Then the celestial sage, Indra, Brahmā, Viṣṇu and others rejoiced shouting “Victory.”

26. Even in hundreds of years it is impossible to describe adequately the form of the great soul which he assumed then.

27. Śiva the lord of Pārvatī and everyone, the bestower of happiness to all, went ahead to destroy the three cities.

28. Then all the gods, resplendent like the sun, under the lord of the gods and others went on elephants, horses, lions, bulls and chariots to kill Tripuras, leaders of the Asuras.

29. The leading gods as huge as mountains went ahead delighted and well-armed with all sorts of missiles, plough-shares, mortars, iron clubs and uprooted trees as huge as mountains.

30. Then Indra, Brahmā, Viṣṇu and others went ahead of lord Śiva jubilantly shouting cries of victory to Śiva, well-armed with various weapons and shining brilliantly.

31. Sages with matted hair and staffs in the hands rejoiced. Siddhas and Cāraṇas moving about in the sky showered flowers.

32. O great brahmins, all the Gaṇeśvaras went to the three cities. Who can enumerate them fully? I shall mention a few.

33. Bhṛṅgin, the chief of all Gaṇeśas, surrounded by lord of Gaṇas and gods went speedily to destroy the three cities like Mahendra seated in an aerial chariot.

34-39. These were the important ones who were there—Keśa, Vigatavāsa, Mahākeśa, Mahājvara, Somavallisavarṇa, Somapa, Sanaka, Somadhṛk, Sūryavarcaśas, Sūryapreṣaṇaka, Sūryākṣa, Sūrināman, Sura, Sundara, Praskanda, Kundara,