

of all castes, particularly by women as well as kings aiming and beginning to be prosperous and flourishing.

60. He will certainly derive whatever he desires. Hence you shall always be served by him whoever he is who desires fruits.

*Brahmā said:—*

61-62. When this was mentioned by Śiva to Gaṇeśa of great soul, O sage, the gods, the sages and the Gaṇas, favourites of Śiva said "So be it" and worshipped Gaṇeśa according to prescribed rules.

63. All the Gaṇas, particularly bowed to Gaṇeśa and adored him respectfully with various articles.

64. O great sage, how can I describe even with my four mouths the indescribable delight of Pārvatī.

65. The divine drums were sounded. The celestial damsels danced. The Gandharva chiefs sang. Flowers were showered upon him.

66. When Gaṇeśa was installed, the whole universe attained peace and normalcy. There was great jubilation. All miseries ended.

67. O Nārada, Pārvatī and Śiva rejoiced in particular. Good and plentiful auspiciousness was conducive to happiness everywhere.

68-69. The gods and the sages, who had come there, returned at the bidding of Śiva praising Pārvatī and Gaṇeśa again and again, eulogising Śiva and saying "O what a battle !"

70. When Pārvatī became free from fury, Śiva and Pārvatī behaved as before.

71. With a desire for the welfare of the worlds, the great deity relaxing in his own soul and engaged in the activities of the devotees conferred different kinds of happiness.

72. Both Viṣṇu and I took leave of Śiva and after paying homage to both Pārvatī and Śiva returned to our abodes.

73. O holy sage Nārada, after singing the glory of Pārvatī and Śiva and taking leave of them you too returned to your abode.