

mantra once for each of the Daityas after thinking upon lord Śiva.

34. As soon as the mantra was repeated, the Daityas and Dānavas rose up simultaneously as if from sleep, with the weapons lifted in their hands.

35. They rose up like the merit of men who give water to the thirsty during the fight or like charity given to brahmins at the time of distress in the spirit of faith.

36. On seeing Huṇḍa and other Asuras revived to life, the Asuras shouted loudly like clouds laden with water.

37. Roaring with awful sounds the fearless valorous Asuras got ready to fight with Pramathas.

38. On seeing the Daityas and Dānavas resuscitated to life by Śukra, Nandin and other Pramathas, very haughty and invincible were surprised.

39. After pondering intelligently they consulted one another—"This activity shall be mentioned to Śiva the lord of gods".

40. When the sacrifice of war was going on like that, kindling the surprise of the leading Pramathas, Nandin, the son of Śilāda who was infuriated on seeing the work of Bhārgava approached lord Śiva.

41-42. After saying "Be victorious" to Śiva, the cause of victory and golden-complexioned, Nandin said—"O lord, the warlike activities of leading Gaṇas, which are difficult even for the gods including Indra, to perform, have been rendered futile by Bhārgava. O lord, after repeating the lore that revives the dead to life, one for each, all the dead enemies have been playfully resuscitated.

43. The great Asuras, viz., Tuhuṇḍa, Huṇḍa, Kumbha, Jambha, Vipāka, Pāka and others have returned from Yama's abode. They are routing the Pramathas and are roaming about.

44. O lord Śiva, how can we be victorious if he were to revive to life all the Daityas killed by us, again and again? How can there be peace to the leading Gaṇas?

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

45. On being thus addressed by the leading Pramatha,