

53. On hearing these words of Śiva, Kubera was highly delighted. At His bidding he returned to his abode.

54. Śiva stayed on Kailāsa, the best of all mountains, along with his Gaṇas, practising Yoga and meditation at his own sweet will.

55. In some places he meditated upon his own soul. In some places he practised Yoga. At times, of his own accord, he gave discourses on ancient historical tales.

56. He, being an expert in divine sports, sported with his Gaṇas in the different regions of the Kailāsa hill.

57. Thus lord Śiva who had assumed the form of Rudra performed divine sports on the mount Kailāsa though he was foremost among Yogins.

58. Thus lord Śiva spent some time without his divine consort. After some time He married Satī, the daughter of Dakṣa Prajāpati.

59. Lord Śiva sported with her. Following the conventions of the world, O celestial sage, he became happy.

60. O sage, thus I have explained to you the manifestation of Śiva in the form of Rudra, his arrival at Kailāsa and his friendship of Kubera, the lord of treasures.

61. Thus I have explained the inner sport also which increases perfect knowledge and which confers the fulfilment of desires here and hereafter.

62. He who reads or listens to this story attentively will enjoy all worldly pleasures here and attain salvation hereafter.