

*Pārvatī said:—*

21. O dear lord, I remember everything as well as the fact that you became a silent ascetic. Obeisance to you. Please do everything necessary now befitting the occasion.

*Brahmā said :—*

22. On hearing her words as pleasing as the steady flow of nectar, Śiva rejoiced much, eagerly devoted to the way of the world.

23. Getting every requisite thing ready, he fed the gods including Viṣṇu and others with various pleasant things.

24. He fed all the others who had attended His marriage with juicy cooked food of various sorts.

25. After taking food the gods and the Gaṇas, with their womenfolk fully bedecked in gems and jewels bowed to the moon-crested lord.

26. After eulogising Him with pleasing words and circumambulating Him with joy they praised the marriage celebration and returned to their abodes.

27. O sage, Śiva Himself bowed to me and to Viṣṇu following the worldly convention as Viṣṇu had bowed to Kaśyapa.

28. Considering Him the supreme Brahman I eulogised him in the excellent manner after embracing him and offering him my benediction.

29. Viṣṇu and I with palms joined in reverence, took leave of them and praising the marriage of Śiva and Pārvatī went back to Viṣṇu's abode.

30. On the mountain, Śiva stayed with Pārvatī and continued his divine sports with joy. The Gaṇas too were happy and they worshipped the married couple.

31. O dear, I have thus narrated the auspicious story of the marriage of Śiva, that dispels sorrow, generates delight and increases wealth and longevity.

32. He who hears this story with pure mind fixed on them or narrates the same, shall attain Śivaloka.

33. This narrative is said to be wondrous and the cause of everything auspicious. It quells all hindrances and ailments.

34. It is conducive to glory and the attainment of