

63. After enchanting Śiva, and making him benumbed by means of the Jṛmbhaṇa missile, Viṣṇu slew the army of Bāṇa by means of swords, daggers and clubs.

CHAPTER FIFTYFIVE

(The chopping of Bāṇa's arms and his humiliation)

Vyāsa said:—

1. O dear sage, Sanatkumāra, O omniscient son of Brahmā, obeisance be to you. A wonderful story has been narrated to me by you.

2. When Śiva was made to yawn and lie flat by Viṣṇu through the Jṛmbhaṇa missile, in the course of the war and when the army of Bāṇa was slain, what did Bāṇa do? Please narrate.

Sūta said:—

3. On hearing these words of Vyāsa of immeasurable refulgence, the great sage, the delighted son of Brahmā, replied.

Sanatkumāra said:—

4. O Vyāsa of great intellect, listen to the highly wonderful story of Kṛṣṇa and Śiva who indulge in sports in accordance with the worldly conventions.

5. When Śiva sportively lay flat on the ground along with his sons and Gaṇas, Bāṇa the king of Daityas came out to fight with Kṛṣṇa.

6. With the horses mobilised by Kumbhāṇḍa, and holding various weapons and missiles, the powerful son of Bali performed an incomparable fight.

7. On seeing his army destroyed, the lord of the Daityas became infuriated. The powerful son of Bali fought an incomparable battle.

8. Lord Kṛṣṇa the great hero with additional strength derived from Śiva roared loudly in the battlefield considering Bāṇa as insignificant as a blade of grass.