

43. Even now she is worshipped with due festivities for the acquisition of all desires, observing all stipulated modes of procedure.

44. The Goddess Satī became the daughter of Himālaya. As such she became famous as Pārvatī.

45. She propitiated lord Śiva with a rigorous penance and attained him as her husband.

46. O great sage, I have narrated to you all that you asked me. Whoever hears this narrative will no doubt be freed from all sins.

CHAPTER TWO

(*The appearance of Cupid*)

Sūta said :—

1. O residents of Naimiṣa* forest, after hearing his words, the excellent sage further requested him for more such stories that quell sins.

Nārada said :—

2. O Brahmā, O great lord, though continuously hearing the auspicious story of Śiva from your lotus-face I am never satiated.

3. Please further narrate the auspicious story of Śiva entirely. I wish to hear that story in which Satī is glorified, O Brahman.

4. How was the auspicious Satī born of Dakṣa's wife? How did Śiva become inclined to marry her?

5. How did she cast off her body formerly, due to her rage with Dakṣa? How was she born as the daughter of Himālaya and how did she reach heaven again?

6. How was her rigorous penance performed? How was her marriage celebrated? How did she happen to share half the body of Śiva.

7. Please explain all these points in detail, O intelligent one. There is none else to remove my doubts and none shall ever be like you.

*See Note on P. 76.