

CHAPTER FIFTYONE

(The resuscitation of Kāma)

Brahmā said:—

1. At that time, thinking that the hour was favourable, Rati hopefully spoke to Śiva who is favourably disposed towards depressed people.

Rati said:—

2. Why did you reduce my beloved husband to ashes without gaining any interest when he had come near you with Pārvatī? He was my only fortunate possession very rare to get.

3. Give me back my husband, the lord of my journey of life who used to work lovingly with me. Remove my distress caused by separation.

4. O lord Śiva, in the great festival of your marriage, all people are happy. I alone am unhappy without my husband.

5. O lord, make me possessed of my husband. O Śiva, be pleased. O lord, friend of the distressed, please make your words true.

6. Excepting you, who is there in the three worlds including the mobile and immobile creatures who can destroy my sorrow. Knowing this, be merciful.

7. O lord, merciful to the depressed, make me jubilant at the jubilant celebration of your marriage that gives pleasure to everyone.

8. There is no doubt in this, that only when my lord is resuscitated will your sportive dalliance with your beloved Pārvatī be complete and perfect.

9. You are competent to do everything because you are the supreme lord. O lord of all, of what avail is this talk. Please resuscitate my husband quickly.

Brahmā said:—

10. After saying thus she gave him the ashes of the cupid along with the bag in which they had been contained.