

4. The remaining attendants of Śiva who were defeated and routed by the power of Bhṛgu's mantras fled and sought refuge in Śiva.

5. Bowing with great respect to Śiva of immeasurable splendour they narrated everything that transpired there.

*Gaṇas said :—*

6. O lord of Devas, save us who have sought refuge in you. Please listen with condescension to the detailed description of the events connected with Satī.

7. O Lord, great disrespect was shown to Satī by the haughty and wicked Dakṣa. The devas too did not show due respect to her.

8. He did not allot your share but gave it to all the devas. The extremely haughty Dakṣa wickedly and loudly spoke harsh words.

9. O lord, not seeing your share in the sacrifice Satī became angry. After censuring her father many times she burnt her body (in the yogic fire).

10. Gaṇas exceeding ten-thousand put an end to their lives out of shame by cutting off their limbs with weapons. We, the rest, became infuriated.

11. Assuming a terrifying attitude we suddenly got ready to destroy the sacrifice. But we were repelled by Bhṛgu by means of his (spiritual) power. He opposed us.

12. O lord, the sustainer of the world, we have now sought refuge in you. We are now grieved and fear-stricken. Please make us free from fear.

13. O great lord, Dakṣa and the other wicked persons have shown great disrespect because they are very haughty.

14. O bestower of honour we have told you all that happened to us and to Satī. Please deal with those deluded fools in the manner you deem fit.

*Brahmā said :—*

15. On hearing the words of his attendants, the lord remembered you, Nārada, in order to know their activities.

16. O celestial sage, endowed with divine vision you reached the place and after bowing to Śiva with devotion you waited there with palms joined in reverence.