

8. Thus there shall be a great festive gathering of saintly men at the discourse of Śivapurāṇa, a wonderful congregation.

9. With devotion, may all of you be pleased to join us for imbibing the sweet juice of Śivapurāṇa, with due reverence.

10. If you do not have sufficient leisure, please grace the assembly at least for a day. By all means, do come, even for a short stay or a while.

11. Thus all should be invited humbly. Those who come should be hospitably received in all respects.

12. An excellent spot for the discourse on Śivapurāṇa must be selected in a temple of Śiva, or in a holy centre or in a park or in a private house.

13. The ground must be scrubbed, cleaned and smeared with cowdung. It must be decorated with metallic materials attended with all festivities. The whole arrangement must be divinely exquisite and pleasing to diverse tastes.

14. All the rubbish must be removed and all unnecessary things must be hidden in a corner away from the public view.

15. A high platform must be constructed, richly decorated with stumps of plantain trees. The whole place should be covered with a canopy. Fruits and flowers should be profusely used.

16. Flags and banners should be hoisted in the four quarters. They should be neatly arranged to be pleasing to everyone.

17. A seat must be assigned to Śiva, the Supreme soul. A comfortable seat shall be assigned to the orator.

18. Good places shall be reserved for the regular listeners as befitting their position. O sage, for the other casual visitors, seats with ordinary comfort shall be set apart.

19. People must be in as pleasant a mood as on marriage occasions : all worldly worries and anxieties must be avoided.

20. The discourser faces the north and the listeners the east. There is no fear of the criss-crossings of the feet.

21. Or the discourser faces the east as the worshipper. Or let the discourser and the recipient face each other.