

43. At every step a series of auspicious things and events have occurred.

44. Surely he alone is victorious for ever, his alone is the welfare every day who, O Śiva, is firmly devoted to you who are the resort of everything auspicious.

Brahmā said :—

45. On hearing these words of Virabhadra, the consort of Satī became glad. He blessed him saying “O Virabhadra be victorious” and said these words thereafter:—

Lord Śiva said :—

46. O dear Virabhadra, listen to my words attentively. You must carry them out quickly. It will then delight me.

47. Dakṣa, the wicked son of Brahmā, has made arrangement to perform a sacrifice. He is particularly inimical to me. He is unwise and conceited now.

48. O best of Gaṇas, destroy the sacrifice with all the ancillary adjuncts and then return to my abode quickly.

49. Even if there be devas, Gandharvas, Yakṣas or others, reduce them also to ashes quickly.

50. Let there be Viṣṇu, Brahmā, Indra or Yama. Fell them to the ground now itself with strenuous efforts.

51-52.³²¹ Transgressing the imprecations of Dadhīci whoever stays in the sacrifice shall be burnt by you of course.

53. If Viṣṇu and others, out of erroneous notions were to withstand, other gaṇas will come for your help. They shall be burnt by you after dragging them with mantras.

54. Transgressing my injunctions many haughty persons are lingering there. They are also my enemies. So burn them with a series of blazing fire.

55. After reducing them to ashes, along with their wives, and all the paraphernalia at the sacrifice of Dakṣa, you shall return quickly.

56. It is possible that when you go there, devas and others may praise you. Still you shall burn them in the flames.

³²¹. The Verse 51 is the same as Verse 49. The translation is not repeated therefore.