

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

34. On hearing the words of Viṣṇu, lord Śiva who is favourably disposed to his devotees laughed and said delightedly and sympathetically.

*The great lord Śiva said:—*

35. O Viṣṇu, foremost among the gods, please listen to my words attentively. I will kill the great Daitya Jalandhara. There is no doubt about this.

36. Go back to your abode fearlessly. Let the gods too go back without fear and hesitation, considering the ruler of the Asuras already killed.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

37. On hearing the words of lord Śiva, the lord of Lakṣmī immediately went to his abode without doubts along with the gods.

38. In the meantime, O Vyāsa, that valorous king of the Daityas went along with the well-equipped Asuras to the outskirts of the mountain.

39. Accompanied by a vast army he laid siege to Kailāsa. He stood there like the god of death roaring like a lion.

40. On hearing the tumultuous roar of the Daityas, lord Śiva of great sports, the destroyer of the wicked, became very furious.

41. The great lord of various sports, the enthusiastic Śiva commanded his powerful Gaṇas, Nandin and others, severally.

42. Nandin, Vighneśvara, Kumāra and all other Gaṇas, at the bidding of Śiva hurriedly got ready for the battle.

43. The infuriated and invincible Gaṇas descended from Kailāsa heroically shouting war cries and leaping to fight.

44. Then at the ridges, valleys and sides of Kailāsa, a terrible battle was fought between the leaders of the Pramatyas and the Daityas. Weapons clashed with weapons.

45. The whole earth shook resonant with the sounds of great war drums, Mṛdaṅgas and conches that inspired the heroes as well as the sounds of elephants, horses and chariots.

46. The whole atmosphere was filled with javeline, iron