

## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

(Gaṇeśa crowned as the chief of Gaṇas)

·Nārada said :—

1. O lord of subjects, when the son of Pārvatī was resuscitated and seen by the goddess, what happened then? Please narrate to me now.

Brahmā said:—

2. O great sage, when the son of Pārvatī was resuscitated and seen by the goddess, listen to what happened there. I shall narrate the jubilation that ensued.

3. O sage, that son of Pārvatī was resuscitated. He was free from distress and perturbation. Then he was crowned by the gods and the leaders of Gaṇas.

4. On seeing her son, Pārvatī was highly delighted. Taking him up with both her hands she embraced him joyously.

5. She then lovingly gave him different clothes and ornaments.

6. He was honoured by the goddess who bestowed all Siddhis on him and touched him with her hand that removes all distress.

7. After worshipping her son, and kissing his face, she granted him boons with affection and said—"You have had great distress since your very birth.

8. You are blessed and contented now. You will receive worship before all the gods. You will be free from distress.

9. Vermillion is visible on your face now. Hence you will be worshipped with vermillion by all men always.

10-12. All achievements certainly accrue to him who performs your worship with flowers, sandal paste, scents, auspicious food offerings Nirājana rites, betel leaves, charitable gifts, circumambulations and obeisance. All kinds of obstacles will certainly perish.

13. After saying this, she worshipped her good son with various articles, once again.

14. O Brahmin, then with the graceful blessings of