

37. Beneath that Vāṭa of yogic potentialities, Viṣṇu and other devas saw Śiva seated. The Vāṭa was the refuge of those seeking salvation.

38. Śiva was being served and venerated by Brahmā's sons, the great Siddhas engrossed in devotion to Śiva joyously. They were calm. Their very physical body inspired calmness.

39. He was being attended upon by his friend Kubera, the lord of Guhyakas and Rakṣas and particularly by his attendants and kinsmen.

40. Lord Śiva had the divine form liked by the sages. His fond love befriended everyone. He shone with the ashes smeared over his body.

41. O sage (Nārada), (you were present there and while) you were asking him questions, he was explaining wise and excellent things to you, whereas the other saintly men were listening. He was seated on a seat made of Kuśa grass.

42. He had put his left leg over his right thigh and knee. The Rudrākṣa garland was suspended from his wrist. He was showing the Tarkamudrā (with his hand).

43. On seeing Śiva like this, Viṣṇu and other devas humbly bowed to him immediately after joining their palms.

44. Lord Śiva, the refuge of saintly men, stood up and approaching Viṣṇu who had gone there along with me he performed obeisance with his head.

45. Viṣṇu and the devas made obeisance at His feet as Viṣṇu, the goal of the world, would bow to Kaśyapa.

46. Viṣṇu and the devas performed obeisance and spoke to Śiva who was revered by the lords of devas, siddhas, Gaṇas and the sages.

CHAPTER FORTYONE

(Devas eulogise Śiva)

Viṣṇu and others said :—

1. O great lord, the lord of the gods and the prescriber of worldly conventions, we know you to be Śiva and Brahman, thanks to your favour.