

ded by rays, who is the greatest, and the destroyer of the enemies of the gods.

27. Obeisance to Tāra (star), Sutāra (one that enables others to cross), Taruṇa (the ever young), and the brilliant.

28. Obeisance to Śiva who is beneficent to the gods, the lord, the great soul, Obeisance to you the great; obeisance to you, the dark-necked God.

29. Obeisance to the golden one, the great lord, of golden body; obeisance to Bhīma, Bhīmarūpa, obeisance to one engaged in terrible deeds.

30. Obeisance to one who has smeared his body with ashes, decorated himself with Rudrākṣa; and is of short long dwarfish height.

31. Obeisance to you, O lord, who can kill at a distance, in front, to one who has a bow, a trident, a mace and a ploughshare.

32. Obeisance to the wielder of many weapons, to the destroyer of Daityas and Dānavas, to Sadya, Sadyarūpa and Sadyojāta.

33. Obeisance to Vāma, Vāmarūpa, Vāmanetra, Aghora, the great lord and the Vikāṭa.

34. Obeisance to Tatpuruṣa, to Nātha, the ancient Puruṣa, the bestower of the four aims of life, Vratin, and Parameṣṭhin.

35. Obeisance to you, Īśānas, Īśvara, Brahman, of the form of Brahman, the Supreme Soul.

36. You are fierce towards all wicked persons; to us you are Śiva the controller. Obeisance to you the swallower of Kālakūṭa poison, the cause of protection of the Gods and others.

37. Obeisance to Vira, Virabhadra, the protector of heroes, the trident-holder, the great lord of mankind.

38. Obeisance to Him of the heroic soul of perfect learning, Śrikaṇṭha, Pinākin, the endless, the subtle, the one whose anger is the cause of death.

39. Obeisance to the great lord, greater than the

341. This refers to Śiva's swallowing of poison at the churning of the ocean.