

22. O Nārada, on seeing their beloved son Kumāra, the lordly couple Śiva and Pārvatī rejoiced much.

23. The great lord got up, kissed him on the head with joy, stroked him with the hand and placed him on his lap.

24. With great affection, the highly delighted Śiva kissed the face of Kumāra, the great lord and the slayer of Tāraka.

25. Pārvatī, too got up and placed him on her lap. Keeping him close to her head with great affection she kissed his lotus-like face.

26. O dear Nārada, the joy of the couple—Śiva and Pārvatī who followed the worldly conventions, increased very much.

27. There was great jubilation in the abode of Śiva. Everywhere the sound of shouts “Victory” and “Obeisance” rose up.

28. O sage, then Viṣṇu, other gods and the sages bowed joyously to Śiva. They eulogised Him.

*The gods said:—*

29. O lord of the gods, O bestower of protection to your devotees, Obeisance, Obeisance to you many times, O merciful lord Śiva.

30. Wonderful indeed, O great lord, is your divine sport, conferring happiness to all good men, O Śiva, kinsman to the distressed, O lord.

31. We are deluded in our intellects. We are ignorant of the procedure of your worship, O eternal one. We do not know your invocation nor your wonderful course, O lord.

32. Obeisance to you, the support of the waters of the Gaṅgā, to the deity possessed of the attributes, obeisance to the lord of the gods, obeisance to Śiva.

33. Obeisance to the bull-bannered lord Śiva, obeisance to the lord of Gaṇas; Obeisance to the lord of all. Obeisance to the lord of the three worlds.

34. O lord, obeisance to you, the annihilator, the sustainer and creator of the worlds. O lord of gods, obeisance to you, the lord of three attributes and the eternal.