

Śiva cult, you have narrated to me the wonderfully beautiful story of Śiva's sport.

2. After destroying the sacrifice of Dakṣa when the heroic Vīrabhadra went to Kailāsa what happened there ? O dear, please tell me now.

*Brahmā said:*

3. Defeated and mutilated by Śiva's armies the gods and the sages came to my region.

4. After making obeisance to me who am self-born, and eulogising me in various ways, they explained their distress entirely.

5. On hearing that, I was extremely pained for my son Dakṣa. In that mental anguish I thought.

6. "What step shall I take to please the devas, whereby Dakṣa can be restored to life and whereby the sacrifice also be completed ?"

7. O sage, even after thinking a lot I did not attain any peace of mind. Remembering lord Viṣṇu with devotion I knew what I shall do.

8. Then I went to the world of Viṣṇu along with the gods and the sages. After bowing to and eulogising him with various hymns I informed him of my misery.

9. Please make arrangements so that the sacrifice shall be completed, the gods and the sages be happy. As you know he was performing a sacrifice.

10. O lord of Lakṣmī, lord of gods, bestower of happiness to the gods, we, including the devas and the sages, have sought refuge in you.

*Brahmā said :—*

11. On hearing my words, the lord of Lakṣmī with his soul set on Śiva and mind free from distress, replied after duly remembering Śiva.

*Viṣṇu said :—*

12. An aggression against a powerful person neither