

66. O great sage, the intolerable semen of lord Śiva was deposited by Gaṅgā in the forest of Śara grass by means of its waves.

67. The semen that fell was turned in a handsome good-featured boy, full of glory and splendour. He increased everyone's pleasure.

68. O great sage, on the sixth day of the bright half of the lunar month of Mārgaśīrṣa, the son of Śiva was born in the world.

69. At that time, O Brahmin, on their mountain, Pārvatī the daughter of Himavat and Śiva became very happy.

70. Out of joy, milk exuded from the breasts of Pārvatī. On reaching the spot everyone felt very happy.

71. O dear, there was auspiciousness in the three worlds, pleasing to the good. There occurred obstacles to the wicked and particularly to the demons.

72. O Nārada, there was a mysterious sound of Dundubhi drum in the sky. Showers of flowers fell on the boy.

73. O excellent sage, there was great delight to Viṣṇu and the gods. There was great jubilation everywhere.

### CHAPTER THREE

*(The boyhood sports of Kārttikeya)*

*Nārada said :—*

1. O lord of subjects, O Brahmin, O creator, what happened thereafter ? Please tell me the same.

*Brahmā said :—*

2. O dear, then the powerful sage Viśvāmitra, urged by Brahmā, came there casually and was delighted.

3. On seeing the unearthly splendour of that brilliant boy, he became very delighted. He bowed to the boy.

4. With a delighted mind he eulogised him with the words prompted by Brahmā. Viśvāmitra realised his power.

5. The boy too was delighted and became the source of