

the ground, He was distressed a little although he was a great hero and a destroyer of enemies.

40. Then the infuriated hero Gaṇeśa came there after remembering the lotus like feet of Śiva and split the mace of the Daitya with his axe.

41. Virabhadra then hit the Dānava in his chest with three arrows. He cut off the banner, umbrella, bow and the horses of the Daitya with seven arrows.

42. Then the infuriated leader of the Daityas lifted up his terrible Śakti and felled Gaṇeśa. He mounted another chariot then.

43. The powerful leader of the Daityas did not mind Virabhadra at all. Angrily he rushed at him.

44. Jalandhara, the heroic king of Daityas, hit Virabhadra with a fierce arrow and roared.

45. The infuriated Virabhadra split that arrow with a sharp-edged arrow. With another great arrow he hit him too.

46. Then both of them, the most excellent of heroes refulgent like the sun, fought each other with different kinds of weapons and missiles.

47. Virabhadra then felled his horses with his arrows. He forcefully cut off him bow and flags too.

48. Then the king of the Daityas leapt up to him with a great iron club. That powerful warrior reached very near Virabhadra very quickly.

49. The heroic and powerful son of the ocean hit Virabhadra on his head with his great iron club. He then roared.

50. Virabhadra, the leader of the Gaṇas, fell on the ground with his head shattered by the iron club and shed much blood.

51. On seeing Virabhadra fallen, the terrified Gaṇas abandoned the battle ground shrieking and fled to lord Śiva.

52. On hearing the tumultuous uproar of the Gaṇas, the moon-crested lord asked the excellent Gaṇas, the heroes standing near him.

*Śiva said:—*

53. How is this tumultuous uproar among my Gaṇas ?