

74. Thus requested by you, I have narrated the glorious story of Pārvatī and Śiva along with that of Gaṇeśa with great reverence.

75. Whoever hears this narrative auspiciously with pure mind shall have everything auspicious and be the abode of auspiciousness.

76. The childless will get a son, the indigent wealth; the seeker of a wife will get a wife and the seeker of issues will get children.

77. The sick will regain health; the miserable will have good fortune. The sonless, impoverished, banished wife will be reunited with her husband.

78-79. The sorrowing will be relieved of sorrow, undoubtedly. The house that contains this story shall certainly be auspicious. He who listens to this narrative at the time of travel or on holy occasions, with a pure mind shall get all desires, thanks to the grace of lord Gaṇeśa.

## CHAPTER NINETEEN

(Gaṇapati's marriage)

*Nārada said:—*

1. O dear father, the excellent story of the nativity and the divine conduct embellished by valour, of Gaṇeśa has been heard well.

2. O dear father, O lord of gods, what happened thereafter? Please narrate it. The great glory of Pārvatī and Śiva confers great delight.

*Brahmā said:—*

3. O excellent sage, you have asked well with a sympathetic mind. Listen attentively, O excellent sage, I shall narrate.

4. O excellent brahmin, seeing frequently the divine sports of both the sons, Pārvatī and Śiva had their love increased.