

24. Then in a trice, Śiva reached Dakṣa's abode seated on his speedy bull and along with Viṣṇu and others.

25. With great humility and boundless joy, Dakṣa along with his people welcomed Him.

26. The Devas and their attendants were honoured by Dakṣa. The sages were seated in their due order.

27. Then Dakṣa took Śiva within the house along with the devas and the sages.

28. The delighted Dakṣa worshipped lord Śiva, after offering him an excellent seat.

29. He worshipped Viṣṇu, me, the brahmins, devas and the Gaṇas of Śiva, with great devotion and in a fitting manner.

30. After performing the suitable worship, Dakṣa in the presence of respectable sages announced the marriage agreement.

31. Then Dakṣa, my son, knelt before me, his father, with pleasure and said—"O lord, the marriage rites shall be performed by you."

32. Saying 'Amen' I got up with a delightful heart and performed the preliminary rites.

33. Then in an auspicious conjunction of stars with the planets in a propitious position, Dakṣa joyfully gave his daughter Satī to Śiva.

34. As a part of the rites of marriage the delighted Śiva grasped the hand of Satī of comely appearance.

35. We all, Viṣṇu, I, you and other sages, bowed to Śiva and delighted Him with laudatory hymns.

36. There were great festivities with songs and dances. The sages and the devas were in a gay mood.

37. After offering his daughter, Dakṣa, my son, was extremely satisfied, Satī and Śiva were in happy mood. Everything concluded auspiciously.