

Ahalyā, Tulasī, Svāhā, Rohiṇī, Vasundharā, Śatarūpā, Saṁjñā and Rati.

24. There were several virgins of the gods, Nāgas, and the sages. They were charming and attractive. Who can enumerate them ?

25. A gemset throne was offered to Śiva who sat on it joyously. The celestial ladies made these sweet witty remarks to Him one by one.

*Sarasvatī said:—*

26. O great lord, Satī who was more than your life to you has now joyously rejoined you. O lover, seeing the face of your beloved of moonlike splendour, cast off the heat of your distress.

27. Spend your time, O lord of time, in the close embrace of Satī. Thanks to my fervent wish, there will be no separation at any time between you both.

*Lakṣmī said:—*

28. O lord of gods, leave off your shyness. Take Satī to your bosom and stand close to her. Why do you feel shy of her without whom your vital airs may go off.

*Sāvitṛī said:—*

29. O Śiva, give the sweets to Śatī and eat them yourself. Do not be in a flutter. Perform Ācamana and offer her betel leaves along with camphor.

*Jāhnavī said:—*

30. Take hold of the hand of your beloved wife glittering with gold and stroke her hair. There is no higher pleasure at the hands of her lover to a loving maiden than this.

*Aditi said:—*

31. At the conclusion of the meal, for the purity of the mouth, please give water. The love of this pair is very rare to be seen.