

19. Great festivities and holy auspicious rites were performed by the delighted Himavat too.

20-21. Delighted in every respect and eagerly awaiting the arrival of his kinsmen he was excited with various emotions. The invitees came there along with their wives, children and attendants. O celestial sage, listen to a detailed narration of the arrival of those mountains.

22-24. In order to increase the devotion to Śiva I shall explain in brief. Mandara, the chief mountain in heaven came to Himavat in a divine form. He was highly refulgent. He was accompanied by his wife and children. His company shone brilliantly. He had brought with him many gems and jewels.

25. Bringing with him many articles of presentation, the liberal Western mountain⁷¹ reached there in a divine form.

26. The Eastern mountain came there with brilliant gems and jewels. He looked delighted and extremely brilliant,

27. The highly venerable lord of mountains, Malaya,⁷² came there with his followers. He was happy with his excellent followers.

28. The mountain Dardura⁷³ came along with his wife. He was exquisitely dressed. He was delighted⁷⁴. He had many attendants with him.

29. O dear, the delighted mountain Niṣadha came along with his attendants. He was very brilliant.

30. The fortunate mountain Gandhamādana came with great pleasure along with his children and womenfolk.

31. Mountains Karavīra⁷⁵ and Mahendra⁷⁶ of great wealth and prosperity also came there.

71. 'Asta' is a mythical sunset mountain in the West while 'udaya' is a mythical sunrise mountain in the East.

72. Malaya (derived from the Dravidian word malai meaning 'hill') was the name applied to the Travancore hills and the southernmost part of the Western ghats.

73. Dardura, variously spelt as Darddara or Darddura is identified with the Deogarh peak in the eastern part of the Vindhyas. G. E. Part I P. 104.

74. A mythic range of mountains lying south of Meru, but sometimes described as on the east. H. M. P. 24.

75. It has not been possible to identify this mountain.

76. Mahendra, the same as Mahendragiri, was the name applied to the Easteru Ghats.