

clubs, arrows, great pestles, iron rods, pikes etc. as if strewn with pearls.

47. With the dead elephants, horses and foot soldiers, the earth shone in the same way as before when great mountains were scattered, smitten by the thunderbolt of Indra.

48. With the groups of Daityas killed by the Pramathas, and with the Gaṇas killed by the Daityas, the whole ground was filled with suets, flesh and streams of blood. It became so marshy as it became impassable.

49. With the power of Sañjivani, Bhārgava resuscitated the forces of the Daityas killed by the Pramathas in the battle again and again.

50. On seeing them, all the Gaṇas were agitated and terrified. They intimated to the lord of the gods what Śukra did.

51. On hearing it, lord Śiva became terribly furious. He became terrific blazing the quarters as it were.

52. A terrible Kṛtyā came out of Rudra's mouth. Her calves were as stout as Palmyra trees. Her mouth was huge and deep like mountain caverns. With her breasts she crushed huge trees.

53. O excellent sage, she rushed immediately to the battle ground. The terrible Kṛtyā roamed the battle-ground devouring the great Asuras.

54. Fearlessly she rushed amid the battle-field where Bhārgava was stationed surrounded by the leading Daityas.

55. O sage, she enveloped the whole sky with her terrible brilliance. She split the ground she trod; she stuffed Bhārgava into her vaginal passage and vanished in the sky.

56. On seeing Bhārgava seized, the invincible armies of the Daityas became dejected and faded in their faces. They fled from the battle ground.

57. The army of the Daityas became scattered and split in their terrific fear of the Gaṇas like bundles of grass split and scattered when blown by the wind.

58. On seeing the army of the Daityas thus dispersed and frightened of the Gaṇas, the leaders Śumbha and Niśumbha and Kālanemi became infuriated.

59. All the three powerful Daityas obstructed the