

(Boar), was at the request of the three deities, resuscitated by Atri's wife (Anasūyā), thanks to the power of chastity.

80. O Śivā, O daughter of the mountain, knowing this well, you shall render service to your husband every day with pleasure as it bestows all desires.

81. You are the Goddess and the mother of the universe. Śiva Himself is your husband. By remembering you women become chaste.

82. O Pārvatī, O gentle lady, what avails mentioning all this to you. Still I mention this just to follow the worldly convention.

Brahmā said:—

83. Saying this, the brahmin lady stopped and bowed to her. Pārvatī, the beloved of Śiva, derived great pleasure.

CHAPTER FIFTYFIVE

(Śiva returns to Kailāsa)

Brahmā said:—

1. Thus instructing the goddess in the rites of a chaste lady, the brahmin lady told Menā while taking leave of her "Make arrangements for her journey".

2. Saying "So be it" she became exasperated by her affection. Controlling herself a little she called Pārvatī to her when her agitation due to imminent separation became all the more unbearable.

3. Embracing her she cried loudly and frequently. Pārvatī too cried uttering piteous words.

4. The beloved of the mountain as well as her daughter became unconscious due to grief. The wives of the gods too fainted on hearing Pārvatī cry.

5. All the ladies cried. Everything became senseless. Who else, even the great lord, the leader of Yogins, cried at the time of departure.

6. In the meantime, Himavat came hurriedly along with his sons, ministers and brahmins.