

other leaders of Gaṇas went surrounded by hundreds and twenties of crores of Gaṇas.

26. Knowing delightedly that it was Śiva's marriage, Bhairava the Kṣetrapāla went jovially with crores and crores of Gaṇas.

27. These and other leaders of Gaṇas of great strength and multitudinous in number joined the procession with joy and enthusiasm.

28. They had a thousand hands. They wore matted hair and crowns. They were bedecked with streaks of the moon. They had three eyes and blue necks (like lord Śiva).

29. All of them wore garlands of Rudrākṣa beads. They had the holy ashes smeared over the body. They had the ornaments of necklaces, earrings, bracelets, crowns etc.

30. The leaders were as refulgent as Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Indra, Aṇimā and other Energies.* They were as brilliant and lustrous as crores of suns.

31. O sage, some of them belonged to this terrestrial world, some came through nether worlds, some came through the sky and some came through seven heavens.

32. Of what avail is this talk ? O celestial sage, Śiva's own Gaṇas living in all the worlds came and joined the procession of Śiva, with pleasure.

33. Thus, lord Śiva, accompanied by his Gaṇas, gods and others, went to the city of Himagiri for the celebration of His marriage.

34. O great sage, listen to another incident that happened when Śiva, the lord of all, went for his marriage along with the gods and others.

35. Rudra's sister Caṇḍī assuming a great festive mood came there with great pleasure but inspiring terror in others.

36. She was riding on a ghost. She was bedecked in the ornaments of serpents. A gold pot filled (with water) shone over her head.

37. She was accompanied by her attendants. Her face was beaming. Her eyes dazzled. She was enthusiastic and glad. She was strong.

38. The divine Bhūta attendants were crores and crores in number. They shone in diverse forms.

* See Note 303 P. 235.