

36. Exploit all means to cut short her days of separation. O adept in every lore, console Dakṣa.

*Brahmā said :—*

37. Saying thus in my presence Lord Śiva looked at Sarasvatī and evinced pangs of separation.

38. Being thus commanded by him I became contented and delighted. I said this to the lord of worlds who is favourably disposed to his devotees.

39. O lord Śiva, on considering what you say, this is certain, O bull-emblemèd deity, that the chief self-interest of the devas is my interest too.

40. Dakṣa himself will offer you his daughter. I too shall mention your desire in his presence.

41. After saying this to the great lord I went to Dakṣa's residence by a speedy flight.

*Nārada said :—*

42. O Brahmā, of great fortune and intellect, O eloquent one, please tell me. When Satī returned to the house what did Dakṣa do thereafter?

*Brahmā said :—*

43. Having concluded the austerities, and secured what she desired as a boon, Satī went home and made obeisance to her father and mother.

44. Her girl friends informed her mother and father about the acquisition of boon by their friend Satī from lord Śiva who was glad at her devotion.

45. The parents who obtained the news through her friends were very glad and celebrated a great festival.

46. The noble Dakṣa gave as much wealth to brahmins as they desired. The noble Viriṇī gave similar gifts to the blind, the poor and the needy.

47. Viriṇī embraced her daughter on the head and delightfully praised her frequently.

48. After some time had elapsed, Dakṣa, the foremost of those who knew Dharma, thought of the procedure of handing over his daughter to Śiva.

49. The great Lord Śiva had come here himself.