

5. He despatched the letter of betrothal to Śiva along with articles of homage through his kinsmen.

6. Those people arrived at Kailāsa and handed over the letter to Śiva after applying the holy mark on his forehead.

7. After being duly honoured by the lord, they returned highly delighted to the penance of the mountain.

8. On seeing those people who had been highly honoured by lord Śiva and who had returned excessively delighted, the mountain rejoiced much.

9. Then he extended his invitation highly pleasing to his kinsmen stationed in different places with great delight.

10. Then he began collecting foodstuffs and other requisite articles intended for the performance of the marriage.

11. Mountainous masses of rice, beaten rice, jaggery, sugar candies and salt were heaped up.

12. He caused huge tanks and receptacles built for milk, ghee and curds as well as for fried flour cakes of barley and other grains and ball-like sweets.

13. Big tanks and receptacles were made for the nectar, sugarcane juice, baked cakes, and the sugar candies.

14. Tanks were built for butter, spirituous beverages, sweet juices of various kinds and rice preparations of various sorts.

15. Different kinds of pickles and side dishes were prepared that might appeal to Śiva's Gaṇas and the gods. Different kinds of valuable garments purified in fire were kept ready.

16. Gems and jewels of different kinds, gold, silver and other articles were gathered duly.

17. Auspicious rites were started by the mountain on an auspicious day. The womenfolk of the mountain performed the purificatory ceremony for Pārvatī.

18. Women bedecked in ornaments performed auspicious rites. The delighted brahmin women of the city did everything in accordance with the tradition and custom.