

day in the bright half of Caitra (March-April) when the star is Uttarāphālgunī and the day is Sunday, may all his sins be quelled O Śiva; may his merits increase and may his ailments disappear.

40. If a woman who is barren, one-eyed, ugly or unfortunate, visits this place she shall be freed from all these defects.”

41. On hearing these words of mine, Śiva was pleased and He said “Let it be so”. This made me very happy.

*Śiva said :—*

42. O, for the benefits of the people, I shall stay in this altar, with my wife Satī, in accordance with your words of request.

*Brahmā said :—*

43. After saying this, the lord Śiva in the company of his wife stayed in the middle of the altar creating a partial image of Himself.

44. Taking leave of Dakṣa, Śiva, the great lord, desired to depart along with his wife Satī. He was so fond of His own men.

45. In the meantime, the intelligent Dakṣa bowed humbly with palms joined in reverence and eulogised Śiva with devotion.

46. Viṣṇu, the gods and the Gaṇas bowed to and lauded Him shouting cries of victory with pleasure.

47. With the joyous consent of Dakṣa, Śiva seated Satī on the bull and then sitting Himself on it went to the Himālayan ridges.

48. Seated on the bull along with Śiva, the sweet smiling Satī of fine teeth shone like a black cloud near the moon.

49. Viṣṇu and other devas, Marīci and other sages, Dakṣa and the other people were all in a state of pleasant steady senselessness.

50. Some played on musical instruments, others sang sweetly the lustrous glory of Śiva. They all followed Śiva joyously.

51. Half the way Śiva took leave of Dakṣa with pleasure.