

have great devotion and faith. He shall be free from lethargy.

83. The man who wears the Rudrākṣa without mantra falls into a terrible hell and stays there during the tenure of fourteen Indras.

84-85. On seeing a man with the garland of Rudrākṣas, all evil spirits, ghosts, Piśācas, witches like Dākinī and Śākinī, other malignant spirits, evil charms and spells etc. fly away suspecting a quarrel.

86. Seeing a devotee with the garland of Rudrākṣas, O Pārvati, Śiva, Viṣṇu, Devī, Gaṇapati, the sun and all the Gods are pleased.

87. Thus realising its greatness the Rudrākṣa must be worn well, O Maheśvarī, repeating the mantras with devotion to make virtues flourish.

88. Thus, the greatness of ash and Rudrākṣa that bestow worldly pleasures and salvation, was explained to Girijā by Śiva, the supreme soul.

89. The persons who apply ash and wear Rudrākṣa are great favourites of Śiva. Enjoyment of worldly pleasures and salvation are certainly due to their influence.

90. He who applies ash and wears Rudrākṣa is called a devotee of Śiva. A person devoted to the Japa of the five-syllabled mantra is a perfect and noble being.

91. If Mahādeva is worshipped without the Tripuṇḍra of ash and without the garland of Rudrākṣa, he does not bestow the fruit of cherished desire.

92. Thus, O lord of sages, whatever has been asked has now been explained. The greatness of ash and Rudrākṣa bestows the luxuriant fulfilment of all desires.

93. He who regularly listens to the highly auspicious greatness of ash and Rudrākṣa with devotion shall attain the fulfilment of all desires.

94. He will enjoy all happiness here. He will be blessed with sons and grandsons. In the next world he will attain salvation. He will be a great favourite of Śiva.

95. O lordly sages, thus the compendium of Vidyēśvara-sāhita has been narrated to you all. As ordered by Śiva it bestows achievement of everything and salvation.