

*Śiva said :—*

29. “O son of Pārvatī, I am pleased, there is no doubt about it. When I am pleased the entire universe is pleased. None will be against the same.

30. Since, even as a boy you showed great valour as Pārvatī’s son, you will remain brilliant and happy always.

31. Let your name be the most auspicious in the matter of quelling obstacles. Be the presiding officer of all my Gaṇas and worthy of worship now.”

32. After saying this, Śiva laid down several modes of worship and granted benedictions instantaneously.

33. The gods, the Gaṇas and the celestial damsels sang songs joyously, danced and played on instruments.

34. Another boon was granted to Gaṇeśa by the delighted Śiva of great soul.

35-37. O Gaṇeśa, you are born in the first Prahara on the fourth day in the dark half of the Bhādra month at the auspicious hour of the moonrise. Since your form manifested itself from the good mind of Pārvatī, your excellent Vrata shall be performed on that Tithi itself or beginning from that day. It will be very auspicious and conducive to the achievement of all Siddhis.

38. At the bidding of us both the Vrata shall be performed till the fourth day at the end of a year.

39. Let those who yearn for unequalled happiness in the world worship you devoutly in various ways on the fourth day in accordance with the rules.

40. On the fourth day of Lakṣmī in the month of Mārgaśīrṣa he shall perform early morning ablution and entrust the Vrata to the brahmins.

41. He shall perform worship with the Dūrvā grass and observe fast. After a Prahara has elapsed in the night the devotee shall take bath and worship.

42-43. The idol shall be made of metal, coral, white Arka flowers or clay. It shall be installed and worshipped by the devotee with all purity, with scents of various kinds, divine sandal paste and flowers.

44-45. A handful of Dūrvā grass having three knots and without roots shall be used for worship. The shoots shall be hundred and one in number. With twentyone the