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I offer this Great Glorious Treatise at the
Sacred Feet of the Most Revered Great Ancient Sage
Maharshi Agastya with all my heart!!

Preface
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Mythological Novel----- A Mighty project

It is really a matter of great fortune and pride for me to receive the great opportunity to write 'preface' to this beautiful Mythological novel 'Agastya', 'written by The principal Dr. Anil Sahstrabuddhe!! But, in consideration and realization of the extremely vast extensive level and the eternal and endless form of the curtain of region or directions on which he had seen this great artistic Master piece, this magnificent work with the sharp and acute carefulness [caution] on the curtain of his mind with tremendous spontaneity and depicted it in the ardent, neat, orderly, entertaining and interesting manner, I find it very difficult to write a preface on this great novel than Agastya's sea consumption [Drinking of the sea] and Vindhya's suppression which can be felt more easy! But, a feeling of the attainment of the successful achievement also delights to the mind! The reason is, the subject of my Vidyavachaspati - Padavee Pareeksha [Ph.D.] was also, "The Historical and Cultural Study of the Legends of Agastya." This mythological novel is taking beautiful shape and is getting materialized with the help of its references! As a result, the introduction of Agastya's powerful superhuman personality will reach all over in the world to all readers written in the most artistic style!! This gives me a sense of tremendous satisfaction!! That is my unexpected reward and the outstanding earning of life!

The Research Thesis and the Mythological Novel-

The study for which I had devoted the period of six years of the research was performed in a limited manner. The nature of my work was, to collect references in relation to Agastya, to make conclusions carefully with great cau-

tion and alertness by making their analysis, classification and synthesis, explaining its purport and make an effort of the manifestation of Agastya's magnificent super human personality!! The statements [prepositions] of the probable [prospective] forms had to be made in the most careful and vigilant manner by verifying the received references and taking in to consideration their evidence, proof and authority. Fortunately, I did not find a single treatise on Agastya, in which there was no inclusion of Agastya's mention [reference] or his literature and the legends about him from the Vedic period to the Modern times!.....

Apart from that, the addition of the tradition of Tamil literature in the South India not only that but, the countries like Java, Sumatra etc in the South-East Asia, the Avesta Tradition in Iran, exhibit the all-pervasiveness of Sage Agastya!! In addition to this, there is an overabundance of Agastya's Sooktas [Hymns], statements and legends in four Vedas, Ramayan, Mahabharat, Eighteen Puranas and treatises, Well known [aristocratic] Sanskrit Literature! In the work of the explanation of their purport, Ancient Sayancharya, and Modern researchers like Velenkar-Dandekar and others, Indian Prachya Vidya Pandit [] and German country based Oldenberg, Zig, Hilebrant had given an important and valuable contribution. Therefore, the Research Work has to be done by taking in to consideration of all this research work! In short, the entire process of research is objective, accurate, and full of abbreviation [abridgement] and close and constant in the study, pursuits, [Determined and unremitting application], this research is only teaching method oriented. There is no possibility of any amusement or entertainment as regards to such types of Dissertations from the point of view of all common ordinary people! Therefore, they prove to develop and increase the prosperity and glory of the Reference Library only!

On the contrary, the mythological novel carries the theme, the story and the hero to the common people. The presentation of the subject and the personality of the hero of the story is done at the level of artistry, delightful and pleasant imagination and entertainment by taking the support of the Mythological references only! As a result, the Dissertation that has remained in the bounded state in the library can come in to the open air and the entertainment and enlightenment of the readers can take place! The Mythological novel performs the work of giving the joyful delight to the readers with the use of filling the colours of imagination in the specifications and details and with the poetic graceful style without giving a blow or jolt to the history or mythology, and without making the play of hide and seek of the truth!! To give the illustration, there is a just indication of the marriage of Agastya- Lopamudra in the ancient literature! But, Dr. Sahastrabudhe has described the marriage ceremony in the most succulent and juicy manner!! Not only that, but he had presented the folksong sung by women of Vidarbha -----"Akashan dan dil|Dharanin Zelal|

Mazya Lopamudrech Lagin Brahmdevan Pahyal||
The decoration of the ornamental description of its original references is descended and expressed on and off at various places!! Everything that had been suggested by the ancient references, the novelist has made it very clear with the meaning of ancient time purport and essence [connection, relation] and picaresque descriptions! Common readers want exactly the same thing!!

Mythological Novel--

To see the Mythological form of this treatise, the traditional knowledge of the mythology must be taken in to the consideration. The attitude of Puranas or Mythology is, "Loke Vede ch". It exists in both- 'Folk [People] and Ved'

Puranas had done the work of simple and lucid

assertion [establishment] of the religion prescribed by Ved and germinated its principles in the heart of people!

While thinking from this point of view it is quite clear that Dr. Sahastrabudhe has made the use of the Vedic and Folk Literature in the most judicious, wise and thoughtful manner. He has handled the subject such as the Creation Genesis of the universe [Cosmos], The Origin of the Rishis and their work as regards the nurture of the universe also with the ardent and assiduous application of the mind and affections. It is certainly in relation and connection with five characteristics of Puranas such as, [Sargah Pratisargashch Vansho Manvantaranich| Vanshanucharitam Chaiv Puranam Panch Laxanam||] From this explanation 'The Mythological Quality ['The Pouranik Quality '] of the Mythological novel can be easily understood!!

Something about the Novel as the form of literature-

The views of critics as regards the 'The Novel form of Literature' are as follows-

1] The make or form of the novel is prepared with the harmonious unity of the theme or plot of the novel, the characterization, the atmosphere created by the time and place, the method of narration, symbols and images. Form does not mean the aspects of the novel and their addition.

2] Multi- coloured world of experience, the variety of its intrinsic reality and the external environment [surroundings] and multi -meanings can be expressed in the maximum manner! This is a slow form of literature that has the capacity and ability to create the picture of life in the total manner ! [Dr. R.B. Mancharkar, Sant Gourav Granth]

Bhalchandra Nemade says, " The Novel is a literary work that contains, very long linguistic space, multi layers of the purport [intentions] formulas, many characters, many incidents that are tending towards perfection rather than

imperfection!!" While talking about the Novel 'Swami' he says, " While creating the semblance [illusion], this novel tells about the relationship with the reality in the reflective manner! [Marathi Sahitya Prerana ani swaroop] ' He says further, " The novel requires the strong and more support of the morality and the prime action rather than the entertainment!! The reason is, that the novelist has to perform the cultural role of the preservation[protection], growth and dissemination of the cultural values as an artist in the unavoidable [compulsory] manner!"

I am of the strong opinion that, all these qualities of the Novel as a form of literature are exhibited , and expressed in hundred percent in this Mythological novel!!

To conclude, it is quite clear that, this mythological novel has become absolutely meaningful and perfect from the point of view of 'The Mythological subject [purport] and the style of the literary form of Novel!! As per my knowledge and information, this novel should be proved as " The First ,Original Mythological Novel' in Marathi literature'!!

The Form of this Mythological Novel-

The characteristics of the construction of this novels can be stated briefly as follows :-

1] Vast Scope- Extensive dimensions-

The subject of this novel is going to touch all ages , " ages after ages"! The Agastya tales, stories had entered in the Veda, Aristocratic Sanskrit Literature as well as Modern Literature also! The Agastya Principle [Tatva] had surpassed the limitation of the place and time long back!! Innumerable stories, innumerable types of work are recorded in the literature of all times! Agastya had reached not only in the whole worldly literature but in the space [antariksh] also!! The name of "Agastya ' is carved on the curtain of 'the Place and Time' in the immortal and everlasting manner!! Dr. Sahastrabuddhe had done the historic work of taking the

search of all these things with alert, sharp and witty intelligence through the medium of this novel .

2] Agastya is a Tendency- [Natural disposition]------

This novel written on the life of Maharshi Agastya is not a filming ,shooting or record of a particular historic person. It is definite and doubtless that Agastya was the most ancient historical person. But, Agastya was not just an individual but, ' A Divine, Extraordinary, Outstanding and Unique Great Person! The Description of the nature or the disposition of an individual's character is not the limited and narrow scope of this great master piece and work of art! The writing of this mythological novel has been done with the comprehensive [extensive] intention of singing the song of glorification of the eternal good qualities of the universal person of the super human power that belongs to the state of Gods and conveying it to the common ordinary people in the amusing and interesting manner!! That is also done very easily and naturally! As if Agastya told and the writer had put it in word!! "Agastya Tendency, Agastya Vidya [knowledge],and Agastya Philosophy" is the real and genuine subject of this Great Masterpiece! This most revered and respectful Godly [divine] great sage [Maharshi] had performed the Divine and Glorious work for the human welfare, The destruction of the evil,and the establishment of peace for ages together as "The Mediator, the Coordinator and the Messenger of Peace"!! By respecting 'The Divine Work as the Central point" and by glorifying such 'Constructive Thought System with great devotion and loyalty ,the writer is suggesting that , how such tendency should become 'The Universal Tendency in the present times today!!"

3] The Mandiyali [The Crowd, the line] of Legends-

Innumerable and uncountable legends and tales seem to have crowded and gathered together around the name of "Agastya"! During the course of time, the unreal and fictitious glorification is done [Paracha Kavala] in the manner of exaggeration in the context of some historical person! That event [incident] is so outstanding and unique that, the description of that wonderful event is made in the form of the legend out of appreciation and respect and over-powered by that dazzling miracle beyond the imagination! Therefore, the legends are created such as, "Agastya over crossed Vindhya" means, Vindhya had surrendered and bowed before him permanently! 'or "Agastya had over crossed the ocean" means, Agastya drank [consumed] the Sea!!" The writer has done a successful attempt of brightening and illumining 'The Greatness of Agastya' by making the harmonious unification of such innumerable legends and taking the search of the logical event behind that each and every legend and explaining its purport or relation in the context of the modern times!! All this has to be seen from the original treatise. Among all legends, some legends had come only from the Vedic Literature. For example, "Agastya had made efforts to give the social status to Vasishtha and to create the reconciliation and friendship between Marud and Indra." On the contrary, some legends had come only in the epics and Puranas, such as, Churning of the Sea and Destruction of Vindhya's ego etc.! But, the legends such as, Agastya's birth from the pitcher [Kumbh], his marriage with Lopamudra had come almost in all literature. But, there is a difference in the details. But, the novelist had taken in to consideration the common thread from them, created and shaped one perfect and homogenous personality or the genuine great person with supernatural powers with co-ordination and synthesis in them.

4] Equal Thread and the Relationship with the present-

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From various legends the writer liked and felt the personality of Agastya as follows in the brief manner.-----

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One severe and strong ascetic and yet a powerful "Rishi" who is accepted and respected by the society and the one that had the capacity to cover the sky or to attempt the impossible, Vedic creator of the hymns, expert in the art of Archery, Ayurveda, and Agricultural knowledge., the Manager of the Life water stream, the Yadnik that organizes the power through the Som- Sacrifice [Som Yag], Peace Loving Mediator, The First original Colonist [settler], Social Worker, the World Traveller, The Space Traveller., the destroyer of the sin, egoistic pride and poison, the Remover of the Curse, The Killer of demons, Atharvan, The Kulguru that creates the Independent Vidya [knowledge] and Gurukuls, The great Soul that has received the Star Post in the Space [Antariksha]! Agastya proves to be remembered in the early morning from all such view points! Each legend had created his image as the Benefactor of people, Destroyer of the demons and evils, Peace loving Mediator, Manager and the balance Maintainer of the universe and the human society. By making the meaningful purport of the mysterious and exaggerated description, the novelist had established its relation with the scientific meaning and relevance with modern times!! For example, "Agastya marries to self-created Lopamudra"! This concept is not acceptable normally. But, the explanation made by the novelist in this relation should be observed originally. The scientific background of the water management behind the legends of the Sea- Consumption and the Creation of Kaveri has to be observed in the admirable manner! It is the real truth that, the novelist that delights in the Past tense is maintaining his loyalty to the Present Times!!

The Purport [Intention]of the Novel-----

There is no consecutive or continuous story that exists in this artistic creative work and the great master piece from the worldly view point! "The Divine type of the birth, Extra-ordinary Ascetic austerity, Outstanding and glorious Cosmic Work, the management of the universe and the Water reservoirs from the divine form of contribution and the Ascent on the Star Post of Agastya that has been accepted as Immortal by entering in to the deep devout Samadhee by doing the Welfare of the People" is the only theme or the story of this novel! His circulation was beyond the time and space! Therefore there is an inclusion of innumerable individuals, Gods, human beings and demons also in it that came in his contact. Agastya's powerful influence is seen right from Vedic Saptarshi, Pandav, Ram-Ravan, Parashuram, Shiv-Parvati, Narada, Jatayu, Hanumant to straight Shivaji Maharaj, Ahilyabai Holkar and the fierce revolutionirists!! There seems to be only one equal and similar formula of "The Human Welfare and The Destruction of the Evil People!! This should be proved as "The Bridge that connects to people, rivers, regions and social groups and divisions [Making , transforming the evil people in to good people- From Anarya to Arya!] The statements that had come quite often in the story are historically important, , philosophical and focusing on the propagation and dissemination of The Agastya Vidya [Agastya knowledge]. Since all this had come in the flow of events, it does not sound dry or heavy!

So many philosophical passages have come in this novel!! The Samved manifests from the mouth of the Ashram girls of Shrirama's Ashram in the following manner-----

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Agastyachya punyain | Manasacha Dev zala|
Agastya Agastya | Tuzi Manasavar maya||
Kaivalyachya vanatoon |Mayabajar mandala|

Mayechya Bajarat| Jadjeev Janma ala||

The nature and the fruition result of The Shiv-Woship had come in the most extensive and blessed manner style!!

Such pure, sacred and pleasant greenery of philosophy is scattered quite on and off at many places!!

The descriptions of Sage Agastya's extraordinary superhuman accomplishments have entered at various places from the mouth of various individuals and in the context of different types events and incidents!! The writer has filled many beautiful and charming colours of imagination of details to make that event more interesting and entertaining with the support of the original historical or mythological events in the seed form!! For example, The Birth Story of Agastya, The Marriage ceremony of Agastya- Lopamudra, Agastya's Samadhee etc. But, the original thread or the formula of the propagation of Agastya Vidya and its Glory has never been neglected or disappeared beyond the glance anywhere at any place!!

The theme and its intention of the novel is really very vast, extensive and deeply penetrating in nature!! The scope and dimensions of space and time is also endless and eternal. It is really very important and essential on the part of the writer to have the great absorption and engrossment in the subject to write about the universal contribution of a universal person in words in the limited range or scope of pages !!! It is necessary to take the exact references, to make their adjustment in the logically consistent and congruent manner , to make use of statements, dialogues and folk -songs for the entertainment to achieve that purpose successfully. The novelist had accepted and held that challenge extremely well and successful !! Briefly, the style of presentation of this novel is as follows :-----

1] The presentation is done with the dialogue in flash back method between the writer, his friend Yogeshvar

and a worker in the tribal region at the beginning originally. The writer's role has become very clear from that dialogue. The writer tells and the friend listens. The Space Expert friend is also enchanted and moved I feel that it would have been more better to have such dialogue of great satisfaction of the fulfillment also at the end of the novel !!

2] The engrossment of the writer to the hero of the novel is so deep that, there will be a confusion as regards, the statement - whether it belongs to the writer or to the hero of the novel!!

3] The statements of many Gods and Goddesses, ascetics and sages and Narad about the grandeur and greatness of Agastya, the evolving of a story from the story, is a special and mythological type of style of writing!!

4] The joint of the folk tales given to the mythological stories,, the intermittent scientific support makes all readers accomplished with real enrichment of knowledge.

5] The songs presented by the tribal women on the occasion of Agastya's birth, Agastya -Lopamudra marriage ceremony certainly make a good change of the taste !

6] Especially the description of the nature of Agastyapuri[Akole] is pictorial [picturesque] and very delightful and pleasant.

7] The incident of Agastya's entrance in to the deep devout Samadhee awakens the memory of Dnyandeva's Sanjeevan Samadhee Ceremony !!

It is not proper to attach the historical yardstick or the measures to such Great work of art, the real Master Piece !! But, there is an urgent and strong necessity of such "Agastya Tendency oriented Knowledge [Vidya] and the Energy Power" today in the modern times! This beautiful Mythological Novel that brings out the extremely powerful spectacle [Darshan] to the knowledgeable, experts and common persons in the most beautiful and artistic manner

will be proved quite certainly as a Revolutionary Step in the history of Marathi Literature!!!

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Translator's Note-
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"Agastya'-Mythological Novel in Marathi
[by Dr. Anil Sahastrabudhe]

I feel extremely happy and fully satisfied to translate the beautiful Mythological Marathi Novel, the Great Master Piece " Agastya" in English written by Dr. Anil Sahastrabuddhe.! I honestly feel that, due to the divine inspiration and motivation of the Great Sage Maharshi Agastya, I received this great opportunity, to contribute my humble service to this great historic gigantic work in my life!! Considering the magnanimity, the volume and the valuable treasure of the outstanding mission of the most ancient admirable Sage Maharshi Agastya , it was really a very challenging, breath taking experience on my part to do the translation work of this Divine Master Piece in English!!

I feel fortunate and proud to admit the fact that, this was really a very big ,vast and magnificent project in which I had experienced the most beautiful moments of deep absorption and real joy of the creative work! IThis experience had enriched my knowledge and understanding of the most divine and unique universal mission of the most ancient Great Sage Agastya and his multi -faceted glorious personality who had spent his entire life and is still spend-

ing his precious knowledge and guidance through the form of a Dazzling Bright Star in the Sky for the welfare and betterment of the universe by destroying the evil and demonic forces and egoistic , arrogant tendencies in the atmosphere even in the present times today!! Frankly speaking, I had learnt a lot while translating this glorious work in English. I was thrilled and inspired to see the colossal and grand canvas of the great universal work of Maharshi Agastya at each and every step !

Dr. Anil Sahastrabuddhe had achieved a great success in describing the vast content and the powerful character of the hero of the novel, Maharshi Agastya while unfolding his outstanding divine and superhuman qualities! But that is not the only purpose of this novel! Maharshi Agastya's highest contribution in the important fields like the good establishment and management of the sacrificial organization, by performing long termed Soma Yagas, balancing the work of five basic elements, Aurvidya, for health , Ayurveda, agriculture ,science of war, Atharvan , literature, music and languages appeals to a large extent to the mind of the reader. The value of these noble fields are important in the context of the challenges and difficulties in the modern life that we are facing in the present world at the Global level today!!

Sage Agastya has been described with genuine respect in Vedic literature, Upnishads and important religious and mythological treatises! The legends and folk tales are full of the descriptions of his divine Super human birth, his contact with the divine, and earthly world, the roles that he had performed as a co-ordinator that established the harmonious friendship between Indra -And Varun, to maintain the ecological balance in the universe, his most impressive adventurous act of drinking the whole sea to destroy the demons without destroying the life of the aquatic creatures

in the sea, his assurance of protection given to Gods, his marriage with Lopamudra whom he had created with his own splendor with an intention to serve the purpose of giving a good state to his forefathers after their death, his successful medical achievement while transplanting and fixing the golden leg to queen Vishpala, the wife of Khelraja with the help of Ashvinikuma, in the his establishment of Gurukuls and ashrams through which he served his glorious intention of the extensive propagation of Agastya Vidya in the entire universe! Sage Agastya dazzles before our eyes as a severe ascetic with very powerful super human powers! In addition to that we are impressed with his highest contribution in the field of Agriculture, Rain Management, Ayurveda, Medical science for good health, Science of War, Archery, Atharvan, the important inclusion of Arts, literature and Music! He had given the New life to the South India where he is worshipped as God! His devotion to Shiv-Parvati and three Gods from whom he had always received blessings created a strong impact on my mind! His Tandav- the cosmic dance for the destruction of the evil and corrupt deformities of egoistic pride and arrogance has no parallel! He helped God Shriram to establish the virtuous noble Arya Culture and destroy the powerful arrogant King Ravan of his own lineage! His creative ability to construct the Vedic hymns to praise Gods and Goddesses, his long termed Soma Yagas to increase his own power..... All these are the most attractive and remarkable abilities and specialties of his character which appealed to me most! All this struggle and constants efforts were done for the Creation Of the Good and Virtuous Universe!! Krunvanto Vishvam Aryam!! This was the Motto of his life !! His great and glorious work is still going on and will be continued till the eternity!! That is the most beautiful aspect of this Great Master Piece"

I honestly feel that this Masterpiece should be trans-

lated in all important languages in the world The greatness of the valuable and immortal contribution of Sage Agastya must reach to each and every corner of the whole world at the Global level! This is not only a Mythology or legend ! This great master piece has tremendous capacity and ability to guide the entire universe in all walks of life ! Its Global importance is really outstanding and immortal! The world must know, understand and acknowledge the immortal values and philosophy of the Eternal Sage Man Manya Mandarya Agastya! The rise of the New Universe will be successful and complete with the acceptance Of Maharshi Agastya's glorious role and contribution in the present times!

I really felt astonished, dazed, touched and moved at each moment in the deep core of my heart from time to time while doing the translation of this beautiful novel in English. I have tried my best as per my ability to fulfil the great responsibility. But, the real source of inspiration and motivation behind this humble attempt of mine is," The blessings and inspiration of the Most Respected Ancient Sage of all times, Maharshi Agastya only!" With his blessings only I could be able to do this work! In fact, he is the Master, Creator and Doer!! I am just an instrument in his invisible hands! I express my deep love, gratitude and respect to Sage Agastya with all my heart!! Great people may come and go, but this bright dazzling immortal and eternal Star, Maharshi Agastya will keep on showering his grace and guidance on this world for ever in the eternal manner!!

I express my sincere feelings of gratitude to Dr. Anil Sahastrabuddhe for giving me this opportunity and encouragement to translate this Glorious MasterPiece "Agastya" in English!

Lastly, I offer this humble contribution of mine with utmost feeling of gratitude at the most sacred feet of the Great Sage Maharshi Agastya.....!!!

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|| Om Sadguru Shri Swami Samarthay Namah||
||"Om Shri Agastyay Namah"||

God Ramchandra took bath in the crystal clear pure water of the Ganga river. Mother Ganga gave an auspicious bath to the fair colored daughter of the Earth, Seeta who was thrilled with delight. Laxman enjoyed the bathing gambols with great enthusiasm. The Ganga stream received the experience of the absorption of the bath in Ganga . The Time [Kal] , The Space [Avakash] and the Supreme Divine Power [Kaivalya] were also experiencing the splendorous experience of the attainment of the absolute purity to the pure! Ram, Laxman and Janaki gave the oblation of Ganga water to the Water of Ganga facing the gate of Ganga [Gangadwar]. Words vibrated quickly from the Gangadwar Om Agastyai Namah| Krunvanto Vishvam Aryam || "Salutations to Shri Agastee Maharshee! We change the entire Universe into a Noble Family!!"

"O Sun illuminated Ram, make the entire universe lustrous and bright like Sun and enriched with the knowledge and life by following the path of Agastya! Om Agastyai Namah| Krunvanto Visvam Aryam| The echoing sounds started reverberating and coming forth from the peaks of the mountains covered by the snow, thick forests , spacious

and large water streams and caves executing and acquiring the power [strength] of the rigid and devout austerities. Entire space was filled and enchanted with the reverberating sound again and again!! Mother Seeta was feeling thrilled by that enchanting sound, Laxman was absorbing those echoes in his own- self as if he was absorbing the whole universe in him with his enlarged wide eyes with surprise! God Ramchandra was giving his auspicious Darshan to the entire universe in his colossal form. Sage Narada was trying to realize this Divine View with great curiosity. But, he was also becoming restless every day !!

God Ramchandra, felt perfectly full with vibrancy and vitality. The master of the power and strength took the auspicious Darshan of the holy place and Lord Shiv along with the empress Seeta and Laxman. They rested for a while under the shade of a huge tree at Gangadwar. Mother Seeta was watching the face of Lord Ram alertly." Seeta Devi asked,"O my Master, Are you contemplating on something? Would you like if I ask you a question?"

"O Bright Lady,the storm of questions that has risen in your mind is buzzing in my mind also! Yet, you ask your question without any hesitation and doubt."

"Who is this Agastya? What is his path?"

"My dear wife, Agastya is a Great Sage, dedicated and devoted to the universe. He had invited all spiritual powers by confusing great powers like Kal [Time] and Space[Avakash] to use their strength for the welfare of the humanity by performing the ascetic penance for thousand years. Sage Vasishtha and Laxman gave this information to me. But, I do not have any more knowledge beyond this!" replied Lord Ram.

"Even then, you are going to follow his path?" asked Seetadevi doubtfully.

"Yes! That path is connecting to the North-South,

East-West and The Jambu Island [Jambudweep] with bridges of knowledge. As a result, there should be no objection to follow that path!," exclaimed Lord Ram.

"You are all seeing. Myself and Laxman are very much excited and curious to know everything about shri Agastya. Isn't it not Laxman?"

"Yes Mother! Perhaps the time to go by the path of sage Agastya seems to have come quite close by now. We request you to satisfy our mind by removing our doubts now." requested Laxman.

"We will go to the Agastyamunigram which is near from here and stay there for some days. We will come to know everything over there only." replied Shri Ram.

Seetadevi and Laxman were not satisfied. But, they could not be able to speak anything before Lord Ram.

The discussion continued under the huge tree during the whole day. Lord Ram said to Laxman at the quiet time in the evening ,"We will leave tomorrow only after the bath.' They both were lost in the thought after watching the determination of Lord Ram. Lakman made preparation for fruit diet. No one uttered a word while eating fruits. Agastyamunigram was completely engrossed in waiting for the arrival of Shri Ramchandra!!

When Sage Narada's feet touched and stabled at the holy place Kailas, on the camphor like snow white land of Himalayas, his mind was filled with one more additional curiosity. What was the reason to give a command to Lord Ramchandra such as,"Om Agastai Namah|| Krunvanto Vishvam Aryam?"

Shri Ramchandra has already performed the mission of the destruction of monsters and demons before with the command of sage Vasishtha and sage Vishvamitra completely well. Then what is all this? " The great storm of questions rose in the mind of Narada. When he observed

the situation on the Kailas ,he was surprised to see that almost all residents of Kailas including Shri Ganesh,Nandikeshvar Kartikeya and Uma- Mahesh were totally engrossed in the enjoyment of singing,dancing and playing the instrumental music!!The stream of Ganga was overflowing with extreme joy! The festive atmosphere of Deepavali of joy and merrymaking was going on over the Kailas. Sage Narada had also lost the track of his mind for some time while watching that jubilant atmosphere. He had also joined and got absorbed in the rhythm, rhythmic flow and the melodious tunes of music. He gave the accompaniment of his musical instrument Veena- and 'Chipalya' [A common term for the two sticks used to clap together by the devotees of God Vitthal] He had forgotten Lord Shri Ramchandra in the divine music of Shiva!

Lord Shiva's beloved Uma's attention was drawn by Narada. Parvati was also absorbed in the attractive dancing .She smiled to look at Narada even in her own dancing state. A mischievous expression rose on her face. Lord Shiva realized that her attention is a little bit diverted from the dance.

"Is anything different and surprising has happened apart from your absorption in dancing ,my Dear?" Uma started laughing more after listening Shiva's sudden question! Her dancing steps stopped and she pointed out her finger towards Narada. The knower of three times and the father of the world also looked in front of him with great curiosity, forgetting his dance. Narada was fully absorbed in the delight of the dancing festival with Shri Ganesh,Nandee and Kartikeya. The troops of Shiv were also dancing around these three with the company of Narada. When the entire Kailas was reaching to the highest climax of the wild rapture of delight of the dancing ceremony with loud sound of Shiva arising out of the dance, music and the instrumental

music, Kartikeya made a loud blowing sound of the conch!! The indication of the arrival of some guest was revealed in that loud blowing sound of the conch. All dancing,singing and playing the instrumental music was stopped immediately within a moment! Eyes of all participants were fixed [on Narada who was still lost in the enjoyment of dancing even after the blowing sound of the conch. Then Kartikeya, Shri Ganesh and Nandikeshvar hurriedly came forward. Shiv Paravati also ascended on the throne with great admiration.

"Pardon us! O Brahmarshi Sage Narada, please accept our greeting!!" Narada heard the words of Ganesh and came back to his senses!

"Narayan, Narayan....!!", Narada accepted the greeting with hesitation .

"Kudos!! ... Hail to the victory of Brahmarshi Narada, the knower of three times and the universal traveler !!!" Nandikeshvar made a loud proclamation. The proclamation of Narada's victory reverberated from mouths of all on Kailas!!

" Welcome!! Welcome! We welcome you! We have conveyed the intimation of your arrival to Lord Shiva and Parvati. They are waiting for you...! Shri Ganesh,Kartikeya and Nandikeshvar took Narada quite respectfully to Shri Uma Mahesh.

"Narayan ,Narayan".. Narada prostrated three times before Lord Mahadev to pay his obeisance.

" Come! Come!! Sage Narada. Be seated on the seat. The entire Kailas is feeling extremely happy with your arrival." Shiva paid obeisance to Narada.

"Narayan.. Narayan...O Lord Shiva, What is the reason of all this dancing,singing and playing the music on Kailas today? What is so special ? Which festival is being celebrated today?" enquired Narada.

"The resolution to fulfil the desire of my beloved Parvati Ambika is taking place !!" Shiv informed Narada.

"I have not understood" said Narada doubtfully again."

"O Sage Naraday Narad, Have you heard "the command" given to Shri Ramchandra at Gangadwar?

You have arrived on Kailas to know and ask for that reason only. Isn't it ?' and you are saying that," You have not understood it! "O Sage Narada ,You are the knower of three [times] and all-seeing too! You understand the significance of the destiny written by the Creator of the universe. Even then why do you raise such doubts?"

'Narayan... Narayan..O Lord Shiva, I am aware of your specialty and your knack. It is your natural disposition to make me predict and talk about your desired expectations by my own mouth. But, you will only tell me now about this event at this time ." insisted Narada very strongly.

"Uma, fulfil the desire of your son now!!" commanded Lord Shiv to Uma.

"O Sage Narada, You know everything .All Gods and human beings are sons and grandsons of three Gods!! They are full of three qualities ,the Sattva, Raj and Tam raised from me. [three qualities----- 1]'Satva' the first property of the humanity such as, goodness, purity and excellence 2] Raj--the second property of the humanity such as passion or foulness [Raj] and 3] Tam--the third property of darkness and vice known as hot, fiery and villainous[Tam.] The creator of the universe God Brhamdeva has decided to give the form of Culture [Sanskriti] to the Natural Disposition [Prakriti]! But, due to the bad quality like Tam[the ignorance and sinful nature] the Aryas, born in the noble and gentle families had become the Anaryas with the hot fiery satanic and devilish bad vices. So, the Primeval Master God Shiva gave birth to Shri Ganesh to change the bad,devilish Anaryas in to the cultured and noble Aryas. As a result, the entire

Brahm [the creation] has become one with him in the form of Vishnu [organization] and started changing the universe in to the knowledge form by destroying obstacles. But Shri Ganesh continued to perform the work in the Divine manner only. Instead of making the change and transforming the patterns of behavior ,more observation and concentration was given to blessings and the completion of the work in the most subtle and minute manner. Therefore, Lord Shivshankar gave birth to his son along with his Kal formed splendor with the help of The Fire [Mitra] and water [Varun] who was not born from the womb of the mother. This was his son known as Sage Agastya !!!

He gave Agastya the responsibility to make the troops of God Shiva good, virtuous and noble! [Arya means, with the first property such as excellence ,purity goodness and radiance,brilliance and luster] by destroying the vice of darkness and devilishness at the places of existence and the movement of Lord Shiv and his troops. Agastya took the mission of making the upliftment and betterment of the Anaryas [devils and monsters] who are generated from the recurrence of six enemies such as, lust, anger, greed, attraction, laziness, and jealousy and also the weak living beings that are tossing in the darkness of ignorance.

He had done the untiring hard efforts of the destruction of the demons [Asuras] . He had to face the limitations that came before him while doing his work in his physical form as the Great Sage [Maharshi]. The divine or supernatural work was done but the complete eradication of the vice of darkness, ignorance and the devilish tendencies were not destroyed completely. The difficult task and the mission of the destruction of the vice of darkness, ignorance and evilness will have to be performed continuously for ages together in the future also. Therefore, this responsibility has been handed over to Shri Ramchandra who is in the human

form. Sage Agastya was very powerful with the strength of Lord Shiv. But, his mind was quite compassionate like Varun the deity of water and bright like the Sun. He wandered all over in the Jambudweep[The Division of Earth] and the universe and made the establishment of civility[decency], knowledge, the dignity of labour and valor [victory] .He gave motivation on many islands and from Shri Lanka to Vindhyadri with his knowledge oriented and splendorous state!! Even then, the evil and devilish monsters that were not good and virtuous, demons, and ignorant devils continued to rise again and again from the vice of darkness, evil and bad actions and ignorance.

Agasya who is constantly absorbed with great and unlimited compassion for all human beings, Gods and demons belongs to the human and super human grade!! Agastya is rewarded with the firm and permanent post in the stars. He had preserved his superhuman splendor in stars for the eternity and accepted the existence in the hermitage in the human form. He had kept the routine of the practice of the recitation of Vedas and the guidance in the hermitage[Gurukul] along with his household way of life. Agastya can utilize this splendor ,this brightness with the help and support of God Ramchandra The destruction of bad,evil and dark vices will happen and the crystal clear and pure life like Kailas will be bloomed and flowered in the Jambudweep.!! I want to make this earth, this universe good ,virtuous and sacred. !! God Ramchandra has accepted the vow to fulfil and satisfy my desires!!', Uma was describing the story of Sage Agastya who was born from the splendor and luster of Mitra and Varuna, to Brahmarshi Narada with great admiration and respect. Entire Kailas was making the shower of flowers on the Agastya-munigram and God Ramchandra who was holding the bow. The divine sage of the Brahmanical order ,Brahmarshi Narada was totally en-

grossed in watching the future fate of the space on the earth along with the space with its past, present and future by becoming one with the divine essence, the Brahma!! He could be able to see the transformation of Jambudweep into the Aryavarta! He bowed respectfully to God Shivshankar and proceeded to go with extreme eager to meet Lord Shri Ramchandra hurriedly by making the loud proclamation of the name of God Narayan " Narayan.Narayan" !

Lord Shiv's companion Parvati Ambika became one with Shiv by feeling very happy and thrilled by looking with admiration at Narada. Lord Shiv was also very pleased. Kartikeya made a loud sound of victory with his conch. Shri Ganesh was experiencing the fast movement of the vibrancy with the glance of admiration and overcoming with a joyful emotion The glances of all celestial Gods and Goddesses,lakhs of stars and Kal[Time],Avakash[Space] and Kaivalya [The Supreme Divine Power] were fixed at the Agastya Munigram. Luminous, lustrous and bright like God Vishnu, Prabhu Ramchandra, who belonged to the Sun lineage was very eager to know the story of Agastya. The entire universe along with mother Seeta and Laxman was extremely eager to know the story of sage Agastya!!.....

As "Sons of King Dasharatha" arrived at the close distance facing to the ashram of Agastya, a few disciples from the ashram came forward to greet God Shriram with garlands of flowers and the pitcher of water. Lord Ramchandra was surprised to see them!

'Are you the disciples of Agastya?'asked Shriram to them.

"Yes, O Great God !!"

" Myself, the son of King Dasharath, my wife Seeta

and brother Laxman bow to you all. Please accept our obeisance. When three of them started to pay their obeisance to disciples, they said, "O God, we are not the authorities to accept your obeisance. We are quite aware and know that you are the direct human incarnation of the world adorable God Vishnu! Sage Agastya sent us to greet you. We request you to accept our greetings. "With these words the group of disciples sprinkled the holy water of river Ganga on the lotus feet of Lord Ramchandra. They offered the garland of flowers to Ramchandra and touched his feet with great respect. Later on they welcomed mother Seeta and Laxman also and requested them to reside in the ashram. God Ramchandra accepted their greeting and those three proceeded further to enter in to the ashram along with the group of disciples.

Agastyamunigram was situated in the inner side of mountains at one side and in thick shadows of trees! The extensive ashram of Sage Agastya was situated quite close to the vast stream of river Ganga! The entire area of the ashram was attracting the guests with the aroma of flowers.

"Is the great sage Agastya in the ashram only?" asked God Ram.

"Yes! The Dean - Kulguru of this ashram, who is born in the lineage of respected Agastya family is in the ashram only!!" replied disciples.

"We are extremely eager to meet Mandarya Agastya!" said God Rama.

"Please pardon us O Lord! Ages had gone since the most respected Mandarya Agastya had gone to the South Path to accomplish a great victory!! It is said, that his existence is in the centre of Jambudweep and on the shore of river Amrutvahinee", replied disciples.

Ramchandra became introvert. Without saying any-

thing further, he had moved further towards the ashram.

Agastya ashram was near to the Agastyamunigram. It was covered with thick trees and creepers. On the background of the ashram the peaks of the Himalyan range spread at the large sides, were raising their snowy white heads more high to see the auspicious sight [Darshan] of Lord Rama. Various kinds of innumerable birds including Parrots and Sarikas [A bird Turdus salica] were jumping with the great enthusiasm and joy, and swirling around their own self while paying their obeisance to God Rama. They were resounding the whole atmosphere with echoes of their sweet and melodious sounds. The most beautiful, attractive and colorful garlands and festoons of flowers were decorating the bowers with the help of the trees and creepers to greet Laxmi-Narayan. White coloured peacocks started dancing by spreading and fluffing their plumages. Bears, rabbits and monkeys were excited with surge of great joy. Agastya disciples had spread the carpets of colourful flowers at the entrance of the ashram to greet Lord Rama, mother Seeta and Laxman. The chief sage of the Agastya Family lineage [Gotra] and Chief of Agastya residence had come to the entrance gate of the ashram to greet Lord Rama. Their arrival up to the entrance gate became the topic of great discussion and curiosity among all disciples of the ashram..

Lord Ramchandra touched the lotus feet of the Chief of the eminent Agastya Ashram Seat and prostrated before him along with his better half Seeta and brother Laxman who accompanied him like a shadow. Agastya blessed them with a pleasing smiling face. "Yashoman Bhav!! Be Successful always!!" When this act of blessing was going on, the whole atmosphere in the ashram and outside reverberated with divine words, "Om Agastyai Namah| Krunvanto Vishvam Aryam!!" The echoes of these words of proclamation were resounding through the crowing and cheering

sounds of birds and animals also for a long time! Agastya felt very happy. God Ramchandra ,Seeta and Laxman became serious and were lost in the deep grave thoughts!!

Ramchandra's residential arrangement was done in a big spacious hut. Disciples were specially appointed to serve him. But, God Ramchandra refused this 'disciple service'. Agastya also respected his feelings. They enjoyed the taste of good food prepared in the kitchen of the ashram at night. Lord Ram felt very happy and pleased after drinking the milk of white mother-cows in the ashram. God Ram remained present as the special guest for the prayers before going to sleep. Agastya described how Ram and Laxman had destroyed the demonic tendencies with the help of Sage Vasishta and Vishvamitra in the glorious manner to the disciples of the ashram. Then Shri Ramchandra took the leave of all and returned to his hut with Seeta and Laxman to take rest. The observance and obligation of the strict and rigorous manner of vow while staying in the ashram was clearly reflected and realized in the entire behavior of Ramchandra.

Laxman spread the seat of grass for his own self in the large and spacious outward portion of the hall after taking the leave of Lord Ramchandra and mother Seeta. 'Sheshmaharaj' Laxman [Laxman was the incarnation of the serpent King Shesha] was extremely happy with the astonishing and pleasant incidents during the whole day. The whole ashram was engulfed in the arms of the sleep in the darkness. The planets, stars and constellations in the sky were observing very closely the future prediction of the fate!! Mother Seeta asked a question to Lord Ram,

"O Lord, How long we are going to stay in the ashram?

I am feeling a little bit suppressed here."

"Why do you feel like that?"

"Lord, you have been constantly persisted to do the journey of your life by following the path of Agastya."

"Yes! My Dear! That is the mission of my life. I need your assistance in that!"

"My Lord, I am completely devoted to you as a wife!"

"No, My Dear, I do not intend to have your image as 'The Devoted Wife' only in my mind."

"Then? What is your expectation?"

"You are the mother of the whole universe. You will have to perform the auspicious vows for their welfare by searching the hills and caves, forests and cities. We both have taken our birth along with the Shesh [Laxman] to fulfill and complete the mission and the duties of our previous incarnation. Our incarnation is to perform the mission of creating the welfare and the betterment of the entire humanity and to carry the entire human world to the point of climax to obtain the state goodness and nobility [The Arya State]. You will have to face and go through many ordeals. There are many limitations to the human existence. But, one can go to The Kaivalya from this state only by going from the path of mortality. It is possible for the human being only to do that, which is not possible even for Gods to do!! Man is made of five basic elements. 'The state of Kaivalya' [Absorption with Divinity-God] is accomplished and obtained from the union of the pure and good qualities of those five elements. Demonic tendencies of giants and ghosts are the states of the vice of darkness and evil. When they become frightful or hideous, they can cause calamity on the Kaivalya, Kal and the celestial existence in the space also! This is not the destruction or the doom of the universe but, the state of the dreary and awful gloomy state of the darkness. If we want to checkmate or achieve victory on it, we must increase the

valor and splendor of the human-beings at the supreme level. You are already an image and the form of power. But you are also the mother of the whole universe in addition to that! I want your co-operation, your help with all this power." With these words Shri Ramchandra looked at Seeta with great expectation.

"O my most respected husband! This is entirely in your hands. "But, please tell me how to perform the great valor for the welfare of the humanity? Please explain the concept of "Following the path of Agastya also to me." said Seeta.

The dialogue of the great supreme power [Kaivalya] continued with the Divine form of power [Shaktirupini] till midnight! As if Agastya's noble thought of the welfare of the whole universe was flowing through the mouth of Shree Ram!! The embryo of the welfare of the universe was growing in the womb of the dark night!!

The night was over! The day illumined! The Ashram awoke. The women disciples were coming towards the Ashram with pitchers filled with water. The entire Ashram was filled with echoes of sweet sounds of birds! Ramkutee {Rama's hut} was also awakened! Laxman had already gone out to search for fruits. The tingling sound of the cow-milking was coming out from the cow house.. The mother cows were withdrawing their milk with the maternal feeling into the udder with the sucking of their calves. As if the women disciples of the ashram who were coming with the water pitchers on their heads were chanting the proclamation of the Vedas. They were getting the rhythm of their own elegant footsteps while walking on the ground.' The Samveda' of the common people was manezing through their mouths! They were singing the folk song,

"Agastyachya punyaeen Manasacha Dev zala|
Agastya Agastya| Tuzee manasavar maya||

Andharachya udarat |Navatyach hot zal|
Kaivalyache Chaitanya | Tava Kalan dekh||
Chaitanya moharal|Avaghya akashee sandal|
Kotee kotee tarakanee |Asa abhal datal||
As Kaivalya hasal |Baiee sapanat rangal|
Soorya tejee prasaval|Navgrah Chandrasav||
Kaivalyachya sapanee Baiee | Pachbhoot nipajalee|
Srushtee Sateech kavateek|Shaktee matan pahyalee||
Pacha mukheech Kaivalya |Mandee garudacha khel

|
Characharachya gatheela| Baiee janmamrtuch ga
pher||
Kaivalyachya vanatoon|Mayabajar mandala|
Mayechya bajaran|Jadjeev janma ala||
Mayechya mulakhat |Baiee gondan nandan|
Charee sambhalita |Baiee saheech bhandan||
Ahamkaree bhandatana |Danavacha janm zala|
Ahamkar phedayala Man kumbhatoon ala|
| Manach kartuk Baiee| Agastyacha janm zala|
Sange Agastyacha Tara |Manuspan sambhalava||

Meaning of the Song-

"Man became God, The Divine" with the moral, religious and virtuous merit of Sage Agastya. O Sage Agastya, you have intense love and compassion for the mankind. A strange thing happened in the womb of the darkness. That, which had never happened before had happened! The life, the vibrancy, the spirit of the Supreme Deity, the divine supreme power, "The Kaivalya" was witnessed by the Kal [Time]. The vibrancy bloomed, blossomed and spread in the entire sky! The sky became thick with crores of stars. Such Supreme creative power, the Kaivalya laughed and took delight in the dream and gave birth to the Sun, along with the Moon and Nine planets with splendor. Five basic elements were born in the dream of the Supreme Divine

Power[Kaivalya]. The mother of the power and strength] saw the admiration of the cosmic mother.

Five faced Supreme divine power started the play of the charmer. As a result, the entire universe, the animate and the inanimate world was fixed and fastened with the knot of the rounds of birth and death. The market of illusion was set and arranged from the jungle of the Divine Supreme Power[Kaivalya]. It resulted in to the birth of the gross physical body of the living being in the market of the illusion. In the territory of the illusion, while four started living together, the dispute rose, the quarrel started among six. When the egoists were quarreling and fighting, the demon, the evil was born! Man[Agastya] came out from the pitcher to destroy the Ego. The great action of Man [Agastya] must be admired. Sage Agastee was born in the Man Lake! The Star of Agastya gives the message Take care of the humanity and protect the humanity!!"]

The whole atmosphere of the Agastyamunigram was making the ears pure and inspiring and awakening each mind by giving a call of the eternity with auspicious and virtuous proclamation by chanting Vedas from the mouths of women who were carrying the water pitchers at the cool pleasant dawn! The auspicious surrounding of the Agastyamunigram was telling 'Uttishthat, Jagrat, Prapyavaran Nibodhat!! "Get up[Rise], Awake This Samveda had tremendous power and capacity to make the entire universe vibrant and full of life!! The story of Agastya was captivating and enchanting to the ears of Lord Ramchandra, and Mother Seeta. Lord Ramchandra felt great admiration for the story of Sage Agastya's birth flowing and oozing from the Superhuman literature! Lord Ramchandra became introspective with the description of the creation of the universe!!

" Janaki (Seeta), how did the information and knowl-

edge of the states such as, 'The Space [avakash], the Divine Supreme Power [Kaivalya] and The Time[Kal] must have reached to these common people? "How easily and naturally the mystery of the universe comes on the lips of these household women through the oral traditions!!"

"My Lord, what is the reason of making the management of the false illusionary market? If it is true that, " The illusion[Maya] is false and not true", then why should God himself struggle hard to sustain and preserve this false and unreal existence in the illusion with the human qualities?" questioned Seeta.

" My dear wife, your question is similar to the question such as 'Whether the living being is untrue or the soul is untrue?' The living being is mortal in the mortal world. Where did he exist before the birth and why did he assimilate and mix with five elements? Which thing created the awareness[realization] of the existence between birth and death? It was realized due to the Self- principle[knowledge]. But is it possible to experience the existence of the self-principles[knowledge] without the living being? Therefore the nurture of the living being itself is the worship of the soul! Similarly, the upbringing or the nurture of 'the Illusion' is the worship of the Divine Supreme power or the Deity [Kaivalya]. As a result, it is sequential and imperative to take care of Maya, the Illusion. By the preservation and nurture of this Maya-the Illusion, the cosmic play has to be experienced. Then only, the existence of the Supreme Divine Power [The Kaivalya], the Space[Avakash] and the Time[Kal] can be experienced. The ultimate goal of the human beings with the gross, physical bodies is to become one with that Supreme Divine Power. It is an absorption with God only! But it is also an act of service to the ordinary human beings by making them alert and motivate them to live the virtuous and good life full of knowledge by making the balance of

their three qualities [Satva, Raj and Tam].The creation of sages, ascetics and artists is done for this reason only! They are performing the function, the mission of that great Divine Supreme power only!!"

Mother Seeta was listening Lord Ramchandra speech with careful attention. Even the creepers, birds and animals in the ashram had also pricked up their ears to listen to Lord Ram at that time. All were enchanted by words uttered by Lord Ram from his own mouth.

"O my Lord,How devotedly the inhabitants of the Agastyamunigram remember and chant the name of Sage Agastya! I have also become very curious and excited to listen to the mystery of Sage Agastaya's birth!"

While the conversation was going on between Ram and Janaki, Laxman had already returned by searching the fruits. He had kept the fresh, juicy and sweet fruits before Shr Ramchandra. The chief disciple of the management in the Agastya Ashram became present very quickly and enquired about Lord Shri Ram.He had also informed Lord Ram that Agastya had invited Lord Ram as the host of the sacrifice performed in the ashram.

Lord Ram said to him,"Munishvar, We are neither the inhabitants of the ashram nor the household persons and sitting on the royal throne. How can we grace or adorn the post of the host of the sacrifice? Please explain our difficulty and inability to accept this invitation to respected Agastya."

The disciple of Agastya went to Agastya and narrated the message of Lord Ram to him. Agastya had sent the another message. The sacrifice performed as the part of the daily, routine act is never done to fulfil some specific desire or goal. Therefore, there is nothing wrong to accept the responsibility of a host for Shri Ram. Lord Ram also, accepted the command of Agastya and gave his consent to remain present as the host in the sacrifice. Lord Ramchandra re-

mained present at the place of sacrifice with Seeta and Laxman along with the disciples of Agastya. Agastya greeted them with all formalities and made a resolution[sankalp] of the sacrifice. The flames of the sacrifice started dancing. Lord Ramchandra received the honour of participating as the host in the sacrifice of Agastya. 'Fire' also God Agni became extremely happy when the last offering was given in the sacrifice. When the sacrifice was completed and words of blessings were chanted with the loud announcement, the proclamation reverberated in the whole atmosphere!!.

"Narayana, Narayan...."Sage Narada arrived in the ashram. How eager he was to meet Agastya and Lord Ramchandra!

After noticing the arrival of Sage Narada Lord Ramchandra, Seeta and Laxman came forward and offered their obeisance to him. There were tears of joy in the eyes of Naranda while embracing Lord Ramchandra with blessings. Narada bowed to Agastya also. After washing the feet of Narada, Agastya asked Sage Narada the reason of his arrival.

"Narayan, Narayan....I have come here to convey the command of Lord Shiv and Mother Parvati to Lord Ramchandra "replied Narada.

"Lord Shiva's command is worthy to be most reverently regarded by us. We are extremely fortunate because you have personally come here to deliver Lord Shiva's command to us. "O God, I request you to tell me the command of Lord Shiva. I will obey that command meticulously." Lord Ramchandra assured Narada with these words.

" O Lord, you are inspired with the strong desire and impetus to arrive at the birth place of Sage Agastya according to the plan of Lord Shiva. There is a strong desire to establish 'the Balance of Prakriti in the mind of mother Parvati [Nature-----In Mythology ,a goddess, personified

will of the Supreme in the Creation identical with Maya and the Shakti or the personified energy of a deity] The strong desire of the Supreme Divine Power[Parabrahm] to change this entire universe in to the righteous, virtuous and good form " existed in the mind of mother Paravti since the eternal time. Lord Shiv created the impetus and the strong motivation of Agastya who was very bright and lustrous like Lord Shiva himself for that purpose only. Agastya had performed the work of making the welfare of the human being as well as making the man knowledgeable , virtuous and good also! Lord Shiv has handed over the responsibility of that work to you now with the destruction of ten faced Dashanana [Ravan] !" said Sage Narada.

"But O Omniscient Sage, Dashanan is also a great Arya! , He is the most virtuous and good person who is knowledgeable, bright like the sun and the great devotee of Shiva! He has got the tremendous power to change the entire universe in to the virtuous and good universe[Full of The Arya ,good qualities] !!" exclaimed Lord Ramchandra.

"Yes! It is very true! For that reason, God Umamahesh, Bhagvan Shri Vishnu and the Creator of the universe God Brahmadeva himself are extremely pleased with Dashanan. But, O my Lord, Dashanan has become very proud now ! You have experienced his proud egoistic nature at the time of the marriage of mother Seeta. When the egoistic pride emerges, the virtuous good quality [Arya tendency] disappears and the evil and demonic tendency manifests! You also know that the man becomes a demon and evil! Mother Parvati desires to remove and destroy this ego raised in the minds of the Shiva troops. Once, this egoistic pride that exists in the mind of the demons, evils and bad monsters is destroyed, they will come back to their original good and virtuous form like Aryas . Mother Parvati desires that you should do this important work! God Agastya

and Parashuram had already made the attempt to perform this great work before. Yet, this mission has to be continued traditionally ages after ages. You are quite aware of this. You know this fact very well. For the fulfillment of this purpose and this noble mission, the stimulation [instigation] of your incarnation has taken place!!" explained Sage Narada to Lord Ramchandra.

'Most Respected image of God Narayan, Sage Narada, We respect the command of God Shiv as 'the most revered and important command ' with all our heart ! But the point is, that," when and how can we perform this great mission? I am an inhabitant of the forest and bounded by the vow!' replied Lord Ramchandra modestly.

"Yes my Lord! For that purpose only you have been commanded to follow the path of Agastya. But, it is most important and imperative on your part to know and understand the unique and outstanding work of the great sage Agastya. You will get the direct guidance and co-operation of Agastya himself to achieve that goal. As a result, your journey will be directed towards the South up to the ocean and the Golden Lanka of the King Lankeshvar. You will have to conquer him and establish your great victory over him!"

"Adorable learned Sage of the universe, Sage Narada, Kulguru Agastya Kindly forgive me. This Agastya is asking your permission to present before you the doubt that has been raised in his mind."

"Speak! speak O Kulguru Agastya, Lord Ramchandra is supposed to travel by your path only." replied Sage Narada.

"No, No! O you great Sage,I am appointed on 'the Post of Agastya"only because I am coming from Agastya family ,the lineage-Gurukul. I have also heard about the greatness of the original sage Agastya. We are running the tradition of his " words [sayings] as expressed in the Superhuman literature." Therefore, you only narrate the greatness

of Sage Agastya from your mouth ." requested Agastya, the authority of the Agastya Gurukul.

"O Agastya of the Agastya Gurukul,, the greatness of Sage Agastya is limitless and unique. It is unaffected , eternal and beyond three times.. Therefore, it is flowing from words of common people traditionally generations after generations. Yet, it is very essential to awake the intuitive knowledge of the internal mind to realize the greatness of Sage Agastya. For the achievement of that goal , it is ardent to perform the vow of the hard austerity by mind, soul and body. Lord Ramchandra will also have to observe the vow of that great austerity."said Narada.

"O great sage of all sages, traditionally, it is said that Sage Agastya was the most powerful representative of five basic elements and the form of the Superhuman power!! Kindly tell us the same story to us.' requested the Chief of the Agastya Ashram to Narada.

" O Great Sage, kindly deliver your grace on all of us. We want to obtain powerful strength by listening to the sacred story of Sage Agastya. We heard the tale of Agastya's birth from the mouths of household women at the auspicious dawn and our curiosity has increased more after that!! Kindly deliver to us the knowledge of Sage Agastya by narrating his story to us!"

"Since you all have an intense desire to listen the story of Sage Agastya's birth, I will narrate that story to you all now. There is the requirement of serious attention, the concentration of mind and the grave attitude. So, let us complete our remaining work first , take our meals, take rest and then come together to listen the story of Agastya's birth."Narada assured them all !!

God Brahmadeva, Shri Vishnu and Lord Mahesh were deeply engrossed in thoughts together on the mountain Merumandar! The creator of the universe, Prajapita Brahmdev had achieved great success in the creation of different classes of Gods, demons, human beings, wild animals, birds, the aquatic creatures and plants. Brahmadeva unfolded the mystery of the universe by creating the celibate Rishis such as Sanak, Sanand, Sanatan and Sanatkumar. Yet, there existed the strong predominance of sorrow, trouble and the conflict in all types of these classes. These three Gods used to get all information from Narada. The kingdoms of the human beings were established. Many families[Kulas] were accepted as the royal families. The Rishis created by God Brahmdeva, had started performing the role of the royal priest of the royal families and started giving the knowledge of philosophy, the organizations of sacrifice and deities. The continuous competition to get the highest post of 'Indra' started between Gods, demons and human-beings too! This was the result of the creation of the Avidya[erroneous apprehension through the illusiveness of the material world- admissions of these unrealities as the real] created by the creator of the universe God Brahmdev in the beginning !!! So ,the discussion about this problem was going on between three Gods. In the meantime, Sage Narada appeared on the Merumandar mountain.

"Narayan, Narayan... I bow to you O three Gods'!. Narada hurriedly came forward and paid his obeisance to Three Gods.

Then he said further,"God of Gods Indra is coming to you here with great fear in his mind!!"

"What is the reason of becoming so fearful ?"

"God Fire [Agni] and God of the troops of wind[Marut] who were appointed by God Devendra to kill and destroy demons have returned back ! The demon Tarakasur and

the demon Lakshasur had taken the refuge in the ocean and they are troubling Gods, sages and the people from there. The demon Tarakasur had given a challenge to God Indra !"

'Why did God Agni and God Marut refuse to perform the work which was given to them?' questioned Lord Shiv."

"O Mahadev, If Agni and Marut will start the explosion of war to kill The demon Tarakasur and Lakshasur, innumerable aquatic animals will die! As a result, the divinity of Gods will disappear and come to an end." said Narada.

"The argument of both Gods is quite meaningful and appropriate. But there has to be other plan for the solution." said God Shiva.

'But, O three Gods...."

"Speak Narada!"

...

"God Indra had cursed them to become the form of Rishis in the mortal world."

Wonderful! This had become excellent!", said Shiv.

"Narayan.. Narayan... That means, O God you....."

Exactly at that time God Indra arrived on the mountain Meru Mandar.

"I bow to three Gods! Kudos to Three Gods!! Victory to you all!!" Devendra, paid his obeisance to three gods.

"Come, Come, O God of Gods Indra! You are most welcome on the Meru Mandar mountain!" said Lord Shiva.

"Devendra, why did you come? asked God Brahmdeva.

Devendra, God of Gods narrated the whole story and requested three Gods to help him also.

"O Devendra, the curse that you gave to the Fire God, - Agni and the Wind God -Marut will turn out to be a great blessing! The welfare of all Gods, sages and the man is in that curse which will be resulted in the blessing! I, myself will manifest as 'Mitra Varuni'[Sun and the deity of water]

from the Manas Lake on the Mandar mountain in the form of Mandar partially. and make the delusion [the disaster] of all monsters and demons!" expressed Lord Shiv by targeting in to the Zero State [ex nihilo- out of nothing] !!

"O God Mahadev, I have become absolutely fearless with your grace and the firm assurance. But, there is a doubt in my mind. I have cursed the Fire God and the Wind God!!" said Devendra, the God of Gods.

"O Devendra, Varun is the celestial and space deity created from the Marut [the Demigod of a class- Marudgana, immortals -they are the class of forty nine]. Whereas, 'Mitra'[The Sun] is the lustrous, radiant fire formed Deity on the Earth. Therefore, the incarnation that will rise from them will be able to move [wander] in the divine and human space and in the earthly world also!" God Vishnu explained more clearly!

"O God Mahadev and Bhagvan Vishnu, What is your command to me to fulfil that purpose?" Devendra asked with great modesty.

"O Devendra, 'Birth or the Genesis' is the subject of God Brahmdeva, the creator of the universe. I generate the universe in the form of the Purusha, the male form and Parvati generates it in the Prakriti or the origin and the female form. As a result, it is quite proper to take his advice.

So Devendra asked God Brahmdeva, the Creator of the universe politely, "O God Brahmdeva, Gods, sages, demons and human beings and the other world is created by your command. So, kindly tell me "What is your command for me to get success in this glorious desired mission?"

"O Devendra, I am going to perform the long termed Soma -sacrifices [Somayag] and Sessions of Sacrifices with the help of Sage Kashyapa for the deliverance and release from my own disasters, calamities.' Son of Marichi

Sage Kashyap will perform it as the host and the sages who are like my mental sons ['Manas Putras,'] will perform the religious rites as priests. They will give offerings to all Gods for the manifestation of all their powers. These offerings will go through the mouth of the fire directly! Therefore, ask God Mitra [Fire- Agni]- and God Varun[Water, Rain] to remain present in those sacrifices. Similarly, make an arrangement of Urvashi also to be there to attract the attention of Mitra and Varuna." Brahmdeva explained the plan in front of all as witnesses.

Devendra became very happy and satisfied with this assurance of Brahmdeva. The preparation started to perform sessions of sacrifices with long termed Somayag [Som sacrifice] on the Mandar mountain near Manas Lake under the guidance of Sage Marichi. The place of sacrifice was prepared by digging and charming [consecrating] by reciting mystic mantras [prayers]. The large Earthen Sacrifice-Pit was prepared and became ready. Manas Lake was directly worshipped and established with proper religious rites as 'The auspicious pitcher of commencement [Shubharambha Kalash]' for the sessions of Soma Sacrifice. Pots were established by chanting mantras on Pushkar as the symbolic image [form]. The great Sage ,Maharashi Kashyapa started the invocation along with all rishis with Marichi and three Gods Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesha. After invoking Gods, Sages, Gurdians of people [Lokpal], Directions and Holy Places in the sequential manner and established them as the symbolic images with the sand stones. By invoking Earth, Water,Fire, Air, and Ether[Akash] he prepared Soma. All God -Principles [Dev Tatvas] were very much pleased with the offering of the Soma -Rasa [Soma Liquid].!

Brahmdeva himself invited Agni [the fire],the image of Shiva and Vishnu by performing the role of a Brahmin ,the religious priest that conducts the ceremonials and sac-

rifices. The troops of Marut [Wind] enkindled the Fire God Agni Narayan more!! All troops of rishis became ready to conduct all ceremony and sacrifice. Sage Kashyap offered his obeisance to Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh, rishis, and Gods and made the worship of Agni- the Fire God. They started giving offerings to Agni [fire] by chanting hymns[Sooktas]. Extremely bright and splendorous fire -pillar appeared [manifested]. Mighty Shiva [Maharudra] himself was brightening the whole universe with his divine and powerful splendor by manifesting his third eye through the form of the Fire Pillar!! All Gods, rishis , Sages and Devendra [God of Gods] and troops of Shiva were receiving the divine appearance[Darshan] of the Sacrifice Pyre along with the Fire Pillar in the form of the Shiva Atmalingam!![The Phallus or emblematic representation of Shiva. Nature or Prakriti ,according to the Sankhya philosophy, the active and motive power in creation]. Devendra specially invited Urvashee ,the beautiful damsel of the Heavenly world to entertain all who were present in sessions of Soma sacrifice of the delighted and gratified Fire God[Agni Narayana] !!

Long termed sessions of Soma sacrifices were going on continuously. Hymns were chanted in many ways to please God Soma by becoming perfect. This was an invocation to King Soma.

"O King Soma, you start oozing trickling,flowing with your creative intoxicating trickling streams!! Your consumption [acceptance] is extremely important on the day of sacrifice of the great host [Mahatvij]. The Soma form of nectar is very dear to Indra. With the intoxication of Soma, the enemy can be destroyed. Goddess Soma creates the Heaven and Earth and does the work of making them full of growth and enriched with tremendous strength. The Soma that knows the sacrificial place of Gods is really supreme and pre -eminent!! Omni protective and the leadership expert

Soma brings milk with the clarified butter originated from the Sun and the sacrificial water in the earthly world [Pruthvi Lok]! The red coloured Soma who is originated and created by Gods, the creator of the intoxication is being prepared and getting ready with the luster and splendor of thousand wealth of the cow and ox, [Dhenu Vrushabh], the horse chariot, Gold, Heaven, and water !!! In this manner God Soma was praised repeatedly !!

God Soma was feeling very happy and delighted. The troops of Gods had come to participate in the Soma festival and become more powerful by drinking Soma Nectar along with Indra. All troops of Gods and Great sages who were performing the sacrifice were doing the process of preparing the Soma in the perfect manner by stimulating and exciting all Gods of Heaven and the ether [Akash] on the guise [pretence] of performing the universal work!

While preparing the Soma rasa [nectar] perfectly well, various types of processes are to be performed. Many stimulating verb roots [metallic materials] are to be mixed in it and are filtered through the excellent and extremely small holed sieve in the Soma pitcher and distributed in the bowls filled with the Soma Rasa. Then, act of drinking the Soma liquid begins as the auspicious offering after chanting hymns of powers in Soma with great devotion. Soma Rasa is prepared from the Soma Creeper. It is sweet, extremely tasty, aromatic, causing the intoxication and worth looking, Somarasa was very dear to all! So, the presence of all Gods was expected! God of Gods Indra made an arrangement of Soma Creeper to keep the heavenly atmosphere always stimulating, full of intoxication and always eternally young! All Gods had an experience to realize that, all powers in the space were absorbed in the Soma Creeper in the minute and subtle manner. When the Soma Sacrifice used to start, all heavenly damsels [Apsaras] used to remain present without fail

at the events of all sessions of the Soma sacrifice. They used to do the work of serving the intoxicative and stimulating Somrasa and enthusiasm also to Indra and all other Gods ! They used to do this work with the command of Indra, God of Gods ! The intoxicative Soma and the stimulating company of beautiful Apsaras was always liked, admired and desired by all ! Sometimes Gods used to feel attracted to these beautiful damsels[Apsaras].

In the long termed Soma sacrifice, the session of Vasativar was going to start! So, the fresh Soma creeper was brought at a large scale for that session. God Mitra the image of the splendor of the Sun and God Varun who was the form of Water God existing in the Akash [Space, Ether] were present most prominently in person in this 'Vasateepar' Session of the Soma Sacrifice. Originally, both gods are very enthusiastic, bright and lustrous. In addition to that, they both were thick friends. The lavish shower of seven colours showers in the sky when these two Gods come together !!! Not only that, but the entire universe gets stimulated with the existence of both these Gods. This pair of Mitra -Varun is famous for their splendor in the space! They are known as Sage Mitravarun! Since they were present in the Soma sacrifice, they also had the longing and desire to enjoy the Soma consumption. The Soma was being prepared in their presence. They were doing the sprinkling work in between on the Soma creeper to avoid its withering! The Soma creepers were placed on two wooden planks with religious ablution covered with the leather of an ox for pounding. While pounding it with the help of four pounders of stones the water sprinkling was going on with the reciting of the mantra also. They were mashing the pounded Soma creeper in water filled in the earthen or metallic pot known as 'Adhavanee'. After mixing it in water, they were taking out the refuse and filtering through the cotton or woolen strainer

known as 'Dasha Pavitra' in the Soma bowl. The offerings of such perfectly prepared Soma were supposed to be given to different Gods through the fire. The Manas Pushkar Kumbh[Pitcher] becomes enchanted or captivated with the splendor of Heaven and Earth or God- Parvati or the Prakriti and Purusha! Mitra Varun were present near this Soma Kalash[pitcher] on the occasion of The Soma Sacrifice.

Since, the Vasateevan session was of extreme importance from the point of view of the intoxication stimulation, the most beautiful attractive Apsara Urvashi was appointed!! The quick and graceful movement of ever green young, with the small waist like a lion, large eyed, attractive buttocks, with Gopur like breasts and quick in action like the deer, Urvashi was seducing and alluring the attention of even those who were observing the vow very strictly! Even Mitra- Varun were wounded with passionate arrows of her glances. They were really enchanted and maddened with her beauty. They became highly stimulated and excited with the intoxicative Soma and started visualizing the dream of the intercourse with Urvashi without twinkling their eyes!! Urvashi was exciting them by making their desire of intercourse more and more strong at each moment! Originally Indra had handed over the responsibility to attract and excite Mitra Varun to Urvashi with the command of three Gods Like Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva! Truly speaking, Urvashi herself was attracted to splendorous and bright Mitra! Therefore, while seducing and attracting him, she was making the passionate lusty plays with all her natural internal impulses while going before him! She was attracted to Varuna also in the same manner! Fortunately, both Mitra- Varun were present as the pair of Gods on the occasion of this session! This was the wonderful period of great opportunity from her point of view in the Apsara lineage! Really speaking, she never liked to live this life of the form of Apsara. She did not

like to make any great powerful person, ' powerless' by making the downfall of his masculine power as per the command of Indra! Unfortunately, the same type of work was handed over to her now also!! But, this time the result and the fruit of this great work was really profitable and auspicious in a different way to her! The blessings of God Shiv and Paravati were granted to this great work! The emergence of the great personality which is splendorous like Sun, compassionate like Varuna and Auspicious like God Shiva was expected from this great work! Urvashi had always felt a strong attraction for the Earthly mortal world! One new revolutionary chapter was going to be born because of her from the form of Mitra Varuna in the mortal universe! Therefore, she was exciting and inflaming Mitra Varun with her lusty passionate play with her important beautiful role of an Apsara. Among gods of five basic elements, Mitra Varun belonged to the earthly element so they were full of desires and passions. Their sex desire increased more and more! Their imaginary physical contact started with Urvashi!! Their organs became more lustrous and intoxicated with lust. The waves of intercourse became more dense and thick. They surmounted on the lusty exciting body of Urvashi. each hair and every atom of their body was flared up in the churning of her breasts and buttocks! The entire atmosphere got involved and engrossed in the passionate play of lust. The sacrifice became still! God Soma was giving them blessings, They were getting more and more excited! Their amorous point of passion was rising higher and higher. Their internal atoms started rising higher and higher! The climax of their lusty and amorous passion reached to the highest point of the Samadhi state of the intercourse! As a result, their semen started churning very strongly and rose up with speed of the arrow with the power of one thousand horses! The extremity of such deviation of the semen must have been

seen by the Avakash [Ether], The Sun and the Moon and other gods including Indra also! But, this intercourse was like an imaginary play of a dream vision. !!That was the dream state of two great powers of five elements! The bright, splendid, sweet smelling and extremely powerful semen of Mitra Varun had fallen down on the seat of the sacred grass on which they both were seated. Within a moment they realized what had happened! For a moment they felt guilty also! But, thinking that Kal, Kaivalya and Avakash must have some definite purpose behind this, they collected that semen that had fallen down from the Samadhi State of sex passion with such divine happiness very naturally in the bowl of the palms of their hands respectively. By remembering Fire, Sun, Brahma, and Shiva, they made a prayer, "Let this semen be used eternally for the human welfare!!" and immersed their semen in the most auspicious Shiv- Kalsh that was established for the Sacrifice Session which was looking like the Pushkar Lotus with all their heart and immersed that Kalash[the pitcher] in the Manas Lake!! They paid their obeisance to that Kalasha from the deep core of their heart. Then they offered their obeisance to Soma God and took the penance to rectify all the errors after drinking the perfectly prepared Soma Rasa on the occasion of the Sacrifice session! No sooner did they do this than the miracle occurred at that time! That auspicious Shiv Kalsha started churning along with the semen that existed in it very strongly! That churning was so powerful and speedy that, the mountain like waves rose in the Manas Lake, Yamuna river, Sindhu and Pushkar Teerth!! The Wind went on creating a great rampage in the sky,. The Snow mountain Himalaya started receiving the bath! The sky became more bright! The Prabrahma Supreme Power [Absolute Origin] himself, God Vishnu Lakshmi and Shiv- Parvati became extremely happy to see this unique dance of The Shiva Kumbha

[Shiv Kalash- the pitcher]!! Gods and Goddesses in the sky started the shower of flowers from the sky! The whole universe was closed and confined with the welcome sounds of conches!! The dancing churning of the Manya Shiv Kumbha stopped slowly slowly and an extremely bright, splendid, Shiv formed, grave, brightly illumined like the Sun , compassionate and kind like Rain [Parjanya] Bright like the Brahma, adorned with matted hair and very powerful Sage Form appeared, manifested from the middle of that Kalash!! Within one moment, that form exhibited its manifested and unmanifested form [Nirgun and Sagun]. All troops of Gods who were the witnesses of this occasion started making the loud proclamations unanimously, " Kudos to you! Hail to you Manya Man Mandarya ! Victory to you! Kudos to you!! The Son Manya came forward solemnly and gravely and paid his obeisance to Mitra -Varun with immense devotion and said to them, " O Fathers, give me your blessings. Just as your bright light illuminates, lights up on the entire Earth , and your water makes a shower on the whole earth, give me your blessings to create knowledge and prosperity on this Earth!!"

"Tathastu!..... So be it!!" proclaimed Mitra- Varuna! Again the victorious sound of conches filled the air with inspiration! Then Mandarya came to Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh and the Divine Mother, Goddess Parvati and accepted their blessings. Mother Parvati embraced Man very tightly to her heart by showering her auspicious blessings with a delightful face ! Five Nature elements also made the acclamation of Manya and cheered him greatly! Devendra himself came forward and gave the sacred nectarous ,intoxicating Somrasa , prepared and perfected by the Soma sacrifice to Sage Man. No sooner did he act like that than, the loud sound reverberated from the remaining Kumbha- the pitcher and the similar type of the bright Sun Of Knowl-

edge also manifested from that Kumbha before them! He was Sage Vasishtha! When they all saw his human form, they all welcomed this great manifestation of the human form with attributes [the Sagun] that rose from the non-attributed abstract form [Nirgun] also!! Sage Vasishtha also came forward and received blessings of all by offering his obeisance to them ! Indra and all other Gods, Mitra- Varun, Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh, The Heaven, Kailas and the whole atmosphere was filled with great joy and delight ! The description of this birth was expressed spontaneously from their mouth unanimously!!

"Satre He Jata Vinshita Namoubhihi Kumbhe Retah

Sishichatuhu Samanam|

Tatou Ha Man Udiyay Madhyat Tato

Jatmrushinmahurvasishtham||"

‘सत्रे हे जाताविंशिता नमौभिः कुम्भे रेतः सिषिचतु- समानम् ।

ततौ ह मान उदियाय मध्यात ततो जातमृषिमाहुर्वसिष्ठम् ॥’

" On the occasion of one long termed Soma Sacrifice, both Mitra and Varun put their semen in the Kumbha [pitcher] one at the same time by getting excited with prayers. Man came up from the internal part of the Kumbha,. Vasistha was born from the outer side of the Kumbha."

Sage Narada narrated this miraculous and supernatural story of the birth of of Man Manya Mandarya Agastya and Vasishtha to Lord Ramchandra and the inhabitants of the Agastya Ashram and caused them to receive a divine experience!!"

No sooner did these two rishis were born with the mature state than they started their spiritual asceticism and study with the self- motivation. Both these Rishis knew the mystery of their birth and also about the nature of their work and the mission for the Earthly world that was handed over to them by the Parabrahma , "the Absolute Original Supreme Power !! Man was originally Manya or Mandarya.

From his view point, it was quite easy to perform the mission by acquiring the honorable status in the life of the earthly world. The reason was, that Man was accepted and approved in the form of a very powerful bright power! When he was born, the sky became radiant and joyful, clear and full of bright light! The atmosphere on the Earthly world became clean, pure and cool! The gloomy atmosphere of the rainy season vanished. Sage Agastya had the profuse bright splendor of Mitra and Varun together!! From that compound, the sub state of five elements such as 'the Brightness of the fire and water' was created! As a result, both powers such as, the attraction of the splendor [Tejakarshan] and the attraction of water [Jalakarshan] were acquired by him by birth only!! But, he had decided in his mind that the power of Gods of five elements must be acquired on the strength of the rigorous austerity! Similarly, the intuitive knowledge of the past ,present and future must be obtained. In addition to that, the knowledge of the states of 'the Space- Time [Avakash- Kal] and The Supreme Divine Power [Kaivalya] should be also accomplished and obtained as well as the study of the human society of the Earthly world!! He had received the command to perform the double function such as ,To preserve the balance of Five Basic Natural Elements [Panchmahabhootas] or the Super human powers and the balance of the human mortal life also for the Universal Betterment and Welfare !' So, Sage Man decided to perform the ascetic penance for that. He had also decided to make Sage Vasishtha active and working by giving him the status of honour and respect in the human society along with him! Man was an authority of both the Superhuman State of Five Basic Natural Elements and the state of the human beings also! Whereas, Sage Vasishtha was only 'a great sage of knowledge who had received the human state! But, his birth also did not occur in the human manner from the

womb of the human mother. So, Sage Agastya had to take the initiative to make his brother properly established in the good manner!! Therefore, as a consequence it was essential to bring about [cause to happen] his second birth! Sage Manya realized that, there is "the necessity of the Guru Kul and Family lineage [Gotra]' to get the honorable social status. Therefore, he had selected the family group of Trutsu for Sage Vasishtha. The group of Trutsu needed the religious priests. Sage Manya's attention was drawn to the Trutsus who were in search of the Kulguru of the great authority and who had received the eternal knowledge of Brama [Brahmdnya] and the priests who are able to perform religious rites and functions! Truly speaking, Vasishtha's birth was not human. It was divine and mysterious also! But, Sage Manya convinced the group of Trutsu that, Vasishtha was totally human and was full of the Divine strength also! As a result, he will be able to perform the family religious rites and grace the post of the Chief of the Family [Kulguru] also which will be more advantageous for Trutsus!! Man also told them that qualities and effectiveness of three priests known as, Hort, Undatru and Ardhvayu was united and concentrated in Vasishtha. As a result, Trutsus accepted Sage Vasishtha as their Religious Priest[Purohit] and also the Chief of The Family Lineage [Kulguru]. So, the independent Gurukul and the Family Lineage [Gotra] of Sage Vasishtha got established. With Mana's mediation ,Sage Vasishtha received the Second Birth!! As a result, Vasishtha's image as "Mitra Varuni Shiv Teja" grew more .In addition to that, he had received the status and honour of 'Manyamuni" [Sage Agastya] also!

In this manner, Man had completed the first work successfully as desired by three gods. He had established and made association and fusion between the Divine and the Human birth. Sage Man received the First Honour as the

Co- Ordinator between God and The Man! Gods found the way to live the life of the human life and the man found the way of achieving divinity through the Sadhana, [the Spiritual Practice of Knowledge!!] Gods and Human beings appreciated this great work of Man as 'the Most successful and accomplished Mediator'!! As a result, the work of the extent or the clutter of the illusory worldly life arranged by three Gods in the space [Avakash] became more easy and reorganized quite properly!!

While accepting the mediation of sage Man, many questions were frightening Trutsu." Man is divine.How can we accept his mediation? How can immortal Gods perform the management in relation to the mortal human beings? Trutsus were dazzled by the blazing splendor of Man! When the Sun rises, stars do not make the arrogant effort to give light unnecessarily. So, Trutsu realized and felt convinced that Man did not require any approval at all! As a result, Man became highly respected and well established even in the human world also! He did not require to make different efforts like Vasishtha. He became famous and well known as the elder brother, Spiritual father and the leader of the society.

Man Manya Mandarya fulfilled his responsibility of making the good establishment of Vasishtha as his role of an elder brother , established his own Ashram and then decided to start his austerity. He went to Kailas to tell about his intention to Shiv Parvati and Brahmdeva.

"MitraVarun ShivTejas Man Manya Mandarya is offering my obeisance to you with great politeness !" Man bowed to Shiv- Parvati.

" Mandarya, You are welcome!!"

'Mandarya, with what expectation you have come here on Kailas? Is there any calamity?"

"Mother, Your son has received the inborn ability to conquer over calamities because he has got the blessings of all Gods and powerful strength also! Yet.....!"

"Yet? What is it? Express the desire of your mind frankly and openly!" said Lord Shiva to him!

'O Lord, I wish to accomplish special power by performing the austerity for the fulfillment of your desire! I expect your command for that!"

" Tathastu! So be it!"

' O my Lord , Kindly guide me about the manner in which I should perform the austerity?' Man asked Lord Shiva.

"O Mandarya, First you acquire the powerful strength of Five Elements[Panch Tatvas] and then, do the penance of the Divine Mother of the powerful strength for their remedies [measures]. You have to perform more important missions on the earth in the future later on. For that purpose, you should acquire the power of Avakash [The Space], Time [Kal] and the Omkar which is the form and the image of The Kaivalya - The Supreme Divine Power ! After that ,you should obtain the powerful strength of Gayatri which is the full vibrancy of God Brahma, the Creator of the universe!" commanded God Shiva to Agastya!!

" I have become really blessed with your Grace and blessings. I have understood the purpose of and the reason of my life! I will perform the required ascetic penance according to your command!"

Man paid his obeisance to them [Shiv- Paravti] and started going to Gangadwar! At that time, Mother Paravati asked Man to wait!

She said to him, " My dear Son, You have to bear a great responsibility. Your creation,motivation and inspiration is for the fulfillment of my mission. Therefore, whenever

you go to start any movement or face the work, , remember me always! I will definitely give you my powerful weapon. You will never become unsuccessful in any war at all! This is my blessing to you!!"said mother Parvati in the choked voice!!

Mandarya made the departure to Gangadwar. He made the establishment of his Ashram [hermitage] by observing the proper religious ritual near Gangadwar and then went to God Brahmdeva, the Creator of the universe before starting his ascetic penance! He narrated him about his conversation with Shiv- Parvati and asked Brahmdeva's permission.

Brahmdeva said to him," O my dear Son, you start your ascetic penance as per the command of Lord Shiva. But, it is my desire that, when I remember you at the time of any affliction or problem to my creative construction, you should remain present before me!!"

" 'But then ? What about my ascetic penance?' Man expressed his doubt.

"I give you my blessing that, "There will be no affliction or break in your penance" !!said Brahmdeva to Agastya.

"O God of Gods, the Parabrahma, the Supreme power and the Creator of the Universe, I feel extremely blessed with your blessing! My power and strength has increased in the innumerable manner now!!" said Agastya.

Sage Man took leave of Brahmdeva and his ascetic penance had started!!

Brahmarshi Narada The Divine Saint or Rishi of a

Brahmanical Order] told the story of Mandarya's birth to Vaidehi, Shriram and Laxman in the Agastya Ashram at Agastya's Agastyamunigram.

"Shriram said," O God, you have narrated to us about the manifestation of Man Manya Mandarya !! We felt really blessed by listening to that story. But, I have a doubt in my mind!"

" What is it?"

" O Brahmarshi, you know about the Genesis[origin] organization and the motion of this universe. The women in AgastyaMunigram were singing with great devotion at the early morning,

' Ahamkaree bhandatana|Danavancha Janma Zala||
Ahmkar phedayala } Man Kumbhatun ala||

[When the egoistic and proud people quarreled, the monsters and demons were born! So, Man came out of the pitcher to destroy that Ego!!]

"When the birth story of Man was flowing through this folk song,, there was a mention of the origin and creation of the universe!!! Man exists in the South today also. Yet, the Chief Kulguru Agastya told us that , Agastya still exists in the South!" Many ages had gone for his departure to the South! This is quite astonishing!! Kindly unfold and explain" the mystery of the state of the state, of motion and time" to us in this matter.

" O Shriramchandra, Kaivalya [The Supreme Divine Power, the Origin or The Absolute] and Kal [Time] were born from the womb of the Avakash[The Space]. The nature of the Origin [The Divine Supreme Power-Kaivalya] and The Time- Kal is to remain in the universe and motion only. The creation of the universe had taken place from the Divine Supreme Power known as " the Kaivalya". Many existences reside in this universe. But, the existence of the Earthly world in the Solar System among them "is the dream

of Kaivalya, the Supreme Power. Kaivalya gave inspiration and motivation to the universal creator Lord Brahma to create five basic natural elements by making the existence apparent through the form of illusion in the Earthly world! Lord Brahma created the universe of directions, Time, Five Elements and the Sun and the Moon. By maintaining the existence of these five basic natural elements without any affliction or disturbance, the attempt to create the world of living beings is going on since billions of years. Continuous and non -stop world is the nature of the Universe. In a way, Kaivalya, the origin itself creates apparent forms and destroys them! But, the apparent human beings take the obsession for the immortality and the eternity! But, The Kaivalya had made them mortal by the original nature. In spite of this reality, since the sensibility of The Kaivalya, and Kal [The time] is touching their existence, they try to make efforts to achieve their immortal state by conquering over the Kaivalya form who is immortal originally. In this entire universal world, the man is the perfect but apparent form of the Absolute Original Principle, The Kaivalya!! This form is made of three qualities known as The Satva [The first quality of the creature.Pure, good excellent and virtuous], Raja [Second quality of the creature. Passion, pride, worldly coveting, sensual desire] and Tam[Third quality of the creature. Property of darkness, ignorance, blindness of lust, folly, anger and pride] Satva is the original quality of the Kaivalya, Raj is the manifested quality of the Kaivalya and Tam[Kshaya] is the quality of the extinction, destruction, waste and decline of the Kaivalya. When the human life is being spent in the Raj quality, the Tam quality in the human being does the work of making the astral body or the body of desires made from five basic natural elements forget the Kaivalya.[The Supreme Divine Power.] At this stage man develops the false and illusory,, unreal understanding "All powers exist in my-

self only!"

"O Shriram, all powers do exist in the man but they take the refuse and shelter of the good and virtuous qualities only. But, the lustful, lascivious body which is far away from the dispassionate livingness or the soul does not understand this. As a result, the Tam quality of Pride emerges and generates and he starts making the arrogant experiment and actions of his own powerful strength. This state is known as the Evil, Devil or Demon [Anarya, Rakshas or Danav]. So, the Supreme Divine Power [Kaivalya], with an intention of destroying them and making the man who is the beautiful dream of God to lead a peaceful virtuous and good life, motivated and inspired Gods and sent them in the human world in the form of an incarnation for this work!! He made the manifestation of the sages as divine sons who were full of good, virtuous and divine qualities enriched with the powerful divine strength. But by making an appeal to the good and excellent quality, Brahamdeva created the splendorous and self-illuminated existences in the human and super human state by making an invocation to the form of the Supreme Divine Power [Kaivalya] with Lord Shiva's command stimulated and motivated them in the human life. This great sage had performed the great work of defeating these evils, demons, bad Anaryas in the human state that had become troublesome to Gods also with the help of powerful human strength and by manifesting the sacred righteousness with the help of the Sacrifice institution. This great sage guides the human life in the form of 'a self-illuminated star' continuously and eternally! When the extreme evil tendencies occur excessively in the human life, the great sages or great incarnations are stimulated, motivated and inspired!!" Narada was narrating.....!

"The incarnation of Man Agastya is also the part of such efforts and projects. Truly speaking, ages had gone

since the birth of Sage Agastya!! O Lord, this is the tradition that is running down right from the beginning of the age! If you will contemplate and meditate in the introverted manner, you will get the knowledge of the universe and the motion [speed] of the time! This super human [not from the human womb] and divine birth of Agastya had taken place lakhs of years before! Not only Mandarya and Vasishta but many sages that had established the family lineages [Gotras] are actively working for thousands of years! Therefore, they have received the immortal state in the form of the self-illuminated stars! Man Agastya was the most important and eminent sage that belonged to this great tradition!" said Narada further.

"But, O Lord, You are the human incarnation of God Vishnu, the Supreme Divine Power directly in person! What more should I tell you?" Narada said with great politeness.

"O Brahmarshi, Since I have taken the incarnation in the complete human state, it is expected to receive this information to us from the great Brahmarshi like you. You realize that, the natural disposition of the human being is to go by the way of the acquisition of knowledge!" said Shriram.

"O Lord, now you have become ready to go by the path of Agastya!"

"O Brahmarshi, It is my wish to get the opportunity to study the subtle and the minute nature of the great work and the role of Agastya. You tell us about the story of this great mission of Agastya to us."

"O Lord, in that case you will be able to get more help from, Vasishta, Vindhya, and Valmiki. Therefore, you should definitely start your journey at the South direction!"

"As you command us!" Lord Ramchandra bowed to Sage Narada and received his auspicious blessings. Sage Narada took leave of the Chief of Agastya hermitage and departed by assuring Lord Shriram to meet quite frequently!

Lord Ramchandra stayed for fourteen days in the Ashram of Agastyamunigram along with Seeta and Laxman! In the original hermitage of Mandarya, the study of Gayatri Purashcharan was quite predominant. The recitation of the verses[Ruchas] of Agastya in the oral tradition was also the specific part of the learning and study. Lord Ramchandra had the opportunity to learn all these in Vasishtha Ashram. The chief of the Agastya Ashram gave information of all Agastya hermitages in Gaya, Varanasi, Prayag and Bang to Shriram. He also gave him the knowledge of the hermitages spread at Sindhu, Pushkar, Ujjain, Prabhas and Hakkeshvar as well as on the Vaitarna river spread from East to West. He suggested that Lord Shriram should travel to all these holy places. He informed Shriram that Himalaya and Vindhya had the detailed knowledge about the history of Agastya on the East, North and West very well. As a result, the curiosity of Lord Ram reached to a climax! He constantly felt that he must know everything about this history. Therefore, he had decided to enquire with Himalaya and Lord Shiva, Master of Kailas directly about it! Lord Rama's ascetic penance of 'The Search' had started! He proceeded further towards the direction of the Himalaya and Kailas!

Himalaya felt extremely blessed with the auspicious Darshan of Lord Ramchandra. Greeting Lord Ram with happiness, old Himalaya asked him, "O Lord, How can I serve you?"

"Please tell me about the great work of Agastya." exclaimed Shriram.

'O Lord, Man Agastya had performed the great mission of bringing about the reconciliation, compromise and peace between Gods and Gods of Five basic Natural Ele-

ments [Panch Mahabhootas]. Agastya was born in this area only with the grace of Mitra Varun! But, he had done the work of establishing the compromise and peace between Indra and other Gods with Marut and others with blessings Lord Shiva. It is really good and quite proper to listen to the greatness of this work from Lord Shiva himself!!, said Himalaya!

"Narada told us about the history of how did Agastya acquire the names such as , Man, Mandarya and Manya due to "the Pushkar Kamalkumbh!"

After listening to that story, our curiosity had reached to a great climax! We are travelling with that intention only!" said Shriram.

'O Lord, the mention of Pushkar Kamalkumbha made by Narada is symbolic. The Manas and Man lakes exist in my womb. They are full of flamingo birds and lotus flowers. The deviated semen of Mitra and Varun had fallen in these two lakes. As a result, Mandarya and Vasishtha were born out of them. These both lakes are connected to each other internally in the womb of the Earth. They both had emerged up on the earth by becoming sacred from the ocean [Ksheersagar] along with me only. The Sacred Ganga water is also originated from them only. Similarly, Mandaya and Vasishtha are also originated from them. Therefore the responsibility of the great work of maintaining the balance in the movement of the universe ,by creating the interference was handed over to this great sage!" narrated Himalaya to Lord Shriram. Lord Ram was listening to the story in the enchanted manner!!.

"O Lord, it would be beneficial to ask Lord Shiva about the greatness of this work performed by Sage Agastya! Although I am the witness of this great work, " Lord Shiva is the reason, the cause of it!"

Lord Ram took the leave of Himalaya and proceeded

further directly to Kailas! When he came close to Kailas, Lord Ram sat in the cross legged lotus posture [Padmasana] and started chanting the praise of Shiva. Vaidehi and Laxman also became engrossed in the meditation with him. The whole sky reverberated with the sound of the "Om Namah Shivaya" mantra....!! When Parvati, the form of Prakriti, made Lord Shiva aware of this event, Shiv made a noble smile and said, 'O Paravati, the direct form of Prakriti, how can I narrate you about the greatness of Lord Vishnu, the devotee of Shiva? Shriram who is the direct and absolute form of Kaivalya is invoking me! When I am meditating on him but, why didn't I get his realization?"

"My dear husband, I did not understand what you are talking?"

"My dear wife, Three states such as The Space [Avakash], Time [Kal] and the Supreme Divine Power Oneness [Kaivalya] belong to the Parabrahm only [The Absolute Original]!! The Absolute Origin- Parabrahm is performing the creation work of the universe in the form of Brahma. Kaivalya is doing the work of the nurture of the people and management or the organization in the Vishnu form. Myself who is the form of The kal [time] is performing the work as the form of Kal who is omnisient and omnipresent and omni-influent as Shankar or Mahadev and The Terminator and The Creator of the deluge. In this function, the divine [the heavenly] or the male form [Purush roop] is the bounty or the generosity of The Divine Supreme Power [Kaivalya] only! Prakriti or the nature is also manifested from that only! But, the Kaivalya [Supreme Divine Power] is manifested from the form Of Kal [Destruction]. Therefore there is a mutual state of the Guru- Disciple, and the Fatherly state among three Gods like us! Similarly, the form of Prakruti [Nature] and the State [Avastha] had also emerged from our own half body as our own power [Shakti] only. Parabrahm

[The Absolute and The Absolute is the cause, the reason of these states. We three Gods and our states as the form of three powers is also the play of that Parabrahm- The Supreme, Absolute origin! In this process Kaivalya is full of life and vibrancy, therefore, the play of the direct self-movement has to be done by the Kaivalya only! Kaivalya is the supreme existence of the supreme power form of the Space {Avakash} But, although it is self-inspired, self-stimulated and motivated from the Avakasha, it is doing the self-play with the constructor of the universe and form of creation God Brahma and Lord Shiva, the image of Kal [The terminator or the Destroyer]. This summary of the contemplation of Brahma is the part of the Kaivalya's contemplation. Kaivalya is the form of Vishnu and Lord Ram is the human incarnation of God Vishnu himself in the earthly world. Therefore I was contemplating and meditating upon him! He himself is coming to us at present along with the power of Goddess Laxmi and Laxman who is the incarnation Of Shesh [The Snake on which Lord Vishnu is sleeping in the ocean.] This process of the meeting with Shiva is extremely important and essential in Lord Vishnu's incarnation work! Because, the power in the incarnation cannot be manifested without it my dear wife!!"

"My dear, this is only a pretext and a cause. Your Darshan [appearance] is also essential to fulfil Divine Mother-Prakriti's desires and expectations. Similarly the Shiv Darshan is also very important. Therefore, O my dear beloved, we will go to him in his meditative state and receive his Darshan."

The sun like face of Lord Ramchandra's was glowing more with self-illumination! He had sensed the arrival of Shiva and his Darshan.

The entire universal world became radiant and bright with splendor of Lord Ramchandra.. The physical world of

animals and human beings started appearing by becoming impressed and influenced with it. It was a great chance for the Himalaya to see this outstanding and unique meeting of the Shiv Principle and the Vishnu Principle. In addition to that, Himalaya was receiving more divine powers with the influence of those divine powers.

"We both, Uma Mahesh offer our obeisance to you O Shriramchandra, Mother Seeta and God Shesha !!"

Shiva paid the obeisance. But, Lord Ramchandra hurriedly, happily and politely dedicated himself along with Seeta on the auspicious feet of Lord Shiva.

"O Lord, You and mother both are the authorities to give your blessings to us. Please accept our obeisance and make us powerful!" spoke Lord Ramchandra with great politeness. These majestic great original powers embraced tightly each other filled with profound and indescribable love for each other. The shower of flowers was going on from the sky!! Controlling the flood of his emotions Shiv asked the practical question,

"O Shriramchandra, what is the reason of your arrival on Kailasa? What kind of help should we both give you?"

"O Lord Shv Mahadev and Divine Mother, you have bestowed the power on us. So, we have become ready to receive your blessings for the successful accomplishment in the work that we have received now. But, you gave me the command to go on and follow the path of sage Agastya. Therefore, we pray that you only tell us about the nature and the greatness of the majestic mission of Sage Agastya!"

"Your desire will be certainly fulfilled." Shiva started talking by giving assurance to Shriram.

"O Shreeram, after the five elemental creation of this universe, the organization and the control of it had become an important and essential matter now. Otherwise, the pow-

ers of these five elements would have started moving in the uncontrollable manner in the womb of the sky discarding and leaving the work of the creation, nurture and management of this universe. For that purpose only, God Brahmdeva created great sages by making the use of the self-motivated and imaginative, miraculous power forms of the mind of the human beings with the use of different divine powers. He had handed over them the work of making the proper management and the organization of Five elemental powers and the worldly, materialistic living beings [human beings] and by showing and guiding them on the way to reach to the final eternal liberation by taking the experience of the forms inspired and motivated from Kaivalya's [The Supreme divine power] measure to the materialistic beings in the earthly world.

'O Ram, this universe is created with the motivation of three Gods with three qualities in the illusionary form! Five elements and Gods also are not free from the state of these three qualities. That is why guidance is essential and compulsory to them! Sometimes the conflict also becomes imperative for that. The birth of Sage Agastya had taken place with the motivation of Mitra Varun with divine powers and established by Shiva's splendor as the part of this conflict, this struggle!! Vasishtha was also born with him only. Agastya showed the way to how to make the human beings elevated and knowledgeable with the help of divine powers by making the well establishment of Sage Vasishtha! Since the lakhs of years from the past, Agastya is doing this great work !!! While making the successful plan of the work of his incarnation and making it successful, he had received the honourable status in Seven Sage circle and his splendor had become 'The Guiding Star' now! Those who experience both states such as, divine and human, can continue their work day and night by merging and assimilating in to

the eternal form with "Samadhee Yoga" [Deep and Devout Meditation, restraining the senses and confining the mind to the contemplation on the spirit or the divine essence, also the abstracted or absorbed state of mind!!]!! That highest supreme state is acquired by Agastya with blessings of the universal father [Brahmpita] now! Agastya had proved his divine capability and accomplishment by performing the great Divine victorious work! In addition to that, he had achieved the great success in his glorious work of effecting friendship among Devendra, God of Gods in person and troops of God Marut who astonish the whole world also! That work is really very interesting and highly adorable too!"

"O God, Please tell us about that great victorious divine work of Sage Agastee. We are really very eager to listen to that! " said Lord Ramchandra with great excitement.

"O Ramchandra, Agastya had started a sacrifice to please Marut [A Demi God of a class of Marudgana- immortals] by constructing a Hymn of Praise[Sookta] on Marudganas.He had prepared a special offering for Marut with the power of his own strength. His mind was full of another thought to please God Indra also in the same manner. Agastya felt that, unless these two great powers come together in the balanced manner, the rain, food from the rain and good nourishment of the physical body of the human being and the procreation of the progeny will not be fruitful and properly resulted. It was very essential and important for these two powers to come together with great happiness and pleasure together for the permanent welfare of the gross bodies [human beings] in the earthly world.

O Lord Ramchandra, thousands of years had gone for the creation of this outstanding and unique work of Agastya now! The universal cycle is going on regularly day and night. God Indra and Marudganas are working together in that cycle .Therefore, everything is going on in the proper

manner till today. Although this is quite true, yet, the differences and conflicts also occur among these Deities [Gods] that are closely connected to the divine heavenly world and the universe at times. But, the work that Mandarya had done was not that easy and simple to happen!!

" O God Mahadeva, then how did it happen? Please tell us quickly about that! We have become very eager to know about it." Ram said in great excitement.

'God Shankar started narrating further.....

"Mandarya invited his own parents 'The Mitra' [Sun] who is the form of fire [Agni] and Varun who loves peace ."

Varun also helped him in Constructing the Sacrifice Pit by sprinkling with love and tremendous enthusiasm. He had created a pleasant atmosphere. Mandarya made a preparation of all essential things to perform the sacrifice. He had invoked all gods and sages along with the Space [Avakash[, Time {Kal] and The Divine Original Supreme Power [kaivalya] with great respect. He decorated the Sacrifice Pavilion by decorating with trees and creepers of different types. First, he made a preparation to give offering to the Marudganas. He made the collection of essential things to God Indra also at the same time. The sacrifice was going to take place before God Sun as the eye witness !! The next seven days were planned for God Indra.

Mandarya invited Sage Shatarjin to perform the religious rites as the priest. Mandarya himself was going to perform this sacrifice as the host!!!. All troops of sages who were going to perform religious rites as priests sat on their appointed seats. Mandarya greeted all Gods and Goddesses politely and made an invocation to all of them very politely as the host!.Marudganas and Devendra were watching this ceremony with great respect. Mandarya had the sentiment of immense respect and devotion for these supreme Gods. Agastya had expected the blessings and the active support

of these two Gods in the mission that he had accepted. The pyre of sacrifice and the pit of sacrifice were nicely decorated. When Shatarchin gave the confirmation about the purity and sacredness of the body,soul,mind and the place,the environment and time measure, the sacrificial acts were started as per the proper religious rites.

Even in the divine world also competitions start on account of the strength and power. Although the images of Parabrahma Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh established the Divine world by the desire and command of The Parabrahma [The Original Supreme Divine Power] by creating the universe . Yet, there was a competition and rivalry on the issue such as," Who will get the real credit of the existence of the earthly world?". This competition was more intense between Indra and Varuna. Sages used to make efforts to please Indra and Marut for the attainment of rain. But, inspite of making many sacrifices, their efforts were not becoming successful. Therefore, all sages thought over the problem and decided to hand over the work of "making the compromise between Indra and Marut by bringing them together" on Sage Mandarya Agastya.

Many sages such as Bhrgu, Vasishtha, Kratu,Pullah,Poulastya came to Agastya." God Shiva was narrating the story.....

"O Sage Agastya, we all bow to you!"

"O Great Sages, you all are the Brahmarshis.[The great Sages of the Brahmanical Order] ! Therefore you are venerable to me. I pay my obeisance to you three times!" said Agastya very politely.

"O Mitra -Varuna you are the extremely ancient images of Three Gods, you are the friends of Indra and Marut

also. Marut gives you the proper help according to your desire in your sacrifice and Indra also does the shower of rain!! .You are the direct incarnation of God Surya Narayana [The Sun] ,Fire [Agni] and Lord Vishnu. You who are the form of Lord Shiva, drank the ocean itself to give the permanent protection to Indra and filled it again through the medium of Mother Ganga also!! The ocean received the most superior respectable Status as the Holy Place [Teerth] because of you only! Therefore, O Knower of three times [past, present and future], please make the well-established and proper compromise between Indra -Marut that will lead to the successful and regular establishment of the Seasonal Cycle!!"

"O Self- illuminated Brahmarshis, I became very pleased to listen to your polite speech of praise of me . But, O great sages, you also have this great powerful strength in you !!" "Astu !!.... So be it! Yes, I will start the Sacrifice - Sessions along with extensive Soma- Sacrific for Indra and Marut as per your command.. You also remain present in these sacrifices. First, I will start the first session for Marut and invite God Devendra also.We will make an effort to create such good opportunity. Let us see what happens!!"

"O Agastya , You are the Brahma, Narayana, Shiva, Agni[fire] and the Sun in person! You certainly start sessions of such sacrifices as the Chief Priest [Achary of the Sage Family-[Rishikula]. We will also participate in such sessions unanimously under you leadership. You start this as early as possible."

"Tathastu!! So be it!" I will start the work of implementation. I will make the plan of the excellent offering for that. You also gather the useful offerings."Agastya told them. As a result, all Troops of Sages felt very much pleased. Sages started the fire-Worship [Agni Upasana]! Words of invocation resounded and reverberated in the entire environment.

*"Agneemeele purohitam, yadnasya Devmrutvijma|
Hotaram Ratnadhatatmame||"*
*‘अग्नीमीळे पुरोहितं, यज्ञस्य देवमृत्विजम् ।
होतारं रत्नधातमम्’*

The invocation started with Mantra Chanting to Agni, the Fire! The utterances of the Agnisukta[Hymns of Fire] were construed by Agastya himself started!

The verses[Ruchas] started flowing in the Tristubh Chhanda [Metre].

Agne Naye supatham raye asman vishvani dev
vayunani vidvan|

Yuyodhya 1 smajjehuran meno bhooyishtham te,
namukinm vidhem

Agne tvam poraya navyo asman tvastibhiratm durgani
vishvam||

"O omniscient God Agni, You grant wealth to devotees in the good manner who pray you and release us from the evil sins. O adorable, fire, You make our betterment and welfare in all aspects of life and make us free from the calamities in our life. Give ample happiness to our sons and grandsons. Let this vast and pervasive earth be felt like a small town to us by the virtue of our own victory and valor!!!"

"O God Agni who stays in the sacrificial fire, You come on this earth for the welfare of all devotees along with all troops of Gods and destroy our diseases by your grace. Let those people get affected by the diseases who had received your disfavor "

"O Young and powerful God of Fire , you descend in our sacrifice house by becoming fully lighted [ignite]. Make your admirers fearless today and tomorrow also. Please protect us constantly."

"O powerful Fire, please do not give us into hands of enemies who bite with their teeth, sting with the front point

of the tongue and who are gluttonous and evil! Protect us from such evil enemies," O destroyer of the evil and great God of fire who has emerged for the work of sacrifice. I am praising you for the protection of my body. Protect me from the slanderers as well as evil people."

"O aggressive and respectable God of Fire, who is well known to Gods and human beings, you give knowledge and training at the dawn[early morning] to the devotees who perform sacrifice like the religious priest[Ritvij] that teaches the religious rites to the host. O valorous and victorious Agni, you accept these hymns of praise prepared by Sage Agastya with the help of other sages and bestow on us food, strength and victorious wealth!"

God Agni became pleased when sages sang the active hymns of praise of Fire [Agni]. The fire that was produced from the churning became settled and established in the sacrificial pit! Its burning flames started going up in the whole surrounding! Since the fire is the form of the mouth of all Gods and goddesses, Gods were invoked now! Devendra also became present at the place of sacrifice when Sage Man invoked him . Devendra and Agastya had friendly relations with each other! Devendra happily accepted the offering in the sacrifice.

"O Sage Man, you are doing this sacrifice with extreme love. Desires of your mind will be fulfilled and successful!" Sage Man paid his obeisance to Lord Indra with great devotion! Marudganas also enquired God Indra respectfully well.

"O Sage Man, you love myself God Indra and God Varun very much. Your power of speech and language becomes very sweet and melodious when you praise us. We are really very pleased for that. But, kindly remove one doubt of my mind!" God Indra put forward a puzzle !

"O Respectable Indra,you make this world full of

good water by offering excellent water to the universe on a big scale. As a result, we have great love and respect for you. Then which answer do you expect from me for the removal of your doubt?" asked Man.

"How is it that you give more importance to Marut while making the shower of flowers of praise? Similarly, while performing this sacrifice for both of us, you gave the first rank honor to Maruta again! How is that?"

'O Devendra, how is it possible and proper to originate the conflict between both of you on my part? Certainly not! This earth depends on the power of both of you!'

"In that case, it appears, that in your poetic verses and speech, more and specific importance is given to Maruta only!"

"No! No! I do not have any such intentions in my mind because Maruta constantly accompanies you only. You do your journey also by giving more importance to his desire only. Then, what is the reason of asking such question?"

"If it is like that, and if your intention is also not like that, then give me the sacrificial animal which you have specially prepared for Marut as an offering!" Indra drove Agastya in to the corner by creating the difficult situation.

"But,,, !! O God of All Gods Devendra, I have prepared this Sacrificial animal as an offering for Marut. If I give that to you, it will not be possible to make the sacrifice of Marut successful! You know this fact very well!"

"If it is so, then it definitely proves the truth in my words !!"

Marut was listening to the conversation between the two. He also felt a little angry! He came forward and said,'

"O Mandarya, the proposed offering of the animal for this sacrifice can not be given to anyone. If it happens like that, the sacrificial animal which is specially prepared for

me, is not given to me, this sacrifice will remain incomplete and imperfect!" Marut expressed his opinion.

"O God of Gods, you understand this conversation that has started before you only! So, please do not insist upon it. Both Gods, Indra and Marut are equally important to me. They are really very important and essential for the comfort and happiness of the human life! Kindly put aside your insistence and participate in this sacrifice!!" Man made an appeal to Indra.

"Then listen to me now! All things that are created in this world are created because of me only. Therefore, I have got the first authority over all of them. As a result, I am going to take away this sacrificial animal." With these words Indra had really decided to take away that animal by force. And truly he had abducted [highjacked] that animal!! He started going away by the way of the sky also!! Mandarya made the preparation of the invocation of Indra. But, Marut became ready to kill Indra with his Vajra weapon!

Man surrendered himself to Varun and held his feet respectfully with the presence of his mind! All rishis and sages became terrified with fear!!

The Earth and The Sky both started vibrating and trembling with the loud and destructive thundering sound that causes deluge and dooms day of clouds. Marut also started creating the fearful storm and whirl winds with the same powerful force! For a moment, Sage Man could not understand what to do! He ran to God Vishnu, Shiva and Brahma! Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshvar were watching the actions of Agastya with admiration along with their own powers. From the space [Avakash]!!

"O Mahadev, my son Agastya is in trouble and dismay!! Please do something!" Parvati made an appeal to Lord Shiva.

"O Divine Mother, the form of Nature, Son Mandarya

is the friend of Indra and Marut. I am sure that he will definitely find out the solution and the way in this difficult situation."

"O God of the Universe, - Vishveshvara, what you say is quite true, Yet, Maharshi Agastya is confused now. Look! He is coming here only to us just now! "Lord Brahmdeva also agreed and supported to mother Parvati. In the meantime, The Great Sage Agastya became present with all his powers and the troops of sages before three gods!

"O creator of three worlds, we offer our obeisance to you."

'Maharshi , How is it that you came here by leaving your sacrifice function in the middle only ?" Shiva questioned.

"O God of all Gods, Devendra abducted the sacrificial animal, the ox which was prepared as an offering to be given in the sacrifice. So, Marut had become very angry. The duel has started between the two. The ability to stop this duel exists among in you three gods only. This duel is also your play only!"

"O Agastya ,these two heavenly Gods are your fiends. Then why did this conflict and duel take place between the two? You have only invited them ! Isn't it?" Lord Vishnu expressed his doubt.

"O Creator of the universe, both powers are equally important for the sprinkling shower and nurture of the universe. But, the egoistic understanding and pride has developed between these two regarding the greatness and superiority in the work of the management of the universe. The duel between these two is the beginning of the total destruction of the universe. Therefore, you only find out the solution to remove this problem!!"

' Agastya, when we three Gods are present in your form, this should not happen at all !! You only take the search

of your own self -power! Nothing is impossible and difficult for you!" Shiva said with admiration to Agastya.

" All right! I will try my best according to my abilities. Please give me your blessings!!"

"All sages paid their obeisance to three Gods along with sage Agastya. They went back to the place of sacrifice. As soon as Agastya received the blessings of three Gods, he started making an appeal of peace to Marut. When it was seen that Marut was becoming somewhat calm and quiet with harmony, Sage Man inaugurated [coronated] him with his self- constructed Praise hymns [Sooktas]. He invited Lord Indra for the discussion. The loud resounding thunder of Indra had become a little bit quiet.

"Really speaking, all sacrificial animals are created by both of you mutually. Our role is to deliver them to you by the mouth of Agni-the Fire!!" said Agastya. Indra became a little bit quiet with Agastya's clever words !" If the conflict starts between both of you, this universe will not exist at all! You please pay attention to this fact!" Sage Man requested in this manner and he started going to Indra along with the troops of Marut. Indra saw this and he also started thinking to himself. " These troops of Marut that are contemporary, co-resident and rich with powerful strength, make the rain shower with their own bright powerful strength. I must know that with what intention these troops of Marut who increase my power, are coming to me?" By that time Marut came with Sage Man and sat near Indra along with sage Man.

"O Devendra, you both are thick and close friends. You both are going to decorate this Earth beautifully and well eternally with mutual co-operation. You both enrich our sacrifice harmoniously and peacefully by accepting our offerings. All this is happening for the welfare of the entire universe only." Sage Man consoled and pacified them in the urging tone.

'O young Maruts, which hymn's sacrificial offerings you are consuming? You move and wander in the sky like hawks ! Who pulls you and carry to the place of sacrifice? With which great hymns you feel very happy and delighted? No sooner did Sage Man request and comfort Marut than the Marut quietly replied respectfully to the appeal of Sage man,"

"O virtuous protector, Great Indra, who is fraught with horses, do not go away and depart all alone! We are coming to you only. Tell us what you want to say quite freely with an open mind."

"O Marut, I am the only, the hole and sole owner of all sacrificial offerings that are offered in the sacrifice, all hymns of praise and this Somrasa also.. The devotees pray me who is adorned with the powerful weapon such as the 'Vajra' in my hand for the destruction of the calamities and adversities with hymns of praise!" Indra expressed his greatness with great pride and ego!

'O Indra, we who are full of horses, prepare our horses of chariot with our own powerful strength by making them fierce and strong sound! We had given the proof and revelation of our powerful strength to you also!!" Marut gave their reply with great politeness.

" I am fierce,strong and great and I overpower and subdue all enemies with the powerful strength of my weapon. Had I ever done the valor and heroism that I had exhibited when I was fighting the battle with the evil demon all alone!" Indra made an egoistic speech.

"O powerful , strong and sturdy Indra, although you have done many valors , yet, the victories and heroism that we had performed on the strength of our self -achievement and self- power in the past and will perform are more superior and powerful than you! Because, we are Maruts- the Wind!!"

Marut retaliated back like Tit for Tat when Devendra refused to become polite!

"O Marut, I had done the great valour of the slaughter of Vrutra who was the most powerful and dangerous demon on the basis of the strength of my physical organs and self- anger. Myself known as the "Vajrabahu" powerful and strong hands like the Vajra weapon created the pleasant and flowing water for Manu!!" Indra told them with great pride

"O strong powerful and omniscient Indra, your victories and heroism are well known to us. This whole world runs with your inspiration and motivation only! It is not possible for any human being who is born or yet to be born to make victory and valor like you!"

When Marut also started praising Indra, he became subdued. The skill of Sage Man became successful and effective! He did not only conquer Marut with his great politeness but, by making the use of their harmonious and gentle understanding changed Indra's mind also at his own side!! The crookedness and conflict which had arisen between the two did not only vanish and come to an end, but, Mandarya became successful in making the use of both powers for the human betterment and welfare also! After listening to the polite and praiseful speech of Maruts, God Indra said,

"O Marut, Increase the powerful strength of mine who can do any kind of heroic valour with the strong will power and become the master owner of all things with the strong victory ! O Marut, myself who is very powerful,rich , knower of all good knowledge and adorned with many bodies, have performed many great victorious deeds so far! Therefore, let all cheerful and delightful praise hymns of all devotees be offered to me only! O Marut, you who are full of the pleasant and lustrous bodies, adorned with ample food and fame and who love me , worship me, increase my repu-

tation." After listening to these words of Indra, Mandarya did not only make God Indra pleased by his skillful and tactful speech but, achieved the success in maintaining the greatness of Marut also!!"

'O Wonderful and astonishing Marut, you are the inaugurator of my valor and heroism. So, go to your friendly devotees who worship you and acquire beautiful and charming wealth for them. O Marut, let the bright wisdom and intelligence of hymns which is recited by the hymns of praise be attained by both of you. Go immediately to the knowledgeable admirers who construct the praise hymns for you. O Marut, donor of happiness and delight, the hymn of praise are constructed by us, your admirers. Our splendid words are for you only. Please listen to this prayer of your honorable admirers and grant us the essential food for nurturing our body, strength and victorious wealth to us!" God Indra and Marut returned to the place of sacrifice feeling happy by the clever and skillful speech of Sage Man. The quarrel between the two came to an end. They became engrossed in listening to the tale of their own successful valor through the mouth of the genius person like Agastya.

Mandarya praised The Maruts repeatedly and awakened the splendor that existed among them. Similarly, he achieved success by creating deep respect for Marut in the mind of Indra by polishing his valor and victory. Mandarya conquered and subjugated Indra and Varun both by describing the good fruit and reward that happens with the mutual co- operation of both of them.

' O God Indra who is full of horses, you know thousand ways to help us. Make us prosperous with those ways. Similarly, O Marut, your skill to carry the wealth and circulate rain on the required places helps Indra to perform more heroism and give us more happiness. Therefore, all our Suktas [the hymns] sing your praise and glory. Please be

pleased and delighted with us.'

While, singing the greatness of Marut, Mandarya said to them,"O Marut, I am inviting and invoking to you with help of my hymns of praise that give happiness and prosperity that brings harmony in the sacrifices of human beings , to confer the sacrificial acts to Gods and please Heaven and the Earth.. O Maruts, bestower of delight and happiness, the hymns of admirers like us and the bright speech is for you only! Please listen to the prayer of the honourable admirers and grant us the essential food for the nourishment and nurture of our body, strength , power and wealth that gives victory to us.". Marut felt pleased with the invocation of Sage Man!

Mandarya Agastya subdued Indra with more special skill. While singing the hymns of Indra's praise he said," O knowledgeable Indra, you who give inspiration and co- operation to great Marutas are really great! You make us happy by protecting us from the anger of Maruts. O Indra, the knowledgeable Maruts who take delight in the pillage of war, keep friendly relations with human beings by your grace only and make the rain shower for that purpose. O Indra , you are covered with the sacrificial offerings like an island which is encircled by water,. Please throw your powerful weapon Vajra on clouds. So that, the troops of Marut will release the ancient water in clouds and then the fire[Agni] will be available to us. O Indra you have been praised by devotees and made prosperous like the breast of the mother that has been made well- nourished and fat for the nourishment of the infant. We are pleasing you like the Rutvij [religious priest] who has been satisfied with alms. You give us wealth. O Indra, you ,who grant the wealth that gives satisfaction and guidance , you give us the attainment of the grace of glance of Marutas who appear in the forefront of Gods at the place of sacrifice. O Indra, please go in to the sacrifice place of the

host who offer the sacrificial offerings to Gods and attack on the offering materials. The vast and huge clouds which are the forms of Marut troops are standing to greet you like the royal army standing in the street. O Indra, the sound of the foot- steps of your fearful, multi-colored, departing and fighter troops of Marut who knock down the fighter enemy like the money -lender to the borrower is being heard from a long distance .O Indra ,you who is powerful and useful to the people who is admired by the Rutvij [religious priest] and who is full of self- glory,you penetrate [pass through] the clouds that are full of water ,block and obstruct the light. You give us food, strength and victorious wealth!"

God Indra felt pleased with such hymns of praise, but he felt insulted also because Mandarya had offered sacrificial offerings to God Marut also! So. he started lamenting by forgetting his anger. Truly speaking he was convinced with Mandarya's argument. He was highly convinced with the fact that he himself and Varun must come together and perform the work of the water- filling and nurturing the universal world. He felt regretted that he had insulted Mandaraya also with his worst insistence of abducting the sacrificial animal. He felt sad with the thought that, he had created obstacles in the welfare work of people although he was 'The God of gods'! But, like an ordinary person the aversion and annoyance of the insult was not allowing him to sit quiet! Man Agastya realized this deep pang in his heart. Therefore, he had decided to listen to words of Indra first and then find out the way from that problem!

"All things that are seen by the human eyes are destroyed within a moment and do not leave their slightest trace also later on! But, I have got the powerful ability and strength of bringing the devotee's mind to their senses back! But, how could I convince devotees with my unique and extraordinary power?" Indra expressed his remorse.

"O Indra, why do you kill us or this world ? Marut is your brother. You should behave with him in the good manner.", Agastya requested Indra.

"O brother Mandarya, why do you behave with me in the cheating manner although you are my friend? Why do you offer the sacrificial offering material which belongs to me to other gods? O Mandarya, let us complete your sacrifice of the attainment of immortality near the pyre of sacrifice which is decorated and ornamented by the Rutvijas[priests] and the kindled burning fire!" After listening to Indra's prudent talk expressed in the shamed and remorseful tone, Agastya realized that this was the proper time to bring God Indra and Marut together. So he said," O Monarch[king] of wealth and master of friends Indra, you are the God of Wealth. You are the only support of us, your friends. Marut is your brother and friend also. You accept me as your friend. Therefore please accept my words. You should consume [eat] our offering with Marut in the honorable manner!!"

God Indra liked this Agastya's speech which was done like a mediator inspiring to others to do the work by taking them together.

"O Marut, the image of our brother, I am leaving my insistence. But, you should come with us and accept the sacrificial offering ." Indra made an appeal to Marut. Marut also felt very happy.

" O God of gods, you have invited us! Is there any other honor than this? You are like a cloud which is filled with water up to the brim. You look fierce outwardly but very generous in your heart inwardly and life giving to all! We will certainly accept Mandarya's urging request!" Marut expressed his thoughts while embracing God Indra.

While looking at this universal union , friendship and intimacy between the two, Mandarya felt convinced that the

sacrifice that he had started as per the command of three Gods to bring these two together by making an end of this eternal and long lasted duel and conflict between the two, will be successful!

'O God Indra, you have called me 'A friend!' This itself is my glory , my honour! I welcome you! O God Indra and brother Maruts, you have made a delightful resolution to remain present in the sacrifice to accept the sacrificial offering along with God Indra! We felt extremely happy and blessed !!You both should accept our obeisance!' God Indra and Marut were moved to hear Agastya's speech! They both gave a firm embrace to Mandarya with profound love who was performing the noble act of sacrifice for the welfare of the humanity by forgetting his own greatness!!

The big crowd of Gods and troops of sages had gathered to see this great unique sight of the universal oneness, the union between God Indra and Marut! All sages and Gods made a loud proclamation of victory of Indra and Marut. The whole universe was filled with joy. The entire world received an experience of the destruction and the end of the misery that lasted for many ages together!!

They both drank the Somrasa which was prepared by Agastya himself for the Soma Sacrifice as the powerful offering of strength. They both who were extremely delighted became each other's good friends with pure mind by discarding their conflict and enmity! Indra and Marut became a little bit abashed with Agastya's insistence to give their active service in the worldly human welfare mission of Agastya. Agastya was enriched with God Shiva's luster who participated originally in the creation of Heaven and Earth from the manifestation of God of Fire[Agni Devata] and God Varun as well as the partial manifestation of Indra and the powerful strength of the universe .. But, they both accepted Agastya's insistence in which he expected the balance between the

rain and waves of the wind! They said,"

'O Mandarya , Now stop the Sam -Singing of our hymns of praise . We both desire to give two promises. " O dear friend, ask for any two promises that you intend to get from us. '

Sage Man felt very happy to listen to the loving speech Of Indra and Marut. Without making a delay of even one moment, he made his demand! He said,"

"O Omnipresent ,powerful Great Indra, O Controller of the Universe Marut , who is the life giver and the brother of Indra, I felt extremely delighted because you both are so happy! My delight is so intense that the entire universe also can not contain it!" I obey you command with great respect and ask for the blessing

' O Indra and Marut, not only all worldly beings but, all sages and Gods also get life, and food, strength and beauty , intellect and wisdom with your grace and blessings. All these things are possible with your mutual co-operation and feelings of friendship only! You both are great and the performer of the betterment of people. We all are becoming powerful with your grace only! Therefore, I want the first assurance [the promise] from you, that, from this moment, you both will never treat each other as your superior or inferior, powerful or weak or each other's rivals or competitors and behave with each other in the friendly manner by taking care of each other's greatness without creating even the slightest doubt in your mind with mutual firm faith and belief, love and affection and the feeling of friendship, understanding and co-operation as the united Gods [Deities]!!"" Sage Mandarya expressed his demand loudly with all the seriousness! God Indra and Marut felt very much abashed but equally delighted also!! They both gave their promise and assurance uttering " Tathastu!! So Be It....!!'

O Mandarya, you are very clever, intelligent, thought-

ful and welfare oriented of the human beings. We have received the realization that you are more mature and noble than both of us. There is no doubt that this whole universe will be full of knowledge and splendor with your ascetic penance and the emotion of the welfare of the people! What else you expect from us to give you as a promise and assurance? Please ask us very freely!"

"O God Indra and Marut, you have already made me obliged by accepting my first demand.

'My second demand is that, you both will give a blessing of making a resolution to maintain a harmonious balance in this world which is created by the creator of the universe in the extremely pleasant and beautiful manner by maintaining the proper balance of the seasonal cycle between the rain and life-breath constantly and also make a resolution that no hungriness will rise without water, food and life on this earth at all!"

"O Mandarya you have literally fastened us completely with your attitude of the welfare of the people and love for the universe! We give the promise and the assurance that, there will be the harmonious balance between the rain and life-breath in this world. But, this is not entirely in our hands! The human being of this world makes an effort to compete with Gods and five natural elements. The man tries TO CONTROL God and five principles in his own grasp with the help of the knowledge and imagination given by the Absolute Supreme Original Power- The Parabrahm! For this purpose, the man himself destroys the balance on the basis of the technological science! How can we rely upon him and have faith in this matter? Therefore, it is not proper to put us in to the dilemma between the Man and God! Yet, since you have asked us, we give you the promise that, we both will maintain the balance!!"

Agastya became very serious after hearing the talk

of Indra and Marut. But, he surrendered to them again and requested them to do the human welfare on the universe again."

"O Indra- Marut, It is quite open that, man is bound to make mistake due to the faculty of the third quality "Tam" such as ignorance, and pride! But, if they have realized the mistake, the Parabrahm, the Supreme power had also given him the chance, the opportunity to ask for the forgiveness and regret! If the quality of purity, [the Satva guna] arises in him, he surrenders to the Supreme power with extreme politeness also! At this time you should forgive him for his sins and make the worldly life happy by maintaining the balance between the rain and the life breath!" Indra and Marut became very happy to hear the philosophical talk of Mandarya expressed for the betterment of the human beings. They gave their blessings to Mandarya, "Tathastu!!---- So Be It..."

All the animate and inanimate world, The Absolute Supreme Original Power [Parabrahm], three Gods of power and all Gods and Goddesses that were present at the time of sacrifice felt extremely happy when they heard these words of Indra and Marut. They made a loud victorious proclamation of God of Gods Indra and his friend Marut! They also made a loud proclamation of Agastya's victory!

"O Mandarya, we are giving you the "Gayatryoupanishad" Gayatree Upnishad as the auspicious blessing [Prasad] to obtain the unbroken success continuously! You should continue its tradition further!" said Indra while giving the auspicious present of blessing to Agastya! In this manner the ultimate end of the sacrifice that was started by Sage Agastya had happened with this extremely conflicting incident of struggle and later on with love and happiness in the completely fulfilled manner! Lord Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh became present in person and told Mandarya that, "there is no necessity to perform more sac-

rifices then!! All Gods along with Indra and Marut were listening to those divine words.

"O Mandarya, you have created the friendly feeling and proper understanding in Indra and Marut by removing their mutual conflict, misunderstanding and doubt by sacrificing your own pride and ego with the good and virtuous feeling of the human welfare !! By making an appeal and request to the generosity, good intellect and affectionate love of Indra and Marut, you have fastened them to the feeling of duty for the auspicious welfare oriented mission also! This great work performed by you is certainly quite glorious and leading you to the highest post of the Highest Sage and self-illuminating! Therefore, we give the blessing that, you will be counted among the great illuminated stars!!" The entire world felt very happy to listen to these words of blessings of three gods. Mitra - Varun also felt very much blessed! The shower of admiration was going on Indra and Marut and Agastya!! The Master of Kailas, Lord Shiva himself narrated this unique story to Lord Rama in this manner!"

The religious soul like Sage Shilad had no son!! The liberation and release is not possible to the deceased forefathers unless the progeny of the sons and grand-sons are produced. So the ancestors of sage Shilad commanded him to get the attainment of the son with the fear of remaining in the hell, below the earth. So, by the command of his forefathers, Sage Shilad started his ascetic austerity of Devendra. When Devendra was pleased with Shilad's austerity he said to Shilad, "O Great Sage, I am pleased with your penance. Tell me about the desire of your mind."

'O Devendra, I want a son who is immortal, well behaved and not born from the womb of a woman!" prayed

Sage Shilad!

"O great sage, I do not have the power to give you such son. But I give you the blessing that "Your desire will be fulfilled! You worship the great powerful God of Gods Lord Shiva to get the son. He will only, fulfill your desire!"

Dharmtma, the great religious soul, Shilad again sat for the austerity to please Lord Mahadev for the attainment of the son!"

The most satisfied God Shiv- Shankar felt very much pleased with Shilad's penance and appeared before him! Shilad was completely engrossed in his austerity. Lord Shankar made him conscious and brought him back to his senses. Shilad saw Shiv- Shankar standing before him directly in person ! He felt extremely happy! His joy started oozing from his heart. He prostrated himself before Shiva and started praising him!!

"Jay Dev Jagannath jay Shankar shashvat|
Jay Sarvsuradhyaksha Jay Sarvsurarchit|
Jay Sarvgunateet Jay Sarvavarprad|
Jay Nitya Niradhar Jay Vishvambharavyay||
Jay Vishvail Vedyesh Jay Nagendrabhooshan|
Jay Gouripat ShambhoJaychandrardhshekhara|
Jay Kotyark Sankash Jayanant Gunashraya|
Jay Rudra Virupaksh Jayachintya Niranjan||
Jay Krupasindho Jayabhktartibhanjan|
Jaydustarsansar Sagarottataran Prabho|
Praseed Me Mahadev Sansararthasya khidyatah|
Sarv papbhay hatva rakshmam Parameshvar||
Mahadaridryamagnasya Mahapaphatsya|
Mahashokvinashtasya Maharogaturasyach|
Rinirparitasya dahyamanasya karmbhihi|
Grahehi Prapedyamanasya praseed mam Shankar

|| [Brahma 7.59.66]

Bhagavan Shankar was very much pleased with the

prayer of praise and worship ! He said to Shilad," Tell me the desire of your mind!"

Preface-

"Mythological Novel- A Mighty Project"O King of Kailas,the one that has held the Moon on his head[Shivchandramoulee], I want a son like you who is powerful, strong,immortal and unborn from the womb"!

" Tathastu! So be it!' O Shilad, great among all Brahmins and the wealth of austerity [Tapodhan] , In olden times Brahmdev, Sages and Gods worshiped and prayed me through the austerity to take the incarnation ! Therefore, O Brahman, although I am the Father of the whole world, I will be your son who is not born out of the womb! My name will be Nandee in that incarnation!" Shiv blessed him!

"O God , Lord Shiva, I have become very fortunate and blessed!" said Shilad.

Lord Shiva disappeared after blessing Shilad. After that, Shilad came back to his ashram. He narrated this entire account to his forefathers and all sages and hermits. All felt extremely happy. They all started waiting for Lord Shankara's incarnation as Nandi!

After some days had passed, when Sage Shilad was present in Yadnyakshetra city, a big movement happened in his body and the minute and subtle bright splendor manifested from his body! A small child manifested from this brightness later on! All directions were filled with great joy and happiness with the birth of this child who was lustrous like fire [Agni]!!The Sun and all sages who were present in the sacrifice were watching this majestic and extra -ordi-

nary ceremony. This child had three eyes, four hands, the crown of matted hair and the weapon like trident etc. They all realized that splendor of Shiva had manifested! The entire sky had reverberated with loud proclamations such as"Jay Shiv Omkara! Jay Shiv Omkara!!

'O Maheshvara, God of Gods Mahadev,you have made my penance and life absolutely meaningful and fruitful with your arrival as Nandi in my house. O Ocean of joy, please accept my obeisance to you!" Shilad was paying his obeisance to that child again and again frantically! Later on Shilad came with Nandi in his hermitage along with all sages. The moment, they all entered inside the hermitage, that child Nandi changed his original form of Shiva into the form of an ordinary human being. Later on, sage Shilad performed the rites of 'Jatkarma' as per the tradition on his son who was unborn from the womb and started teaching him all branches of knowledge. At the seventh age of the boy Nandi, Mitraravuni Mandarya and Vasishtha came to Shilad to see Nandi with the command of God Shiva. They said to Shilad," Grandfather , it is quite true that your son is an expert in all sciences! But ,the span of his life is very short !"

As soon as Shilad heard these words, he had swooned down with the severe shock! When he became conscious, he started crying loudly. When Nandi saw him crying loudly, he went close to his father and asked, "Father, why are you crying? What calamity had fallen down?"

"O dear Son, these sages told me that you are short lived. How can I bear this grief? Shilad narrated about his misery and sorrow. So, Nandi said to him, "O Father, do not lament anymore! God Vishvanath will remove our calamity and the painful misery !"

Nandi consoled his father .Then he performed the circumambulation around his father and went to the forest to perform the austerity.

He selected the secluded place and sat at the north side of the river for his penance. Meditating upon Lord Sadashiv, he had started "the Chanting of Rudra". God Sadashiv felt very happy to see his own bright son fully engrossed in chanting Lord Shiva's own chant. He came close to Nandi along with Goddess Uma and said affectionately with love, "O Son of Shilad, I have become very much pleased with your austerity. Ask for any blessing that you want from me!"

When Nandi heard sweet words of Lord Maheshvar, he prostrated before God and sang the hymns of praise of Shiv adorned with the Moon on His head [Chandramouli]! Omniscient Uma Maheshvar looked at Nandi meaningfully and started talking to him,

"O Nandi, I had only sent those two rishis to Shilad with an intention! You have no any fear of death. You are my partial incarnation. You are also immortal, free from any pain or sorrow, imperishable, eternal and unique like me. There is no reason to take any doubt. You will be also very strong and powerful like me. I will always confer my grace and blessings on you!!" Uttering these words, Lord Mahadeva took out the garland of Lotus from his neck and put it around the neck of Nandi. No sooner did the Lotus flower's garland was placed around Nandi's neck than he became three eyed and the bearer of ten hands!!

"Tell me Nandi, what else you want?" Shiv asked Nandi

'O Maheshvar, I have a desire to work for those who work hard on the earth and do the agricultural, farming work! Therefore, do something that will create an auspicious sprinkling on the earth." So, Vrushbhaj made the sprinkling of the auspicious Ganga water from his matted hair on the earth. As a result, five auspicious rivers named, Jatodaka, Tristota, Vrushdhvani, Swarnodaka and Jambunadi were created on

the earth from it. So, the world received the blessing such as, "The one that will take bath in those five rivers and worship Lord Shiva, will become one with Lord Shiva!" After that Shiv Shankar started looking at Gouri meaningfully to discuss some important matter!

"O Gouri, I am proposing to make Nandi as the Chief-President of all my troops with inauguration [coronation] on him."

"O Chief of all Gods, [Devpatii] Your thought is really very good and delightful. Nandi is just like my Gajanan. He is very dear to me!"

After hearing Uma's words, Mahadev called all chiefs of his troop and said to them,

"All chiefs of the troops, I have appointed my son Nandikeshvar, as the President of all chiefs of troops. You all should perform a coronation on the Chief President with love and respect. From today onwards, Nandikeshvar has become the Chief President, the Master of all troops." All accepted Nandikeshvar as the President of all troops by accepting the command of God Mahadev! Mahadev invited the obstacle remover Shri Gajanan.

"O Chief of the troop and the remover of the obstacles, Gajanan, you perform a coronation on Nandi as the President of all troops!!"

'Yes Father! Everything will happen according to your desire only!

Shri Ganaray [Ganapati] established Shri Nandikeshvar on the seat as the President along with all troops with coronation! Then Shivshankar called sage Shilad. Shilad felt very happy as he came to know that his son had become the President of troops. Shilad came on Kailas with many sages along with Mitra Varuni Mandarya Agastya

Maruta's daughter Suyasha saw Nandikeshvar in the forest when he was engrossed in his penance. When she

saw this divine and splendid man, she felt that she should get such man as her husband. She told her father about her desire! Marut also arrived on Kailas along with his daughter Suyasha seeking the right occasion of the appointment with Nandikeshvar as the President of the troop.

"O Master of Kailas, this is my daughter Suyasha. My daughter Suyasha and myself desire that she should be married to the President of the Shiva's troops Shri Nandikeshvar."

'My dear child, for what reason, do you want to marry President the of my troop Nandikeshvar? Tell me about the thought in your mind! Nandikeshvar is going to be in my service continuously. He wants the liberation of the complete union and absorption in the divinity, the divine essence with his service!! Then, what is the use of this marriage? "Shiva asked Suyasha.

"O God of Gods, I have also a desire to serve you. I have also a desire to receive the divine union with your divine essence and attain liberation by becoming purified. O Lord, you are causing the creation, organization and the extinction in the form of the Purush- The Primordial Man [Adipurusha] and The Prakriti- the Primordial Woman, the Divine Mother [Adi Maya]. Kindly include us in that great mission. Just as you have participated Mother Shri Ganga, The leaders of your troops, my father Marut and Devendra in your divine work, include me also. For that purpose only I desire to marry Nandikeshvar! Nandi is going to make an effort to satisfy all by remaining in your service constantly. The form of this universe is your form only. The universal service is your service only! I want to participate in that!" Suyasha expressed her thoughts quite freely and openly!

"My child, I am really pleased to hear your thoughts. It will happen according to your desire!!" Shiva blessed Suyasha.

Divine Mother of the world Parvati said to Suyasha," My child Suyasha, You will also be three eyed and all your desires will be fulfilled!"

When the marriage of Shild's Son Nandikeshvar and the daughter of Marut, Suyasha was taking place in the presence of hermits, sages, ascetics, and the troops of Shiva on Kailas, Brahma, Vishnu Devendra and other Gods also participated in the marriage ceremony. All of them gave their blessings to the newly married couple. Mitravaruni Agastya also came forward at the same time and said,"

"O God of Gods Shri Mahadev, you have deputed and entrusted different types of work to all your sons like us along with the Ganesh, the leader of all your troops and God Kartikeya for the welfare of the human beings on the earth. So, we are already doing the management -work of the cyclical play of the creation, organization and extinction of The Prakriti and Purusha as per our powers and intelligence according to the command of three Gods! Gods and Goddesses have also accepted animals as the form of their vehicles and have done their proper nurture and moulding also. Not only that, but they have awakened the divine feeling also in them! You have honoured the crawling animals, wild animals, trees, creepers and birds also by giving them divinity. You made an appointment of the visionary seers, hermits and sages for the organizational management of the human world!! You gave the command to the man to lead his life by making use of all this universal world. But, the man is involved in making the destruction of this universe. He considers this entire universe as his own instrument, mean and food! Therefore, that creates problems and troubles to the kings and sages like us in the work of the cultural prevalence. On the occasion of this marriage ceremony, you gave blessings to the son of Shilad who is your son only and our brother Nandikeshvar and our brother's

wife and the daughter of Marut, Suyasha for the betterment of the world! But.....!!

"O Mandarya, it seems from your speech that, some specific problems and difficulties had emerged in the world!"

"Please forgive my Lord! Human life is extremely very hard , difficult and cumbersome! By destroying that, the man has to surrender himself and enslave himself to the arms [weapons],different Mantras and techniques to take the enjoyment and experience of this universe. Some solution, some remedy has to be done to make his life stable and harmonious. You are the seed and the germ of this entire universe. This whole universe, this world is the extension of that seed! Is there any solution for the happy and joyful life of the man? " Agastya had put forward his complaint!!

"O Agastya, we have given the stimulation , inspiration and motivation to sages to perform the work of the Agricultural work for that purpose only!"

" Narayan Narayan!"said Narada in the middle who was listening to the conversation of sage Agastya and God Shiv quietly!

'O Lord, may I participate in the conversation?" he asked Lord Shiva.

"O Narada, dear Son, that is your privilege." Shiv gave his permission.

"O God, Rishis have established the Spiritual Teacher's Families [Guru Kuls] for the search of power and the application. But, the entire agricultural work has to be done with own hands only. How much hard work can be done by the man with his two hands with the man-made instruments? Therefore, the work of agriculture to get food from the mother earth with extreme hard work is really very difficult and strenuous. Therefore, you provide some solutions and remedies that will be helpful to the agricultural work. Otherwise, the man will forget the human element while

getting his food by hunting animals and killing them!"

" O Lord Shiva, You have given me the blessing that you will constantly keep me close to you. You have honored me by making me the Chief Presiden of your troops also. Therefore, it is our responsibility to protect your work. As a result, appoint both of us to support the agricultural work. You have made ten handed and three eyed to both of us. Please give us your blessing that we both will be able to protect your image of the seed- form !' The Troop President Nandi prayed to God Mahadev.

"O Lord, Brahmarshi Narada's advice is quite proper. Similarly, Nandikeshvar's desire is also very good. The animal slaughter will not be done without the reason. Those animals that are useful to the agricultural work are used for that work properly, the animal hunting and killing will be stopped automatically on its own!"

"O Hermits and Sages, all animate and inanimate forms of the universe are forms of sons and grand- sons of the Prakruti and Purusha only! It is sequential and inevitable for them to work hard in the earthly world and live by depending on each other. The reason is that, all these are the illusory forms. They are perishable and mortal. They are apparent [ostensible] only! In that case,why should we think so much about the man?" Shiva made a sarcastic question to test them!

'O God, it is quite true that you have narrated the summary, the essence of the Shiv -Vidya with the form of the principle of oneness [oneness of the divine and the human]. But, 'all this' is just a play of the Kaivalya ,[the Original Divine Supreme Power] That play should be done in the form of delight and joy. It is natural and essential to make the sorrow and unhappiness of earthly human beings' less that are caught in the rotation of happiness and sorrow! 'While living in the interdependent manner with each other,

the wheel of the creation, preservation and extinction should go on rotating and the play of these illusionary forms should happen in the delightful manner!" This is the only intention of God Brahmdev. For that reason you have stimulated, inspired and motivated us! Isn't it ? O God, the war had taken place between Indra and Varun for the powerful animal like the ox.! While making the compromise and union between two, I was in great dismay. Truly speaking you have accepted the powerful troops of the bull as your vehicle. Now both natural elements and principles like Indra and Marut are present here."

"O Mitra Varuni Agastya Mandarya, You are really brilliant and radiant and knowledgeable like the Sun, the Fire, and the image of Vishnu in person! You are a true Arya, the virtuous like Himalaya. You have made your name quite meaningful and glorious. I am very much pleased with you! You have only done the work of the son of Shilad who is my part only quite close to me!! Having observed your intense desire and the urge of the human welfare, I give the blessing which will be complimentary and as per the fulfillment of the desire of all !!"

"The Bull, "Vrushabha" who is the Chief of the powerful animals is the form of Nandi who is my partial incarnation only.! This Suyasha, who is Nandi's wife and the daughter of Marut is the female form of Prakruti. They both will be useful to the work of the creation of the universe. In the agricultural work, the progeny of these both, their sons and the grandsons and other animal forms like the elephant, horse. Camels, oxen [Vrushabh] Mahesh, Gandharvas and he-goats are all my partial forms. They all will be useful. They will help the man. They will be known as the domestic animals of the man and his agricultural wealth. They all will be known as the animal wealth of the man, They all will be recognized as the standards of wealth and prosperity. They

will be used as the offering in the sacrifice as an exception. This chief bull [Vrushabh] will stay constantly with me and will be known as Nandi who will do my service and make my work easy! All these animals will be worshipped. When the hermits, sages and Sage Agastya will make my establishment in the Ling or Ban[Stone] form, they will have to make the establishment of Nandi also who is the form of my vehicle at all places!! Nandi's wife Vrushabhi will be known as "Nandini." All mother forms of animals will be the images of Nandini only. She will satisfy Gods and human beings with her nectar like milk shower and make them healthy. She will be recognized as the cow- wealth. The farmers in the human forms will be known as the images of God Shiva. These bulls will ride farmers' vehicles. The ox is also used as animal of the chariot like horse, elephant and camels. That use will be done in the most auspicious manner! The marriage of Nandi and Suyasha had taken place in the Shravan month[The fifth month of the Hindu Year. July- August.]. Therefore, the animal worship will take place during this month only. They will get an important, holy and honourable place in the human life!" Lord Shiva made an announcement!

"O Lord Mahadev, I have become blessed and fortunate with your blessing with announcement! O Lord Shiva and Mother Parvati, we all accept Suyasha in the mother in the form of cow. Human life will be full of prosperity of wealth, food and grains with your grace and blessings. Wild animals will start making a free movement in the forest fearlessly." said Narad ! "

"O Lord Shiva, I have become blessed and fortunate because you have accepted all animals as your troops and gave them a command to do your service!!" said Nandikeshvar.

"O Lord Mahadev, Suyasha will be known as the

Kamdhenu or Surabhi in the form the cow in heaven [The Wish fulfilling Cow.] I will help Marut to keep the rain cycle continuous as per the desire of Sage Agastya" Devendra gave an assurance.

"O God Shiva, My daughter Suyasha has become successful in the true sense now. You have given her the honourable status as the Mother Earth. I became fortunate and blessed .!!" Maruta expressed his gratitude.

"O God Shiva, if all human beings behave according to the command given by you, there will be the growth of the Eternal Knowledge[Brahmdnyan]. All dealings will take place by the acceptance of the duty as the sacrifice and the play of the Divine, Original Supreme Power [Kaivalya] will get the delightful form !" Brahmadev gave his blessing.

'O Lord Shiva, You have made the management of this earth very easy by making the establishment of Nandi and Nandini. As a result, Vishnu- Laxmi will always reside with you. " Lord Vishnu gave the promise.

"O MitraVaruni Agastya, you will be recognized as "the God of Agriculture" because of the promise that you have accomplished from Lord Shiva with the intense desire and urge of the welfare of the human beings. Your mean 'the Plough [Hal] will also get the auspicious divinity. The virtuous merit of "the Hal worship" will be greater than all other worships. Your pickaxe which is the symbolic form of the Hal will be very famous. You will be renowned in the world as "the Expert of Agriculture, Expert of Health ,Atharvan ,[Black Magic , and the Friend that makes the compromise in the harmonious manner!" Brahmadev himself honoured Sage Agastya with these words!"

The genuine desire of all rishis and sages including Shilad was accomplished with the marriage of Nandikeshvar. The Shiv Power became pleased and the agricultural path became easy and simple. Mandarya Agastya linked up the

knowledge of agriculture with animals and accomplished the welfare of the animals and human beings.

" O God, You have explained about Mandarya's role and attitude of co- operation, co-ordination and understanding with! We are very fortunate. This great role and mission which Agastya had accepted to make the entire universe virtuous [Aryamaya] is really great and imitable! But, please unfold the reason and explain us the secret of the occurrence of such difficult situation when God Indra is the God of Gods and God Marut is the image of Five Elements."" God Ramchandra asked the question.

"O Ramchandra, the states such as troops of God, Devendra himself and five basic elements had emerged from the Brahma, Vishnu and Shiv Principle with desire of the Original Divine Supreme Power known as "The Parabrahm". Not only that, but states the state of demons and human beings are also created like Gods. This play of the primordial woman [Prakriti] and the Purusha[Premordial Man] is merely an imagination of the Parabrahm, the original Supreme Power! But, the world in imagination is existent in the illusionary form.. That means it is in the true form. These are the various forms of that Original Principle- the Supreme Power -The Parabrahma only !! Three qualities come automatically when the form takes place !! In the existence of three qualities, the existence of six enemies such as lust, anger, attraction, arrogance, greed ,envy, jealousy also come in the course of time. Man is the complete form of nature. So he is visible .That's all! Yet, the demons and Gods that are forms of that state are also bound by the disorders and passions of three qualities. Although their practices or dealings happen in the non -human manner, the tendency is

the same! For this reason only, Mandarya's birth is of the divine and human form! There is a tradition of manifestation of such understanding and pleasant friendliness among those who are bounded by three states such as the human, the divine and the demon! This is the result of that tradition only!!"

"O GodShiv Shankara, we are very fortunate to receive this inaccessible knowledge. Yet, there is doubt in my mind . If you will not become angry, I will express it before you!" Lord Ramchandra asked very politely!

'O Ramchandra, We both feel extremely happy to fulfill your curiosity. You ask any doubt in the fearless manner!' said Lord Shiva.

" O Lord Shiva, why should great Gods like Indra the God of Gods and Marut obey the command and words of Agastya? It is not probable to accept the fact that, just because Agastya had made a plan to perform the sacrifice and was going to offer the sacrificial offering to God Indra and God Marut , they should "obey" his command! Secondly, God Indra's claim that," He is the owner of all sacrificial things" is also not futile or empty ! Isn't it?" Ramchandra asked the question.

"O Ramchandra, your questions are quite valuable that explain and unfold the important facets of the greatness of the renowned personality of Sage Agastya. The brightness and luster of both of us is accumulated in Mandarya. Therefore, he becomes our son also. It will be quite proper on the part of the divine mother Parvati only to narrate about the victorious plays of her own son in the adorable manner! Isn't it?";

" Yes,Mahadev!! We will request the Divine Mother Parvati only to narrate the mysterious tales of Mandarya. . O Mother, please tell us about the mysterious tales of Mandarya's victorious achievements. Because, the illusion

of nature is your image , your form only!" requested Ramchandra to mother Parvati.

"Lord Ramchandra, a funny situation occurred when Mandarya came to receive our Darshan after manifesting from the Pushkar Lotus pitcher, the Kumbha directly . Devendra thought that this sweet and affectionate child is born in the Divine state of God. So , he should bow to him first!" Mandarya who was the direct image of the bright light and fire itself, realized this egoistic expectation of Devendra. As a result, Mandarya whose form was extremely fierce and who had accomplished the state of the ascetic sage by birth, fastened Devendra who was the great form of wealth at one place immediately with his fire like splendour within a moment! All Gods were watching this play of that affectionate fierce formed sage!!. Devendra was fastened like a prisoner who is fastened to a pillar with invisible and unfathomable powers! His body started burning with the flames of fire! Devendra made loud and angry shouts. He had used all strength and splendor of all gods that existed in him to release himself from this difficult situation. But, three Gods had established the stimulation and motivation of Agastya to give the offering of the egoistic pride for the human welfare, originally in the womb of the heaven and earth in the divine and human state both. So ,Devendra was unable to do anything before the power of Mandarya. Then Devendra started shouting very loudly,"O Lord Brahma, protect me! O Vishnu, O Shiva, protect me...!!" His intensity reached to the state of great climax! Mandarya was giving more torture and burn to Devendra by fastening him more tightly! When Devendra's ego was destroyed completely, he looked at Lord Shiva in the pathetic and helpless manner. When Lord Shiv gave him a solution , Devendra begged himself and prayed to this affectionate , fierce and mischievous Mandarya in the guilty manner, Mandarya looked at Lord Shiva. When he

saw the expression of the boundless compassion in the eyes of Lord Shiva, Mandarya released Devendra from his invisible clutches. When Lord Shiva explained and instructed Devendra about the incarnation of Agastya, God Indra realized that there was no point in accepting the enmity with Agastya. So, he made an effort to establish friendly relationship with Agastya. Mandarya also, brought Devendra quite close to him with affection and friendship.

" O Ramchandra, it must be remembered very well that, a child is the direct image of the vibrancy of the Parabrahma, the Original Absolute Supreme Power!! Therefore, even the greatness of the Parabrahma himself also can not last long before him!! The evergreen and immortal Indra had forgotten this fact!! Due to this outstanding play of Mandarya only, I kept his name as " Agastya"! He had proved its great meaningfulness later on!! Mother Parvati narrated the great victory of Agastya with great love and affection!!"

'O Mother, We have become utterly blessed since we have received the introduction of the great power of Agastya from the mother's mouth. Please accept our obeisance. Since our journey is going to take place in the forest by receiving the knowledge and understanding of the greatness through the tales of Agastya's great power, we have become extremely eager to listen to more victorious stories of Agastya. Kindly guide us more in those tales. That will help us to spend our time more in joy and knowledge!'. Ramchandra started asking again.

"O Ramchandra, you will be able to listen many more stories in your journey. Yet, Agastya's Ashram is quite close to Prayagteerth. You spend some time in that Ashram by taking the auspicious bath in those holy places and spend time in the meditation of Agastya. You will get the intuitive knowledge about the glorious work of Agastya. You perform

your work in accordance to that. Agastya had made his departure from this place only to maintain the balance at South. The Divine mother desires that you should also follow the same path!" Agastya's Ashrams are established at the North East at Vang, Gaya, Varanasi and Prayag on the banks of the river Ganga. For thousands of years the sacrifices of knowledge are going on over there. The propagation of the Gayatri Upanishad is also going on over there. Mandarya Agastya had accepted the vow of the Agricultural Development. Similarly, he had empowered and accomplished many medicines by performing many sacrifices for the Health

Protection. By studying them you should go to the Agastya Ashrams at the sub river of Sindhu, Vitasta, Pushkar Teerth, Hatkeshvar, Prabhas and Ujjain at the West. While going to Vindhya, visit his ashram on the banks of the sub rivers emerged from the Yamuna river. Get the knowledge of this North Place, receive the guidance of Vindhya and then proceed to South! Mandarya had accepted the post of the religious priest of the Khel King whose kingdom was spread to East and North to get the experience of human wandering [circulation]. While performing this great work, he had done many worldly, materialistic and heavenly victorious exploits. You should study more about them also!" Lord Shiva gave the proper and complete guidance to Lord Ramchandra and gave a command to start his peregrination [wandering] !!

He said," O Ramchandra, you have protected the sacrifices of the hermits and sages in the North as per the say of sage Vasishtha and Vishvamitra in your childhood and destroyed the evil and demonic tendencies of the demons and evil monsters! This was your great adorable achievement. But, your real work is going to take place in the South ! Mandarya Agastya who had gone to South is

waiting for your arrival!" said Lord Shiva to Shiram!!

Lord Ramchandra paid his obeisance to Shiv Parvati along with Vaidheer and Laxman and received blessings of Shiv Parvati and started his further journey. He had received a grand welcome in the Agastya Ashram at The holy place of Prayag. He said to the Chief Kulguru of Agastya Ashram, "O Ashram Kulguru Agastya, we three are really moved to receive your grand welcome. We have decided to become the followers of Agastya's feeling of the welfare of the human beings in this world after listening the tales of his heroic exploits and victories told by Lord Shiva and mother Parvati!! We are going to follow his path in our journey. Please tell us about the hymns of Agastya's brave victories."

"O Lord Ramchandra, Agastya had performed the great outstanding work in the fields such as, the Agriculture, Atharva, Medicine, Sacrifice organizations, the management of the Cosmic- universal cycle, the Art of fighting the war etc. In the field of medicine, he had performed the most incomparable and unique work in the Surgery technique [Shalya Tantra]!"

"O Kulguru,[Vice- Chancellor],we are extremely curious and eager to know all about it! Please narrate all those tales to us!"

"Tathastu!! So be it!"

Ashram Kulguru Agastya started telling the brave stories of Mandarya Agastya's heroic exploits.

"Man Mandarya Sage Agastya accepted the post of the Religious Priest and the post of Acharya of Khelraja, whose kingdom had spread in the vast regions of Jambudweep that had spread from East to North. After mak-

ing the establishment of Vasishtha, Man Manya Mandarya, erected ashrams at places like Prayag, Gaya and Vang and started the work of learning, teaching and the tradition of Sages and hermits to prove and explain how the use of the power of five nature elements, the universal power and the divine powers mainly become very helpful to the human welfare through the medium of the Sacrifice Organizations. [Yadnya Sanstha]!! Later on, the same tradition started telling about the name of their family lineage [Gotra] as Agastya Gotra instead of Mandarya Gotra with great pride! Khelraja also accepted the same Gotra [Family lineage] tradition by considering and accepting the greatness Mandarya's great victory, knowledge, generosity, his authority in the science of health, and his close and thick relationship with Gods and Goddesses. Khelraja started calling Agastya "Mahakrushi-the Great Farmer" instead of "The Great Maharshee" [The Great Sage]. Sage Mandarya had performed many developmental things as regards the agriculture on the banks of river Ganga. He helped King Bhagirath to create "the descendance of Ganga" [Ganga -Avataran] on the earth. He gave the honour of the Holy Water to Ganga by making its water sterile. He also gave the honour to other rivers such as Yamuna, Saraswati, Sindhu and Kshipra as the pure rivers along with the river Ganga!! For the Agricultural experiments Agastya had created a small tool known as "Utkhal or Kudal [Pickaxe] also from the iron. He had established many chemical schools of the herbal medicinal plants of the forests at the places such as, Vang, Gaya, Prayag, Varanasi Gangadwar, and Agastya Munigram with the help of Khelraja.. Mandarya used to spend his time in giving the guidance to the farmers about the technique of making the good use of the water of streams for the agriculture. He became famous and well known as 'the Krushi- Rushi'[Sage of Agriculture] that grants the food, strength and Health!!

Agastya had pleased many Gods and Goddesses such as Indra, Marut, Agni [The Fire], Mitra [The Sun], Varun [Rain], Surya [The Sun], Ashvinikumar[Sages of medicine] and the Earth by offering the sacrificial offerings along with the SomYaga [Soma Sacrifice]. God Bhootnath Shambhoo Mahadev ,was also very much pleased with Agastya by observing his great work!! Sage MaitraVaruni who were the direct forms of fire were constantly engrossed in his work with extreme generosity. Although he was honoured and accepted as the royal Priest of Khelraja and also respected by all for his greatness, it was not necessary for him to receive the sanction or recognition from anyone else! The glorious prosperity of Khelraja started growing due to Mandarya. There was the growth of abundant prosperity and growth in everything in his kingdom. As a result, many rival kings became jealous of Khelraja and decided to abduct his glorious grandeur! They invaded and attacked on Khelraja's well organized, prosperous and agriculturally developed kingdom. Khelraja was engrossed in the welfare work of the people and he had received the support of the great priest like Agastya .So, he was absolutely relaxed without any tension.

But the enemy became more powerful because of Khelraja's peace oriented nature and personality. Khelraja entered directly on the field of war along with his wife Vishpala in his special chariot! His wife Vishpala was also a great warrior! Vishpala who was highly perfect with the splendor of the brave fighter [Kshatriya warrior], became the angry female fighter and attacked the enemy by her own self! Even the enemies were astonished to see her powerful strokes of the weapon like sword [Khadga] on the battlefield! Even Khelraja was also surprised to see her fighting skill and valor. Just as the mare of power and strength runs amok and bolts neighing fearlessly on the battlefield and harasses,

oppresses , this Vishpala was also moving like a storm by becoming the angry and fierce Goddess of war on the war field! Khelraja, his warriors and his wife Vishpala were fighting firmly and bravely by making the enemy run away and protecting the borders of their kingdom on which this calamity had fallen so suddenly and unexpectedly! But the enemy was also equally powerful and skillful, alert and wise and expert in fighting in the war! He observed that his enemy's wife is fighting on the battlefield by herself, he thought that this was the best opportunity to defeat the enemy. As a result, he had concentrated all his attention on Vishpala. He thought that if he gets the enemy's wife, his enemy will be defeated automatically. So, they encircled Vishpala very closely and Vishpala was caught in the clutches of the enemy unfortunately!! The Sunset was approaching quite close, So, as per the ethical rules of war, it was highly essential to return back Vishpala to his enemy Otherwise the knowledge of weapons would have vanished. So, the enemy had cut Vishpala's leg with the sharp weapons and threw her on the battlefield in that worst condition and attacked on the other army. King Khelraja and his soldiers became depressed and helpless as their attention was concentrated on Vishpala. The Sun -Set had occurred and Khelraja breathed the sigh of relief!

Mandarya who was an expert in the surgical operation and chemotherapy felt very sad after hearing this news. Agastya felt very regretful because he had become engrossed in the development of agriculture and Ayurveda Science only due to Khelraja. He felt deep in his heart that if he would have raised and supported Khelraja with his fierceness , such incident would not have occurred! He ran to the War Camp!! When Khelraja saw that Mandarya had personally came on in the war camp, Khelraja surrendered him with extreme politeness!" O Great Sage, I have committed

a great crime in taking Vishpala the royal queen on the battlefield. Kindly forgive us. You can only release us from this great calamity. Kindly make Vishpala stand on her leg!! You have mastered and accomplished the science of the manifestation of powers of Five Natural basic elements. You have liberated God Indra also from his great pride. You have motivated the Earth, Indra, Varun, Surya [The Sun] to act and make human beings on this earth healthy, knowledgeable and powerful! Not only that, but you have created the tradition of the experiments of the cow's milk also. Great God Indra himself had narrated the Gayatryopanishad to you! Therefore, you are our royal religious priest and also the Spiritual Master [Acharya]. We request and pray you to cure Vishpala with your perfect diagnosis and bring her back to her previous healthy state! Kindly accept our prayer!!

"O King, I give the blessing that your efforts will be successful. I will have to invite Ashvinikumar for the help by performing the Som -Yaga. Therefore, make an arrangement to take Vishpala for the admission in the hospital of our Ashram from this battlefield. Please remember that Vishpala will not get pains by the grace of the doctor [dhanavantari]." Mandarya made Kheraja free from the tension with his assurance!

Vishpala was taken in to the hospital of the Ashram. Mandarya himself started his treatment on her. He became successful in making Vishpala conscious and stop the bleeding completely! Mandarya had saved her by giving a kind of new lease of life [Sanjivaneer]. A lot of time had gone since her leg was broken! Not only that, but the enemy had destroyed that broken leg also completely! So, there was no other alternative than to transplant the new leg for Vishpala!! For that purpose, it was extremely important and essential to take the help of Ashvinikumar! Therefore Mandarya decided to invite Ashvinikumar by observing the

Soma Sacrifice [Somyag] ! Ashvinikumar was the splendid personality in the state of the superhuman existence! "Soorya Oorja" was the name of his wife! They had a very close relationship with Mandarya. Mandarya was Mitavaruni. So, Ashvini was his real friend, brother and good associate also! Since Mandarya had a special interest and expert skill in the diagnosis of Aurveda, Ashvini had genuine affection for Mandarya. They both had decided to perform a surgical operation on Vishpala's leg.

The preparation was made to perform the Soma Sacrifice. Mandarya made an invocation to all Gods and Goddesses and started giving an invitation with the help of the Hymn [Sukta] to Ashvinikumar for their special help. While invoking and inviting Ashvinikumar with admiration, a great surge had come to Mandarya's imagination due to the original affection, intimacy and the special responsibility of the patient!!

"O Ashvinikumar, when your chariot starts moving around the sky, the sweet liquid starts oozing from its golden run. You drink that sweet liquid and wander with Usha. O Ashvinikumar who love to drink sweet liquid, you enter in to the sky [space] before your respectable horses who constantly move and wander for the welfare of the human beings. Your admirable sister Usha greets you and requests you for food and strength! O Ashvinikumar, you who are the images of truth. You have created milk in to the udder of the cow and made that milk digestive. Due to this great heroic victory the splendid worshippers who had concentrated their minds like a thief, are worshipping you!! O victorious Ashvinikumar, you gave an attainment of the ample sweet liquid to Sage Atri who was the donor of the sacrificial offering. Due to this heroic action, the animal sacrifice [Pashuyag] and Soma are running to you with the rapid speed of the chariot wheels!! O Ashvinikumar you, who were served by

the most extensive heaven and earth, I am narrating you the inner thoughts of my mind through the hymns like the sons of Tugra who are free from the old age! You destroy my old age by showering your grace on me and make me long lived!! O bountiful and generous Ashvinikumar who constantly wander with horses of your chariot, kindly grant the good and virtuous intellect, prosperity and strength to the good behaved devotees who run to you with speed of the wind! O powerful and admirable Ashvinikumar, your immense worshippers are praising you ! We have prepared the pot of Soma which is superior in three worlds for you! You drink this Soma Liquid along with other troops of Gods! O Ashvinikumar, Sage Agastya who is superior and great in three worlds and well known to all is constantly making you conscious and awake with the sound similar to conch and also in thousand ways for the shower of rain whose form is fierce like Rudra! O fast speeded Nasatya, you please come to the place of sacrifice like the "Hotru"[The officiating Brahman at sacrifice]' with the help of your great chariot and grant excellent horses and abundant wealth to our host! O Ashvinikumar, we are making an appeal to your heavenly and new chariot with hymns. You give us food, strength and successful and victorious wealth."

But, Mandarya was not satisfied by making the appealing praise of Ashinikumar to arrive again and again. Ashvinikumar was becoming overjoyed with his praise !! In the meantime, Agastya started his hymn of praise again. " O Ashvinikumar, make the sacrifice successful. You are highly enriched with wealth and you protect the people. When are you going to appear here by becoming food, wealth and water? We have prepared this sacrifice in your honour. O Ashvinikumar, let victorious, strong and robust and self-illuminated horses bring you at our place of sacrifice. O adorable Ashvinikumar, you are surmounted on the chariot that

runs with great speed more than the speed of mind, self-respected and strong you please come to our place of sacrifice sitting in the chariot with extensive seats like the water stream that runs with full speed from the slope. O Ashvinikumar, one of you is the leader of troops of Gods known as Sumukh and the other is the fortunate and glorious son of the Heavenly world! We are praising you both who are born in the earthly world with innocent mind! O Ashvinikumar, let your speedy moving, golden chariot which is adorned with the peak come to our place of sacrifice! Your yellowish horses should become more strong independently with our sacrificial offerings and hymns. O Ashvinikumar you are accompanied with your speedy chariots that carry the tasty and sweet food, that are victorious and full of heroism , let you speedy horses come to us along with the water streams of the powerful and robust rivers of the high regions!! O Ashvinikumar, you have sharp intellect! We are chanting your different types of hymns of praise in the loud voice! Either you move or sit at one place, please listen to our hymns of praise and protect your devotees who desire for your protection.

O Ashvinikumar you satisfy all human beings with the help of the victorious water of clouds! We are praising your image of luster by spreading the grass at three places. You grant us food, power and wealth. O Ashvinikumar, we are making you an appeal with admiration like the learned God Poosha along with sacrificial host Agni [Fire] and Usha [The Dawn]. You grant us food, strength and victorious wealth. " But Agastya was not feeling satisfied by praising his friends again and again. It was a historical effort to make an appeal to Ashvinikumar to rise at night.. It was very essential to prepare Vishpala by making the night in to the day. It was necessary to create confidence to fight with the enemy. Ashvinikumar were also quite eager to arrive. But, it was not

possible to create this divine work of remaining present before the sun rise ! Agastya prayed God Sun of thousand rays with all his heart! His call to Ashvinikumar was going on continuously!

He started chanting his hymn again!!" O intelligent devotee, No sooner did the sun rise than the victorious chariot of Ashvinikumar is descending down!! Ashvinikumar, who protect Vishpala, who protect the virtuous and good behaved devotees, and who inspire the talent and who are the admirable sons are coming here now!!) O powerful Ashvinikumar you, who are intelligent like Indra, victorious like Marut who are enriched with the chariot, you come to the worshippers who offer you the sacrificial offerings by sitting in the chariot which is filled full with honey. O victorious Ashvinikumar, why do you go to the proud, arrogant and stingy man who does not offer you any sacrificial offering? Why do you stay there? You come here by discarding and destroying him and show the light and guide to the devotees who praise you by chanting your hymns of praise. O Nasatya Ashvinikumar who destroys the enemy, drives out the dogs that are the images of envy and atheistic nature you both make my own and other admirer's hymn successful and lustrous like the jewel! O Ashvinikumar, you have made a boat with wings that can travel with its own power in the ocean for the son of Tugra. You went to the world of Gods[Divine world] by taking the flight with the help of that boat also!!

O Ashvinikumar, you have rescued the Tugra son who was drowning helplessly without any support in the sea very easily with four wandering and moving boats!! O Ashvinikumar, Tugra son who was dying in the ocean embraced the dead and still person in the sea. But, it was of no use at all. Ultimately, you ran to help and save that Tugra Son like the dying dear who has got wings suddenly and

released him! 'O brave, Nasatya, be delighted with hymns sang by Sage Man in the sacrifice house of Soma and grant us food, strength and victorious wealth." Sage Man went on singing further.," O victorious Ashvinikumar, you come to our residence by preparing your chariot of three chariot wheels that go to heaven like the bird Supakshya and the chariot of three doves that runs faster than mind . O Ashvinikumar you, who wander with the heavenly daughter Usha and who mount on the chariot with the desire of receiving the sacrificial offerings and who come to the land of sacrifice easily, please feel delighted with our hymns. O brave Nasatya, climb on your preplanned chariot which is completely filled with sacrificial offerings and come to our residential place to make the welfare of your devotees and their sons and grand -sons that offer you the sacrificial offerings. O victorious Ashvinikumar, I have prepared my hymns, the sacrificial offerings and pitchers of the sweet liquid for you!! Do not discard or delete us. Your horses that carry your chariot and have taken the fearful form of jackals should not trouble us. O victorious Nasatya, you who had been praised by Goutam, Purumihal and sage Atree you come to our place of sacrifice like the expert drivers that drive the chariot very skillfully! O Ashvinikumar, feel pleased with our hymns and come to us by the path of Gods, release us from the darkness and give us food, strength and the successful wealth. O Nasatya, you may be anywhere at the time of this early morning [Ushahkal], we will keep on offering our hymns and sacrificial offerings to you as per our daily routine! O brave Ashvinikumar, feel pleased with our hymns of praise and listen to our prayer of sacrifice. You destroy the Panees with your strength of intoxication and arrogance! O Pushan and Nasatya, your horses that rose and originated from water carried you to the desired place like the ancient horses of Varuna on the occasion of the mar-

riage [Swayamvar] of God Sun's daughter Soorya. O generous donor Ashvinikumar, you are full of the sweet liquid of Soma which is prepared by the wealthy and powerful human beings, shower you grace and blessings on us feeling happy and pleased with our hymns of praise!! O wealthy Ashvinikumar, feel pleased and happy with the rhythmic hymns of Manputra and come to make the welfare of our sons and grand-sons. O Ashvinikumar, be pleased with our hymns and come to us by the heavenly path of Gods and grant us food, strength and successful wealth!!"

This intense praise of Agastya was accepted by God Suryanarayan [The Sun] also!! As a result, he gave permission to Ashvinikumar to go along with his daughter Surya also!!

Directions diverged!! They dazzled with golden luster! Even Gods and Goddesses in the universe were also astonished! God Brahmdeva was looking at Agastya with great admiration. The pride of Mitravarun was reflected more and more on his face! Ashvinikumar came to help their friend Agastya with Surya. When they both manifested at the sacrificial place, Agastya went ahead to greet them!

"O Mitra- Varuni, We have received the sacrificial offering with Fire, [The Agni]. We are very pleased and satisfied! Your quick sense of duty and friendliness had really pulled us here! We are really very much pleased! Now without making any delay of even one, single moment, let us make the medical check-up and diagnosis of Vishpala!"

'O Ashvinikumar and Goddess Surya, Kudos to you both! Please accept this Soma Liquid prepared by us first! We have prepared Vishpala's leg with the help of iron. All organs are made nicely and properly sketched, well- cut, sharp, regular and well -nourished or fat as before. Please transplant it with the help of your surgical operation!"

'O Agastya, we are really blessed and feel fortunate

with your words!! Truly speaking, you are an expert of the science of Ayurveda and an excellent surgeon also! You could have done this work quite easily and perfectly well! But, you have honoured us by calling here to perform this great work!!" said Ashvinikumar.

"O Sages, you all are the knowledgeable ones of three worlds, Omni -powerful and the expert creators of the physical body and the donor that grant the life!! My brave wife Vishpala is really in a very distressed and troubled state at present. The enemy is standing at the door since this is the time of early morning ! So....." Khelraja requested to them!

"O Khelraja, you have made us indebted to you by giving this great opportunity. Do not feel worried!!"

Ashvinikumar went to the hospital from the place of sacrifice! Surya also accompanied them. With the direct splendor of Surya the daughter of Sun, the iron leg became golden!! Vishpala was also astonished to see this miracle that happened with the touch of the glance even in that state also!

She said, "O Goddess, we are really dazzled and astonished with your unlimited vast splendor! You have come for me. I am really blessed!"

"O dear Vishpala, the queen like you can go to the battlefield and show her bravery by fighting so bravely!! This great example will be highly inspiring and motivating to all women in this world!! It will guide them. With the direct touch Of God Ashwini this energy will transform in to the life in the living form! Do not feel worried at all!!"

Ashvinikumar and Agastya himself started joining the lotus feet of Vishpala with the golden leg. Agastya made the correct and exact transplantation. Ashvinikumar also brought the oneness in it with the touch of their skillful and expert hands. Then he meditated God Suryanarayan [The Sun] and requested God Brahmdev to concentrate his glance of bless-

ings on Vishpala!! And Lo!! What great surprise! What great miracle had taken place!! Vishpala's leg became more lustrous and bright than before!! Vishpala did not only feel the sensation and realization of the manifestation of new splendor in her leg but in her entire body also!! Within a few moments she stood on her legs quite bravely in the firm manner!! The whole world was full of joy! Such kind of great surprise was rarely seen! God ShivShankar himself had prepared Lord Ganesh in this manner!! Vishpala paid her obeisance to Ashvinikumar and Sage Agastya and started going on the battlefield directly! The conches were blown loudly and the war that was stopped in the middle started again!! The enemy was flabbergasted to see Vishpala standing on her both legs so firmly well!! Finally Khelraja got the victory in this war! Sage Agastya had proved his powerful ability and the skillful accomplishment!!

God Ramchndra was experiencing Sage Agastya's tale of admiration and accomplishments from the mouth of the Chief Agastya of Agastya Ashram in the beautiful and extensive Agastya Ashram at the holy place ' Prayag'! Ram, Laxman and Seeta were astonished to know about the great achievement and exploits of Sage Agastya! The disciple told the story of Agastya with his sweet ,fluent and lucid speech while singing the praise hymns [Suktas] of Ashvinikumar to Lord Ram but Lord Ram was not fully satisfied with that...!!

"O Kulguru, the Chancellor and the disciple of Sage Agastya, please tell us more stories of Agastya's heroic exploits!" Lord Ram requested.

But, Sage Narada appeared there at the same time announcing, " Narayan... Narayan....." Lord Ram went forward to greet Narada!

O Brahmarshi, Sage Narada who has the knowledge of three worlds, we are blessed by your auspicious sight!"

"O God Ramchandra, if you are satisfied just by listening to the heroic stories of Agastya, then who will change the demons, devils and cruel evils of the South [Anarya] in good people [Aryas]?"

'O Sage Narada, you understand everything! We are getting the benefit of these stories of the great sage Agastya by your grace and blessings only! We are getting the knowledge of the method of his working style. So, you only guide us more!!"

'O Lord, you quickly finish your visits and meetings in the Agastya Ashrams in the North quickly now and take the guidance of the Vindhya mountain directly in person . He will only unfold the great victory of Sage Agastya to you!"

"O Brahmarshi Narada, we will definitely go to receive the guidance from Vindhya. But, we are really very curious to know about the greatness of Agastya's stay in Kashi .

" O Ramchandra, the greatness of Agastya's abode [stay] in Kashi is related to the command of Lord Shiva himself to Agastya who was born from the splendor of Shiva and who dazzled with his inborn severe ascetic power to establish the ashram at the holy place of Kashi. This holy place Kashi is the abode of Ganga's companion Lord Shiva himself! River Ganga goes to Prayag by paying her obeisance to Vishveshvar, God of the universe and makes her own immersion in the river Triveni and unites with sea by merging herself in Triveni. This is the holy place where The stream of Ganga has the complete freedom of the power of water! This is the place where the union of Ganga and Shiva who is the creator of the melting and extinction of the universe takes place. When Lord Shivshankar does not reside in Kailas, his residence is in Kashi where he is known

as Kashi- Vishveshvar. "The Primeval Man' in the form of 'The Parabrahma' means Shivshankar! This man married both to Parvati, the daughter of Himalaya and Ganga to create the universe on the earth and in water. Parvati became the form of the nature mother [creation] and the actions of the nurture and destroyer came to Ganga! O God, Shiv felt like accepting Ganga on His head for that reason only !! Parvati is the female ascetic of the creation! Whereas, Ganga is the great household woman and the lightening! Agastya was the form of fire as well as kind hearted compassion too! Since he was the image of Lord Shiva, Lord Shiva had great and many expectations from Agastya! Lord Shivshankar expected the gigantic mission of bringing the demons in to the human form by guiding both Gods and human beings. The great work such as , the destruction of the mountainous form of ego and pride and achieving the great mission of the Universal peace with simplicity honesty, sweetness and modesty, devotion and humanity was expected from Sage Agastya by Lord Shivshankar!

'O Ramchandra, God Brahmadev creates, God Vishnu does the work of the nurture and the perseveration of those that are created! But, God Shankar has to do the work of maintaing the balance between the creation and the nurture [preservation] !! For this purpose the study of the entire universe is highly essential! Therefore, God Vishvanath made the stimulating and motivating impetus of Sage Agastya at the holy place of Kashi!!"Agastya created an Ashram at The holy place of Kashi and studied Knowledge Transaction,[practical dealings], the agricultural work and Health for one thousand years. Agastyai had become an expert in the field of war with the power of his asceticism [penance].He had acquired all weapons of Gods and Demons. He had mastered the complete process of the sacrifice Institution. He studied the entire Atharvan in "the

illusion curtain" [Maya Patal] here only. Not only that, but he had constructed the Ahtharvan also.['Atharv' The Name of the Fourth Veda. A term used ,for the wily and wicked arts or practices in order to injure]. He had received the great post of the Protgonist in the Ayurveda ['the Adhvaryu'] ! He had acquired the power of giving the curse and liberate from the curse here only [Shap- Ushshap]. He had created his image as the "Rushiugra'[Severe Sage]' with the help of hard efforts ,and rigorous discipline.. He had wandered in the whole universe in the chariots that originated from mind. [manojav] and made the establishment of his own Gurukulas in the Jambu Dweep. He had made an establishment of the disciples of his own, family lineage [Gotra]on the post of the Chancellor of each Gurukula along with his own self. He recorded the rivers, water streams,wild forests, forests and mountains specifically with the speed of mind in his deep state of meditation there. He had also explained 'the know- how method'of their uses.[How can they be used]. As a result, he became famous as 'Agastya "as the Resident of Kashi. He had decided to throw [fling] himself in to the noble work of making the entire universe filled with righteousness and goodness [Aryamay] by making a constant dialogue with Shiva! Due to his vast and gigantic power and colossal knowledge, his great awe was created in the Jambudweep.

O Ramchandra,instead of listening to the songs of the great exploits of Agastya , you understand more about Sage Agastya by staying at the holy place Kashi."told Narada to Ramchandra

"O Brahmarshi Narada, we are going to the holy place Kashi as per your command" said Ramchandra to Narada.

Let everything be done auspicious with you! "With these words Narada blessed Ramchandra and gave him the stimulation command to start his next journey.

The vast and extensive basin of the wife of Shiva, Mother Ganga that purifies heaven and the earthly world was flowing silently and slowly by purifying both banks and becoming purified herself with Shiva's touch and making "the life- giving resolution of ages" together. Lord Ramchandra, Mother Seeta and Laxman entered in to the stream of river Ganga from "the flight of stairs of devotees that praise", leading down to the river. They paid their obeisance to Ganga with all their heart. Mother Ganga was also springing up and bouncing with impatience to touch the lotus feet of God Ramchandra. God Ramachandra's eyes were filled with tears of gratitude! The flag on the Agastya's Ashram was dazzling gloriously above the rows of thick trees at a short distance from there! As if, that flag which was extremely bright like the Sun was showering Agastya's splendor lavishly in the sky! Ramchandra bowed three times to the flag! Entering in to the temple of Shri Kashivishveshvar God Shriram bowed to the self-existent Shiv Lingam. While applying the holy water to his eyes, he felt that, he is feeling the touch of Shiva's hands to his eyes! Receiving the auspicious Darshan of Lord Shiva, those three started going to Agastya's Ashram. While crossing the Kashi city, God Ram came out with great joy by taking the sacred Darshan of many great men!

"Do you want to go to Agastya Ashram?" a person in the dress of a monk asked the question.

"Yes O Sage! Our obeisance to you! Who are you? How did you come to know that we want to go to Agastya Ashram?" Lord Ram asked him with great surprise.

"We are the serving men in the Ashram. We have accepted the vow of showing the sight of the ashram with

an attitude of serving to the people. "The serving man replied.

"O Service man, why did you take the work of such vow?

'O Lord, With Agastya's service quarrels stop and we get peace. I am working here with this intention only! In our house the disputes between brothers had reached to the climax! I am afraid of the destruction of the progeny. Agastya's disciples had guided me to do this service!"

"Be successful and happy with grace of Agastya! Take us to Agastya Ashram now." Having observed the polite attitude of that serving man, Ramchandra gave him the opportunity to accompany him!

The group of disciples hurriedly came forward when they saw the arrival of guests approaching near the Ashram. They greeted Lord Ramchandra in a courteous manner and ushered him, Seeta and Laxman in the ashram. Within a few moments the news of God Ramchandra's arrival had spread in the whole Ashram. The entire ashram was filled with happiness and joy! One disciple ran quickly and gave the news of Lord Rama's arrival to the Chief Agastya of the ashram. Agastya, the Chief of the ashram was engrossed in inspecting the preparation of all things that were required for the sacrifice to be performed in the Yagnya Shala [The place where the sacrifice is performed]. He felt very happy to listen to the news. The Chief of the Agastya Ashram [Kulguru] went forward to receive and welcome Lord Rama along with his wife. He greeted Shriram with extreme politeness and made him seat on the honorable seat in the guest room! Lord Ramchandra paid his obeisance to the Chief of Agastya Ashram before sitting on his seat! Laxman and Seeta also bowed to all along with the wife of the sage.

After the formal greeting of the guests, The Kulguru

of the Agastya Ashram introduced Lord Ramchandra with great admiration to all disciples at the time of lunch. The inhabitants of the ashram felt very happy and blessed to receive the auspicious Darshan of Lord Ram. Kulguru Agastya showed the place of sacrifice [Yadnya-shala], the place of cows [Goshala], the classroom- [Path shala], the school of training of war [Yuddhashala], The place of practice of the war [Yuddha Saravbhoomi], the kitchen [Pakshala] and the hospital [Rugnalaya] etc. to Shriram, Vaidehi and Laxman. Shriram felt very happy to meet the acquaintances among the knowledgeable disciples and teachers [Acharyas]. A wave of joy rose and spread in the ashram when they learnt that Lord Ram was going to stay in the ashram for some days.

The session of The Soma Sacrifice was organized and the offerings were given to the related deities by reciting hymns [suktas] of the Vaishvadev [Cosmic God], food [Anna], and Apree. Shriram was honoured as the host [Yajaman] in the sacrifice. Shriram and Seeta, both were benefitted by the sacrifice. Laxman was also called to give the offering in the sacrifice. The great powers were rising quite naturally and easily while singing the hymns [Suktas] constructed by Sage Agastya.

"O Kulguru Agastya, our goal of the human welfare of the humanity has become more powerful and strengthened with your courtesy [politeness]. We have become very much pleased and satisfied with these sessions of the Soma Sacrifice. Once again we remember Guru Shri Vasishtha on this occasion. We used to participate in the sacrificial acts in the company of Sage Vasishtha and Vishvamitra quite regularly. O Agastya, before we take your leave, please narrate us about the great victorious heroic exploits, actions and the reason of Agastya's drinking the sea."

"O Lord, we accept this as the great fortune of our Agastya-Kul [The family lineage]. You wish to listen the story of the heroic valor of Sage Agastya. After hearing this great story you will get limitless power and strength. The ocean will follow your command. Not only that, but you will acquire great strength. Now I will narrate you this great story of Agastya's great heroic victory. It is related to the total destruction of the enemy right from the root! You please listen and attain the powerful strength!

"O Agstya Kulguru, we are going to listen that story with great concentration!"

"O God Ramchandra, This story belongs to the Krut -Yuga. [The first of the four ages of the world] In this Yuga, the conflict between Gods and Demons was constantly going on. The desire of The Parabrahma - The Absolute Original Supreme Divine Power was to eradicate and destroy the demons and establish the sound and strong empire of Gods !! Both states such as Gods and Demons are the forms of humanbeings with three qualities only.. But they are created with the abundance of the Satvik or the excellence and Tamasik [related to arrogance, false pride, ignorance etc]. God Brahmdeva, the creator of the universe created 'Men' while creating the universe. The troops of human beings with the pure and excellent qualities were formed and created who could be able to communicate with The Parabrahm directly from three qualities only! As a result, they reached and were merged in to the Divine state, the state of God. The man with 'the Tam quality' became the demon, the Danav. These both states are dependent on the mode of the Prakriti [The nature]. The conventional prevalence or method is, "To achieve liberation or Moksha while

enjoying the pleasant experiences in the manner of good understanding in the mortality by becoming pure at the end or reach to the divine state!!"

The struggle between Gods and Demons is continuously going on from the Kruta Age till today in the present times. The gangs of demons known as Kalkeya were constantly troubling Gods with arrogance and stubborn attitude under the leadership of the demon named Vrutrasur. These gangs were more competent and superior in knowledge and power than Gods!! But, due to their pride, they have received the demon form [state]. Vrutrasur had attacked the world of Gods many times. Somehow Gods could be able to get success to control them by hook or crook. But, Vrutrasur had acquired a blessing from the power of Lord Shiva Shankar with a severe and rigorous penance such as, "Either he will be killed by the powerful weapon like Vajra which is made by bones of the sage who is full of pure qualities, innocent and full of the feelings of the attitude of sacrifice or he will reach to the state of immortality."

Vrutrasur became very angry because Gods were not defeated in spite of many invasions. He wanted to achieve the post of Indra and rule over Gods. So, he had decided to attack the Indraloka. [The World of Indra]. Vrutrasur attacked the heaven of Indra with great power and force. The fighting skill and the knowledge of weapons of Vrutrasura's gangs was really outstanding and superior. They had acquired many weapons from Gods only! It was not possible for Indra to defeat him because he had received the blessings from Lord Shiva.. When he saw that he was unable to control and defeat the gangs of Vrutrasur, Indra ran away with his troops of Gods. Indra straight way ran to Lord Brahmdeva, the creator of the universe.

Indra was standing before Brahmdeva in the extreme state of fear and terror!

But, Narada caught up Indra and said to him," Narayan Narayan! Hey Indradev , how is it that you have come here? You look quite fearful also! What is the reason? He did not like to stop God Indra in this manner. Indra told him helplessly that Vrutrasur was chasing him .

'What! The most arrogant and proud enemy like Vrutrasur had driven off the God of Gods Devendra also? Now what will happen to world of Gods then? Father, what will happen to the world of Gods now? Narada asked Brahmdeva mocking at Indra!

"O Brahmdev, we, the entire World of Gods have surrendered to you. You have created the world of Gods. You have only given me the leadership of the God's world. You are the super most creator of this universe. Now, you only protect us all!"

"O Devendra, what you say is absolutely true. But, if Vrutrasur can not be defeated with the weapon of Brahma, the Brahmastra, then you will have to take the guidance of Shiv Shankar! If you want, I will also come to Kailas to meet Lord Shiva in person along with you!" said Brahmdev to Indra.

"O Brhaman, we will follow your command. We are not away from your command. We will behave according to your guidance. Vrutrasur had directly reached to Brahmloka chasing us. How can we stop him and go to Kailas??" questioned Indra fearfully.

"O dear Son Narada ,the great devotee of Narayan ,we hand over the responsibility of stopping Vrutrasur to you. You have got that wisdom and skill!" Brahmdev commanded Narada.

"Respected father, I am not far away from your command! But, if I am not successful, you should give me your protection!" said Narada mischievously.

"O Narada, we give you the promise. But, we bless

you that you will be successful in this work. Brahmdev blessed Narada and assured Indra also. And he set out to Kailas with speed of his thought along with other Gods.

The whole world of God Brahmdev started to vibrate with the loud proclamations , "Har Har Mahadev! Kudos to Vrutasur!! Vrutasur was standing at the gate of the Brahm-Mandir [temple] making a loud and abnormal laughter !

"Where is your God of gods Indra? He has come to take the shelter of Brahmdev! Isn't it? Tell him to surrender me first and then stay happily under the shelter of Brahmdev ! Shouted huge Vrutasur at the terrified gatekeepers!

"Narayan Narayan.....!!Victory to the Victorious Hero of the universe and the great ruler of the post of Indra , Vrutasur!! O Devendra, you are the Master of three worlds! Welcome to you in The world of Brahmdev!!" Narada greeted him.

"O Sage Narada, this Vrutasur bows to you three times. I am very much pleased with your announcement !! Please tell us about the where about of Indra and all other Gods!!" asked Vrutasur. !

God Indra and all other Gods and Brahmdev himself had gone to take refuge of the Great Master of Kailas Shivshankar. They all are taking the guidance of Lord Shiva. But, O Great Warrior, you need not think about all these things. Devendra had already run away by leaving the world of Gods. Who is going to obstruct you sitting on the royal throne?"

"O Sage of all sages ,Brahmarshi Narada, your words are really true. But the heroic and victorious demons are not that coward to sit on the throne of the enemy that had run away. You know this very well. We also know it very well that real manliness lies in accepting the defeat from the enemy and then sit on the throne in his presence!!" said Vrutasur!

"You are really knowledgeable and enriched with the real manliness! Yet may I ask you one question? Please forgive me for that. "

'Certainly yes!" said Vrutasur.

"Where lies the real bravery and manliness to run after the enemy that has already run away. " Narada taunted Vrutasur.

Then only Vrutasur realized that Narada had rightly kept his finger on his sore point. Yet, Vrutasur said with extreme politeness, " Brahmarshi Narada, I should have waited in Indrapuree only!"

O Conqueror of the world, God Indra ran away by leaving Indrapuree. Indrapuree is under your complete control! Then what is the problem or difficulty to stop there and establish your kingdom ?"

"But, O Sage Narada, God Indra's divine ego has not come to an end yet! He constantly attacks on us by this or that manner! How far descent and gentlemanly it is to attack us in the crooked and diplomatic manner?"

"O incomparably victorious Vrutasur, my father God Brahmdev has gone to Kailas along with him. You are accomplishing all these heroic victories with Shiva's blessings ! So, how can Shiv help them?"

'O Sage Narada, it is not with the blessings of Shiva, but with my severe and flagrant penance, I have conquered over the power of Shiva.. Shiv had granted his blessings on me because he was pleased with my grave penance. Yet, Shiv Mahdev will help Indra also because God Indra has gone under his shelter."

"O Vrutasur, I do not think that Shiv will become splendorless by granting his Shiv power to those who are each other's enemies. The reason is that, if the duel takes place between the power which is granted to two enemies that are opponents of each other, it will lead to the self -

destruction! Do you think that Shiva will not realize this?"

"Your words are quite true O Narada! But, we must make the preparation of war because three Gods had always done the partiality on us in spite of our rigorous penance."

"O Vrutrasur, you are a great warrior and an ascetic. It is not proper on your part to talk like this about three Gods. Three Gods are always pleased and conquered by the devotion! You also know this fact very well. But the devotee should become unique and extremely distressed! Isn't it?"

"O Great Sage, I will start going to Kailas rather than Indrapuree as per your say. Lord Shiva will definitely give me justice over there. Please give me your blessing!"

"Tathastu!! So be it!!"

Vrutrasur proceeded to Kailas along with demons. When he reached Kailas, he saw that Lord Shankar was absorbed in deep meditation along with Parvati and they both had reached to the deep state of Samadhee [Deep and devout meditation]! Vrutrasur was puzzled and could not understand what to do! When he enquired with Shiva's assistants, no one could be able to give the correct information. They all knew that God Indra had come along with Lord Brahmdev and they had immediately gone away from Kailas! In the mean time, Satyavinayak Ganesh himself had come over there when he saw Vrutrasur.

'O Glorious and bright devotee of Shiva why have you come to Kailasa? Lord Shiva is absorbed in deep meditation!!'

"O Satyavinayaka Ganesha, you never speak untrue! So please tell us where did God of Gods Indra, troops of Gods and Brahmdev go?"

"O! Is it so? O Vrutrasur, Brahmdeva had gone to Lord Narayana in the Vishnu Loka along with the troops of other Gods.'

"O Is it so! They are making an effort to take help of Vishnu by going to Vishnu Loka because Lord Shiva did not help them. In that case, we must hurry up and reach to Vishnu Loka by pursuing them!" Vrutrasur expressed his thoughts to Shri Ganesh.

Vrutrasur started going to the Vishnu Loka with doubts and anguish in his mind.

God Indra and all other Gods went to Kailas with Brahmdeva. God Shiva and Parvati greeted them and gave the assurance also.

Brahmdeva said, "O God Mahadev, all Gods have come here for your shelter along with God Indra. Kindly protect them!"

"O Brahmdev, when you knew everything, why did you not guide all Gods? You know it very well that, according to my boon only, Vrutrasura's death will not take place unless the Vajra weapon will be made available from the bones of some extremely knowledgeable and the image of sacrifice of an ascetic sage! O Brahman, such sages are more superior and great than Gods also! Not only you but even the Absolute Parabrahma also obeys their command! Therefore, you only search for such great ascetic sage! I have made an arrangement of the destruction of the ego and the preservation of balance in my blessing granted to Vrutrasur." said God Mahadev to Brahma.

"O Mahadev, as per your guidance, the great devotee of Bhagavan Vishnu, whose name is Dadhichi is the only one and who is the image of complete knowledge and sacrifice is suitable for such work. He is the complete form of Brahma.!

He is so adorable due to his great penance that you all should surrender to him! But to make a demand of his bones is to make an end of his life! How is it possible unless he makes a sacrifice of his own life? How can we de-

mand his life from him?" Brahmdev expressed his doubt!

" O Brahmdeva, you should surrender to Lord Narayan who is the form of Kaivalya [The Divine Supreme Power] and request Sage Dadhichi under Narayana's guidance and stop this universal destruction." guided Lord Mahadeva.. All gods had taken the leave of Mahadev and went to Vaikunth in the Vishnu Lok [Abode of Vishnu] with the speed of mind. Sage Narada faced them at the gate of Vishnu loka only!

"Narayan ,Narayan..... did you find the remedy, the solution?"

O sage Narada, there is no time to think now!"

" O Yes! That is also true! Vrutasur must have started going to Vishnu Loka also after reaching Kailas from Brahmloka along with his army!" So you must meet Narayan who is the form of Vishnu immediately ! Come, let us go quickly!" God Indra had become terribly afraid by listening to words of Narada. Vrutasur was going straight to Vishnu Loka by chasing him. When Jay -Vijay gave the news of the arrival of Brahmdeva along with all Gods, a smile rose on the lips of Lord Vishnu! It did not escape from the glance of mother Goddess Laxmi!

' My dear husband, you have smiled just now! What is the reason?' enquired Goddess Laxmi.

'O Mistress of the world and the knower of three worlds, my dearest wife, The death of Vrutasur is quite close now. The time to save the Indrapuri of the God of Gods Indra has also come very close now!"

" I have not understood!"

' See now. All troops of Gods have reached here only with the thought that they should be saved and protected from Vrutasur.' Saying these words, God breathed a heavy sigh!!

' My dear husband, it is really joyful to see that Vrutasur

is slaughtered. This Vrutasur who had troubled the entire universe, has troubled all three worlds also. Then why did you breathe a heavy sigh?

" O Bhagavati,the end my dearest devotee ,the great ascetic Dadhichi who is the image of sacrifice has also come very near." God Vishnu gave the information to Goddess Laxmi with a sad heart. In the meantime the troops of Gods had reached there along with Lord Brahmdeva.

' "O Narayana, we bow to you with great respect! They all paid their obeisance to Lord Narayana.

"O God Vishnu Narayana, you can only save this entire world of Gods now! Only one solution remains there now. That is to make the Vajra weapon from the bones of Sage Dadhichi who is your dearest devotee to kill Vrutasur!

All Gods requested Lord Vishnu.

"You all should feel relaxed now. We all will go to the shelter of Sage Dadhichi who is the form of Parabrahma , the Absolute supreme original Power! Within a moment Lord Vishnu came on the earth along with Goddess Laxmi and other Gods. The great preparation to welcome all Gods was going on in Sage Dadhichi's ashram. When all troops of Gods arrived, Sage Dadhichi himself came forward to receive them.

"O God, Brahmdeva ,God Indra and all other Gods, I bow to you all three times! How can I serve all of you ?" Sage Dadhichi requested all of them to give him the command.

" OSage Dadhichi, the image of Parabrahma, we, the troops of all Gods have come to surrender you. Please give us the assurance of your protection." Brahmdev requested Sage Dadhichi under the leadership of Lord Vishnu.

" O Lord, what do I possess for which you should request me? Even my feeling of devotion also belongs to you only!" said Dadhichi with politeness."

O superior of all devotees, your politeness is admirable to the whole world. The Vajra weapon of your bone [ashes] is very essential to kill the demon Vrutasur! If you will give us your ashes of bones, Vrutasura's slaughter can be done with the Vajra weapon prepared from those bones." God told him with great earnest.

" O God, the opportunity for which I have taken care of this body till today has come to me automatically now! So, I offer you all my ashes!! You prepare the Vajra weapon with them!" Sage Dadhichi immediately donated his ashes and sacrificed his life! "

'O God Indra, Give your command to Tvashta [Name of a demon, fierce and ferocious] to make the Vajra weapon from these ashes." told Narayan to Indra. Tvashta also made the Vajra weapon quickly and handed over it to Indra. They all started going to Indraloka. Lord Vishnu went to Vishnuloka and Brahmdev went back to Brahmloka and got absorbed in the meditation. No sooner did Indra reach to Indraloka than Vrutasur reached there along with his army of demons.Vrutasur was puzzled and surprised to see the atmosphere of self- confidence and joy spread in the world of Gods. All demons entered in to the heavenly world, crossed all gates and started making loud announcements. The fierce war started immediately! God Indra killed Vrutasur with his Vajra weapon prepared from the bone ashes of Dadhichi. As a result, all demons started running away. Indra gave command to the Agni[Fire God] and Vayu [God of wind] to chase those demons and kill them. Gods made a powerful attack. Innumerable demons were destroyed in that fierce war! The remaining demons that were defeated started running away helplessly.

" They thought that it is possible to go to hell from the sea and stay there. But, they have decided to hide themselves in the sea only! Once they entered in to the sea, they

breathed the sigh of an escape! They thought that no one will come at the bottom of the sea.Gods and human beings used to go to hell but no one used to go to the end or the bottom of the sea. Fire God [Agni Narayana] and the wind God [Vayu] felt satisfied . They were convinced with the thought that these demons are hiding themselves like cowards at the bottom of the sea. So there was no fear from them at all. When Mitra Varuni felt convinced about this fact, they came to Indraloka and gave this information to God Indra!

Devendra felt very angry to know that demons were still alive. He commanded Mitra Varuni to not to come back unless they complete their work. He ordered to them , " If you feel it essential, churn the sea and destroy the hidden demons. Not a single trace of the demonic tendency should remain anywhere. I do not care even if the sea is destroyed in this great work!"

This command of God Indra given in the heat of his intense anger was really embarrassing to Mitra Varuni.

They both said to Indra,"O Devendra, kindly listen to what we say'.

" All right! Say what you want!". But Indra was not in the state of listening to them!

God of Fire[Agni Narayan] and God of Wind [Vayu] said to them while awakening his divine nature," O Devendra, You are the god of Gods.Even three Gods and Parabrhma also accept your divine ruling power. You are the preserver of the entire universe. This whole universe is created because of you only!"

" O Agni and Vayu, this is not the time to sing the hymn of my praise.Those enemies that had rejected to respect of three gods and tried to bring the entire kingdom of Gods under their control and those demons for whom sage Dadhichi had to sacrifice his life are still alive! They are not

destroyed completely! First you complete your responsibility to finish them!' exclaimed God Indra in great anger!

'O God Indra, it is our prime and utmost duty to destroy the demonic tendency from this universe! But, there is an important difficulty in destroying them totally! We want to tell you about that problem!" said Agni and Vayu.

'After the destruction of Vrutasur, which other difficulty has popped up now?' God Indra asked with a little doubt in his mind. Indra's mind was engulfed with fear and anger. He became a little bit disappointed also.

"O God Indra, no other powerful demon has come in the way ! But, it is not that easy to take out the remaining demons that are hiding themselves at the bottom of the sea!"

'Why not? Did the sea protest or obstruct for that?" asked Indra.

"No! Even the sea also has not obstructed to this because he is also not beyond your command like us!"

"Then what is the difficulty that came in the way? Did the demons snatch your power?"

'No Devendra! We request you to listen to our words quite carefully!"

'All right" said Devendra with reluctance.

"You always say that,'The duty of God is preservation and protection of all! O Devendra, many harmless creatures also live in the ocean. If we start the churning of the sea they will die. That means, it will be counted as the demonic act done by you! Therefore,O Devendra, to save the life of the harmless and innocent creatures, we have to leave the evils also at times. So we feel that since there is no fear of any kind, let us stop the war!" said Agni[Fire] and Vayu [the wind]. They both felt that, Indra was behaving in the extremist manner.

God Indra felt extremely angry. He cursed Mitra[agni] and Vayu [Wind the form of Varuna.]'You both have forgot-

ten your duty and try to teach me the meaning of Dharma-the righteousness! The decision of this problem will be done on the earth only now! Go! You both go on the earth and take the birth now." Then turning to God Agni, God Indra said, you always dry water in the sea. Drink the ocean now only!"Indra gave the curse. Fire and wind [Agni and Varun] both were shocked with the curse. They started feeling that Indra's curse will come true! Due to that worry and tension they both started moving in the transformed form ie. Agni or Fire in the form of the Mitra[Sun] and Vayu or wind in the form of the Varun[water].But the earth became quiet due to the existence of brightness[Light] and moisture [dampness]. Both of them had taken the shelter of Sacrifice Organization. [Yadnya Sanstha]. The Fire used to work as the mouth to accept the offering and the wind used to assist the fire! Therefore it was the tradition of all sages to please both of them by giving the offering to them on the occasion of each sacrifice. Gods also became anxious with the thought that, ' Indra's curse must come true and the pure intention of both Mitra -Varun should also be observed .They both must get the proper respect and honour too! So Gods decided to send both of them on the earth by taking the divine birth. They prayed Indra for that purpose. God Indra also agreed to the argument of Gods finally. So, he called Uravashi!!

"O God of Gods , My lord Indra, why did you command me to remain present here?"

"O Urvashi the most Beautiful Woman of the world and ever -green young lady who is the centre of passion , you have an intense desire of the attainment of the son ! Isn't it? "

"Yes My Lord Devendra. I have a very strong desire to get children like the women on the earth! It is possible with your blessing only. What am I supposed to do for that?"

The dream of the attainment of the child started flashing in eyes of the matchless and incomparable beautiful Urvashi who was the amorous damsel in heaven! Her body was thrilled and got excited!! The earthly aroma started coming out of her existence! God Indra realized that her lustful passion has become extremely uncontrolled! He said to her, "O beautiful damsel, I understand your intense desire. But, you can not go in to the human state from the state of a damsel. Therefore, you will get two sons directly from the Fire and Wind element [Agni and Vayu Tatva]. Your would-be sons will achieve a renowned and glorious place and status among troops of great sages! For that purpose, you attract Agni- the fire and Vayu[Air] who will remain present in the form of Mitra[the Sun] and Varun at the sacrificial place. You will get sons from them due to their strong attraction for you! Those sons will be able to move in the Earthly world. They will reach to the state of Gods with the great work which will be performed by them in the mortal world!" Devendra handed over this great responsibility to Urvashi by giving his blessing to her !!

Urvashi attracted Mitra and Varun, excited them with the lustful passion of sex on the occasion of the Vasativar Soma Sacrifice session. Due to the strong attraction for Urvashi their semen had fallen down. They immersed it in the decorated Kalasha [Kumbha, the pitcher bowl] which was like the lotus flower! From the central place of this Kumbha sage Agastya was born who became famous with the name such as "Man Many Agastya"! Sage Vasishtha was born from the residual [remaining] Kumbha. Naturally the responsibility of proving the truthfulness of the curse given by Indra to Agni and Vayu had fallen on Agastya who had appeared [manifested] first!

'The demons that were hiding themselves at the bottom of the sea started coming out finding an opportunity

after some period. They started troubling the Sacrific Organizations again. Some started performing the fierce penance also. When their disturbance started taking the fierce form, the world of Gods became anxious about the solution to remove this problem! At the same time Sage Narada appeared there! Gods were surprised to see Narada. Narada bowed to God Indra. Indra greeted him and asked, "O Sage Narada, how is it that you have appeared in the Divine world?"

"O Devendra, when the entire world of Gods is in great anxiety, how Narada can remain indifferent?' O Devendra, please tell me about your problem and the reason."

'O Sage Narada, the demons that were hiding at the bottom of the sea, have started troubling the sacrifice organizations on the earth once again. The command was given for their total destruction right from the root itself to Agni [fire] and Vayu[Air]. But, they disobeyed my command and accepted my cursing words."

' " But, O Devendra, has Urvashi, the damsel of the Indraloka perform her duty properly well or not?"

" Yes ! Narada! But, I am doubtful whether Man and Vasishtha will be able to do this work in the human form or not? The reason is, that the power of man is limited!"

O God Indra, you only said once that, a man can become Parabrahma [The Original Absolute Power] with his brave action!! "

"Yes Narada. But, this has happened by my own curse only! In that case how to take penance for that?"

"O God Indra, Sage Agastya will definitely do this work and your penance will automatically take place."

'Sage Narada, are you telling with confidence about this?'

"O Devendra, God Vishnu himself has commanded

me to tell you about this because he has realized your agony and anxiety. O Devendra, Agastya is MitraVarun and the direct part form of Lord Shiva. Therefore, all powers of Lord Shiva are concentrated in Agastya. Therefore, no one has the power to drink the sea and immerse it again as before except Agastya! Similarly, he is extremely healthy and his digestive power is superior and well known in all three worlds! Due to that reason, all living creatures will remain secured and safe in his stomach and return back!!

O Sage Narada, I can do it with blessings of Lord Vishnu only! Otherwise, it is not possible. So, I am going to surrender God Vishnu only!"

"O Devendra, but, you, your self will have to request this great Divine Sage Agastya for this purpose!

"Certainly Yes! O Narada, I will ask the forgiveness of the cursed Agni-Vayu also in the form of Agastya! So that, I shall be able to take the penance!"

Devendra came to the holy place of Kashi along with all troops of Gods and requested Sage Agastya.'

"O Great Sage God Agastya, We, all troops of Gods have come to your shelter and support. God Vishnu himself has given us the testimony of your great outstanding work. Kindly give us the assurance of safety."

"O Devendra, I assume that it is my duty to obey your command. I am ready to drink the sea to search the demons who are troubling the sacrifice organizations and expecting the post of Devendra with the help of sacrifice for themselves only by making the sages, hermits and people their pray !!"

"O Great Sage God Agastya, we feel that when you drink the sea, innocent creatures should not be destroyed."

'O Devendra, the power of MitraVarun and Lord Shiva is concentrated in me with your grace only! So, after drinking the ocean, I will make the sea path and all living crea-

tures in it as the forms of Shiva with the power of Yoga. They will become purified in the uterus of the life-giving sacred Mother Ganga by the blessings of God Shiva and come in to the sea again in the form of the Ganga river! For that purpose, we all should invoke Lord Shiva with the prayer!"

Agastya started the worship of Shiv along with all Gods and Indra. When the invocation was made to Lord Shiva, he manifested at the holy Place Kashi!!" 'Kudos to Lord Shiva!!' All gods and Sages made a loud proclamation.

"O Devendra, it is not possible and probable also that all living creatures who are absorbed in the Shiv Form will be able come back in their original through Ganga as per the opinion of Agastya. Only one solution is possible to bring back all these mortal beings in their similar original form. And that is..... They should enter in to the sea again by coming out of the stomach of Agastya on their own. But, after drinking the sea, Agastya will have to bear extreme exertion. For that purpose, he should take the shelter of the stomach of mother Ganga! The sweat river Ganga that will flow from his body will be mixed with river Ganga and will unite with the sea by becoming extremely purified and everything will take place in the proper manner and perfect as before!"

"This great divine miracle is happening for the first time after the origin[birth] of the universe!! O Devendra, Sage Dadhichi had sacrificed his life to destroy demons. Similarly, Agastya is also doing the sacrifice. All demons right from Vrutasur will be caught in the trap of Gods due to his outstanding work!! Although water in the sea has become salty due to the sweat Ganga river, the divine work is taking for the welfare of the human beings! Therefore, Sea Bath will be considered as the Greatest and Supreme Bath! Due to this bath, the memory of Sage Agastya will last long ages

after ages!! So, let us make preparation to fight the war with demons and request Sage Agastya to work out the plan of drinking the sea!!

The great archer Agastya left the arrow, reciting the Vishnu Sukta and the sacred mantra to greet respectfully Lord Vishnu who enjoys wandering in the sea water resting on the snake Shesha .God Vishnu who is the form of the Supreme Divine Power- Keval Kaivalya] was experiencing the wonderful play of Gods and Demons with a smile on his face! Sheshnag [The Snake on whose body Shri Vishnu relaxes and sleeps] was doing the work of balancing the surface of the earth which was beyond the sea [Ksheersagar]. He had made a firm decision to not stop the play of the earthly world by creating the break in the deep sleep of his master ,God Vishnu! The arrow of Mandarya God Agastya , who was the direct form of Brahm's mind, the joint incarnation and the Kaivalya Kreedanveshi ,image of fire Mitavaruni reached with speed to the door of God Vishnu who was absorbed in the deep sleep of dreams by entering in the sea! Shesha, the snake obstructed the arrow. The knower of three worlds God Sage Agastya came to know what had happened. Initially he was going to be very angry but, he laughed suddenly! All gods and sages were surprised to observe his reaction.

O Agastya -- ,Narayana, why did you laugh? The arrow had become fortunate and blessed by touching the lotus feet of God Vishnu and God Vishnu was awakened! Isn't it?

"No, No.... Brahmarshi Narada, you know the mystery behind my laughter!

'Narayan, Narayan.... But O God, I raised this question with an intention that, all will be able to take the delight of knowing this secret!"

"O Gods and Sages, God Vishnu is absorbed in

dreams. He is experiencing the play of the conflict between Gods and Demons. The Shesha who is the form of Vishnu and is holding the earth on his head , who is the devotee and the servant of Lord Vishnu has obstructed my arrow because he was motivated with the admiration and noble intention of not making a break in the dream of his master Lord Vishnu! As a result, Agastya's arrow could not be able to pay the obeisance to Lord Vishnu!"

"O God Agastya, in that case what is the solution for that?, "questioned Devendra with fear.

"O Devendra, I can not remove the sea aside unless Lord Vishnu gives a command to do so! It is not possible for the sea also. Therefore, it is essential for us to pray the Shesha now! We will have to explain to him the importance of this great and glorious work. So, we will pray the Shesha , the holder of the earth directly now! I will subdue Shesha with the help of my knowledge of archery. " After listening to Agastya's words, they all started singing Shesha's hymns of praise. Agastya started telling him with request to convey their message to revered God Shri Vishnu and give them an opportunity to pay the obeisance to him by chanting the Suktas of the greatness of the Shesha and making sacred by reciting prayers , on each arrow one after the another!!

"O remnant [residue] of the Divine Essence God Shri Vishnu[Kaivalya] and the thousand headed Serpent King, you are the first and the last movable [mobile] incarnation of the true form in the universe. You are the stimulator and inspirator by causing the play by balancing the universe! You are the holder of the Vishnu Element[Tatva] ,. As the form of Brahma, you are the cord and the mastermind of the universe! As the form of Vishnu, you are the preserver of the people, bearer of the people, family master, and the life force principle of the universe. As the Shiva form, you are the direct form of Kal of the Kalbhairav. You are the bearer of the

Kaivalya- the Divine Essence!" Agastya's arrows of praise started reaching to the mouth of Shesha along with the obeisance to Lord Vishnu. Sheshnag was very much pleased with the flowers of praise of Agastya. He asked for the forgiveness of God Vishnu and presented Agastya's message to him. God Vishnu felt very happy and was pleased ! He manifested before Agastya.

"O Agastya, my own form, your promise given to Devendra to destroy the demons by drinking the sea will be successful! But this entire act should be done with the safety of life of all innocent living creatures in the sea,' said God Shri Vishnu.

"O God Vishnu, you are the protector of all aquatic creatures and human beings on the earth . Therefore, I am going to make the Yog-action of the re-manifestation of the sea along with its living creatures and the whole universe by making the use of the knowledge [technique] of Yoga acquired from God Shiva! You are the Vast, colossal [gigantic] huge Absolute Original[Kaivalya] power!. Give me an assurance that your blessing will help me to accomplish this great mission! With your blessings only I shall be able to become free from the promise that I gave to Devendra! Demons are hiding themselves in the sea because they are afraid of Agni and Varuna.How can we reach them unless you give your command?"

Lord Vishnu became more pleased with polite words of Agastya. He gave the command to the sea to co operate with Agastya and gave Agastya his own assurance! He said to Agastya," O Agastya, you are making the path of the destruction of the evil demons more spacious [broad] for the welfare of the Divine world and also the betterment of all people. I give you the blessing that you will be successful in your mission!!"

All Gods and sages became extremely happy to lis-

ten to the conversation between God Vishnu and Agastya. They all realized the greatness and the authority of Sage Agastya. All of them worshipped God Vishnu with the Vishnu Sukta. [Hymn of Praise of God Vishnu] They gave their promise to help Agastya and started making the preparation of the arrangement of long sessions of sacrifice for the successful fruition of the mission for Gods and Sages! Agastya made the preparation of his yogic power with more practice.

Sage Agastya made an appeal to all demon families to surrender by giving up their demonic tendencies three times after making his preparation to drink the sea! But, no one gave a response to his appeal. So, Agastya sent the message with the help of his yogic power of archer- knowledge. But it was in vain! Then the most fierce expression of anger, the incarnation of the Rudra got manifested by Agastya. He exhibited a big "Tandav"Dance,, the display of the frantic dance of anger! The universe felt its similarity to the fierce dance of Rudra! All gods, human beings, sages, Gandharvas, Yaksha, Kinnaras, ghosts and monsters were watching this fierce and fearful dance of Agastya by becoming speechless. Due to the manifestation of the Tandav Dance of Agastya, The Shivloka and Brahmloka started oscillating and swinging!! Lord Shiva and Parvati were watching this Agni-Tandav Dance of Agastya with great admiration ! Although, Agastya ,the complete incarnation of Rudra,stopped his Angry Tandav dance, the rude and egoistic demons did not surrender themselves! SageAgastya became absolutely quiet! No one could be able to understand why Agastya has become suddenly quiet because they all were astounded and astonished!! Agastya bowed to God Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma and the Parabhrma[The Absolute, The Original Supreme Divine Power] politely and started his Yog- Sadhana[practice].

First, he offered his obeisance to the sea and all aquatic animals and asked for the forgiveness. Then, he stood facing the sun and asked the permission to Lord Vishnu to take [to bear] his gigantic [mammoth, huge] form. Then, Agastya who was originally dwarf, started to take his gigantic form with four hands and extensive stomach with his Yogic power. His body went on becoming big, expanding more and more big and mammoth [gigantic]. All regions on the earth started looking extremely trifle before him. His wide mouth had spread even above the upper worlds such as, Brhama, Vishnu and Kailas, Vishnuloka World of Vishnu] , Swargloka [heavenly world] . The Sun started looking at this gigantic form with great admiration. Brahma and beyond the Urdhvalok also! Vishnu and Mahesh were also watching this vast form Agastya with appreciation in their subtle form. Innumerable stars that exist in the space came a little bit closer to experience the enjoyment of this great miracle that was taking place on the earth. Devendra himself, all Gods in heaven and great sages that had received the honourable place in Seven sages, all kings in Khel and Ikshvaku royal families had become extremely eager to watch this great event which was beyond imagination and comprehension. The shadow of Agastya had spread on the earthly regions like the huge cloud that had covered the entire sky! The sea was also looking with great fear and surprise to the gigantic form of Agastya that had spread over the little region of the earth although it had received the assurance. The demons that were hiding in the sea could not be able to understand what was happening! They tried to see with the help of their illusionary power. They realized that they will be caught by Gods in spite of all their efforts. So .they started thinking to surrender Agastya. But, Vrutasur's ego was not allowing him to sit quiet! All Gods including Indra were ready with their weapons as per the instructions of Agastya! Then Agastya,

paid his obeisance to mother Ganga, Mother Ganga had become extremely happy and pleased to see and receive this gigantic and vast Darshan, [sight] of her son!

After the sea consumption, Sage Agastya started living regularly at Varanasi, Prayag Gaya and Vang.. He had started his ascetic practice [Tap Sadhana] in these centers. Many Agastya Gurukul families blossomed at these places! The teaching and learning of Archery, Yogic Knowledge [Vidya], Health science, Atharva Knowledge, Agricultural knowledge, Knowledge of war, Adwait [oneness between the devotee and the divine] Vidya, The sessions of sacrifice, Tantra knowledge, Philosophy and Justice - Nyaya started in these Gurukulas!! At the same time, Agastya's visits and circumambulations were also going on! The world came to know about the original and powerful introduction of Sage Agastya who was the form of three Gods like Brhma, Vishnu and Mahesh due to his gigantic Darshan [sight]. The dissemination of the worships of Sthanu [Pillar or post or the trunk of the tree], Lingam [The Phallas or the emblematic representation of Shiva], Kalbhairava, Shakti, also started in the entire universe! Agastya wandered at long distances on the earth and seas, established the Agastya Vidyas[knowledge and techniques] and inspired the powers such as,

"Indra, Varuna [Rain], Marut [Wind], Surya [the Sun] for the welfare of the human beings." The powers of lakes and rivers should be also used for the betterment of people. For this purpose, we should destroy the evil and demonic tendencies in demons, monsters, ghosts and animals by the grace or blessings of Varuna and the touch of Shiva in us! At times by taking the fierce form of Rudra, Agni[fire], Sun fight wars also! Due to this reason, the most ancient Mitra Varuni Mandarya became very dear and close to Devendra, Ganesh, Kartikeya, Para Shakti[Divine powers] and three

Gods! The agricultural knowledge and skill should be known and mastered by the rain management through the sessions of the sacrifice by maintaining the balance from East to West and North to South on the earth! Agastya used to feel that the whole universe, the entire world can be transformed in the Shiv form [Auspicious form] with the help of the knowledge of the agriculture, health and of the war! In this great venture of the welfare of the human beings performed by the great sage Agastya, Kartikeya, Shri Ganesh, Brahmavadini Saraswati, Narada, Mother Ganga, Prakruti, Purusha and all Gods including Indra used to help him.

The excellent management, organization of the Earthly world and the Welfare of the human beings had become the great obsession and interest to Agastya!! Many families accepted the name of " Agastya Gotra"[Family lineage] . Agastya helped the river Bhagirathi for his forefather's [ancestors] good state after their death'. For the Good State of the forefather's of his own family[Gotra] he married Lopamudra and created his son Eghmavaha who was exactly like his own copy. Similarly , innumerable students of Agastya who called themselves as the Manas Putras [mental sons] of Agastya had devoted themselves to the different branches of knowledge with devotion and great penance in different regions and Agastya Ashrams in this country. Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh had appreciated this glorious achievement that had covered and spread in various regions on the earth more than the famous Saptarshis, seven sages! As if the united incarnation of three Gods and the visible form of Parabrahma [Sagun Roop] was existing, acting and moving in the image form of Agastya!! Sage Agastya had acquired the Superhuman, Divine and the Human existence in the natural manner. The extraordinary and superhuman amazing powers such as, ' the space- projection, sea projection and mind projection" were concentrated

and focused in Sage Agastya!!

When Gods became ready to fight with demons, Agastya stood at the point where river Ganga unites with sea and started manifesting his body in the huge, gigantic form with his wonderful super human Yogic power. In no time his body perforated the sky and his stomach grew extremely big! Then he spread his hand forward to take the oblation [Achaman]!! In the bowl of his one hand [Anjali] the entire sea got integrated [contained] !! And What A Big Surprise had happened! By making a resolution [Sankalpa] , "Esh Lokhitarth Vaipibami Varunalamm", एष लोकहितार्थं वैपिषामि वरुणालयम् ॥ he drank the whole sea in one oblation quite swiftly!

Demons were driven off! They were stampeded! Originally they were utterly bewildered and nonplussed due to the sudden calamity that had come so fast! Gods had taken this opportunity. Within a short time all demons were destroyed and eradicated !!

Sage Agastya exhibited his great power and strength of his outstanding and extra-ordinary digestive capacity. The splendor of the Sun that illuminates the whole world was manifested and concentrated in his personality! Due to The Vayu, [the wind] that moves in the whole universe his stomach had started becoming lighter and lighter slowly! Turning his face to river Ganga, Agastya bowed to Mother Ganga and streams of sweat started immersing in the stream of Mother Ganga from his gigantic , colossal form with the help of the Samadhee Yoga [Deep and devout meditation]! Sage Agastya took a long breath and started releasing the sea from his gigantic mouth again!! God Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh were watching this great miraculous action of Sage Agastya with genuine admiration! Within few moments, all living world that remained in Agastya's stomach with full protection started coming out and got mixed up, mingled in the sea again taking the flight [aviation]!! The entire sea started

shining and dazzling bright in the bright light of the sun with its waves again in the original manner!! This was quite an inscrutable [unfathomable] experience to all human beings on the earth!! They were unable to understand this great miracle! "Within a few moments the whole sea disappears and comes back to its original state once again after some moments!!" It was beyond their imagination and realization! Once again, Sage Agastya made all human beings assured by breaking the big mountain of calamity and disaster for the welfare of people with this supreme and outstanding miracle!

Agastya came out of his deep absorption in the meditation. He embraced Mother Ganga by calling her, "O Mother!!" Ganga quietened him in her water stream. While taking the auspicious Darshan of Shri Kashivishveshar, God Vishveshvar embraced him!!

'O Indra, this sage Agastya who had destroyed your ego, your pride once in the past, has become well prepared to keep your Post of Indra safe and secured from all disturbances with all his might and strength with great sacrifice!"

"O sage Agastya, we bow to you three times! ,"said Lord Shiva.

"We were able to destroy all demons with your grace only!! O Agastya, please guide us!" said Devendra.

"O Devendra, we have also used the demonic powers only to destroy demons! This demonic tendency must be destroyed completely! No one is God in reality! It manifests through the good qualities only! Therefore, always remember that, " Never give a chance and encouragement to perversities by accepting the coward and fearful tendencies!" explained Sage Agastya who had acquired the quality of godliness, divine nature, greatness to Indra!!"

In this manner the Chief of The Agastya Ashram gave the testimony, the proof of the greatness of Sage Agastya

by narrating the story of his great power of the Deluge and the Recreation process.

'O Maharshi Agastya, we have realized how essential and difficult it is to make destruction of the demonic evil tendencies right from the root level!! Similarly, we have also understood to perform the great work and this unique mission by uniting and concentrating all our energies also!! We have become very blessed and fortunate too! Now we are going to enter in to the ashrams at Prabhas and Ujjain . We desire to listen the heroic stories of Sage Agastya there also!"

" Tathastu!..... So Be It!!" Kulguru Agastya gave the blessings and Lord Ramchandra had set out for the further journey!

Ikshvaku Kulpati Sagara's sixty thousand sons were burnt with the curse of Sage Kapil! Sage Kapil was the Brhamarshi , the direct form of Lord Shiva's son, Ganesh in person! Ikshvaku Kulpati Sagar refused to do the work of protection for Sage Kapil's of sessions of sacrifices. Sage Kapil had special attraction and love for the Ikshvaku family. Sagar was the King of Vituta. So, his co-operation and assistance was expected at the time of the sessions of sacrifices that were going to be performed for the welfare of the people! Sagar informed Sage Kapil that he wanted to perform The Ashvamedha Sacrifice for the land acquisition. Therefore, Sage Kapil should postpone his welfare sacrifice and perform it later on! Otherwise, sons of Sagara will not be able to help Sage Kapil in his sacrifice! As a result, Sage Kapil became very angry and gave a curse to Sagara," O Sagara, you have dared to refuse your co-operation of this great sacrifice by treating it as secondary ,depending

on your sons! These sons will be burnt and their ashes will fall on the earth!" When Sage Kapila uttered the cursing words , both, father and the son, Anshuman, the son of Sagara and King Dilip the son of Anshuman bowed to the feet of Sage Kapila and begged his pardon!

"O greatest of all sages , You are the direct image of Lord Shiva's son who destroys all obstacles. We request you to destroy the obstacle that had fallen on our family [Kula] with the utterance of the curse uttered by you only! Ikshvaku family is making the progress by following your guidance and blessings as Guru , the spiritual teacher! We all surrender to you! Kindly forgive us!!" When Sagar requested Sage Kapila , his anger had vanished and he was quietened!

Sage Kapil said," But, words of curse uttered by me will definitely become true! Yet, when the auspicious stream of auspicious river Ganga who is the wife of Lord Gangadhar, [God Shiva] will flow on the ashes of your sons, they will get the place in heaven and will be released and uplifted from the state of pride and ego!!"

Sagara's son Anshuman felt very happy. On one side, heavenly Ganga will descend on the earth and with her auspicious touch Sagara's all sons will be released from the curse and uplifted!! On the other side, with the continuous and non- stop flow of Ganga, doors of heaven will be opened to all sons of this earth!!

Sagar offered his obeisance to Sage Kapila and started to observe the penance with decision to request the heavenly Ganga that stays in the space to come down on the earth! Anshuman immediately went in to Himalayas and started his ascetic penance! But due to the severe curse of Sage Kapil, sixty thousand sons of Sagar including Anshuman were burnt and turned to ashes!! After that, King Dilip observed his ascetic penance for many years. But,

heavenly Ganga did not descend down on the earth. King Dilip was famous as a virtuous king! Dilip's son Bhagiratha decalred a vow to uplift his ancestors and give them the attainment of the good state while doing his royal administration also!!

He called the religious priests of the royal family and took their advice. According to their instructions, he went to Sage Kapila's Ashram in Himalayas! He paid his obeisance to Sage Kapil and said to him," O greatest of all sages, my grandfathers will get the good state [Sadgati] with your mitigation of the curse only!! But, the ascetic penance of my grandfather Anshuman and my father Dilip had not become successful and received the good fruit of their penance also! Therefore, I request you to guide me about the manner and procedure in which I should perform and take my ascetic penance!""

'Sage Kapil said to him , " It takes longer time and the proper conjecture [fortune, chance] for the accomplishment for the mitigation of power of speech which were uttered as the curse before! It requires the severe ascetic penance for that. Yet, I advise you to take the advice and guidance of Man Mandarya Agastya for that!! Only Mandarya Agastya who is the image of [Pratyaveerya],Form of Fire[Agni], Mitra Varun has the power, the capacity and strength to accomplish and prove the mitigation of the curse and give liberation or release from the curse given by other sages!! Therefore, you do your ascetic penance with his guidance!!" After listening to the words of Sage Kapil, King Bhagirath came to Sage Agastya!"

"O Greatest of all sages, Brahmarshi, I have surrendered to you! The great Sage Kapil has sent me to take your advice! O Brahmarshi , You are actually three Gods!!You like to stay quite close to Lord Shiva. You have acquired the knowledge and skill from Lord Shiva directly in

person. With your efforts, the union of Indra and Marut became possible! You have destroyed the pride of King Nahusha. You only make it possible for the sons of Sagar, the Ikshvaku King to get the Sadgati [Good state after death]!" Bhagirath gave the entire information about his talk with Sage Kapil to Sage Agastya.

Sage Agastya said to Bhagirath, " O Bhagirath, you are very bright, knowledgeable and virtuous. I bless you that, "you will get success in your ascetic penance and all your desires will be fulfilled!" You should meet Mahaskand Kartikeya. I am Man, Mitra Varuni's son and got manifested with the Shiv Tatva! Heavenly Ganga is the wife of Lord Shiva who has pervaded the entire sky! Therefore, myself, Sage Kapila and Kartikeya are sons of mother Ganga only! Lord Shiva [Choodamani] had held the sacred stream of thousand streams of river Ganga in his matted hair continuously in the state of the sky form for his own mission of the human welfare!! I had taken the help of Kartikeya to accomplish the knowledge! You should also take that kind of assistance from him. He will certainly help you!!"

Bhagirath met Kartikeya as per the instructions of Sage Agastya and narrated him about the advice given by Agastya. Kartikeya was pleased to hear the entire account! He said to Bhagiratha, "O Bhagirath, Sage Agastya has given you the blessing to become free from the curse. This power is existent in Sage Agastya only! Sage Agastya has tremendous powerful strength to intersect and cut off the ignorance, calamity, disastrous clouds, and disastrous cursing words!! He is the direct Agni Narayana only! Therefore, all evil tendencies are destroyed with words uttered by his mouth!

Agastya is the manager of the universe who is affluent with the power of severe austerity, adorned with the Shiv Knowledge, self-intelligence[endowment]!! You should do the ascetic penance of Mother Ganga and Lord Shiva with a

resolution with his remembrance. With your firm and unshaken severe austerity mother Ganga will be pleased and start flowing with Shiva's command! Do not keep any doubt about this truth in your mind at all!!"

With this advice of Kartikeya, Bhagiratha's confidence grew more! With his severe austerity and Kartikeya's joyful counsel Mother Ganga was pleased.

' O Bhagiratha, I have become very happy and feel pleased with your strong austerity, and with the insistence of my sons like Sage Kapil, Kartikeya and Agastya!! Your intention to give the Sadgati [Good state after death] is also quite good and noble. But, I cannot flow on the earth without the permission of Lord Shri Mahadev. I come on the earth during the rainy season in the form of the rain.

But, your insistence is on ""my Continuous Flowing!" Therefore, it will be quite proper and better for you to take Lord Mahadeva's permission." Said Mother Ganga to Bhagirath!

Bhagirath narrated about his conversation with mother Ganga to Sage Kapil, Kartikeya and Agastya. Then he started his ascetic penance of Lord Shiva as per their advice. God Shiva was pleased with Bhagiratha's severe penance. He gave blessings to his hard efforts. As a result, he had received Mother Ganga whom he had invited to flow on the earth to give good state to his family ancestors!

Mother Ganga told Bhagirath, " O my dear Son, I will follow on your path as you go further ahead. But God Shiv had commanded me to immerse in the sea and become helpful and contributory to Sage Agastya in his great work of the Rain Management!!

"O Mother, I have reached upto here with the auspicious blessings of your sons like Sage Agastya, Kartikeya and Sage Kapil. I will take you up to the sea in accordance with Shiva's desire only! O Mother, it is my intense desire

that, all my grand -fathers, Great Grand -Fathers and the cursed living beings should achieve a good state by your auspicious bath!!"

"O Bhagirath, everything will happen according to your desire. But, you must go ahead up to the sea without looking back! If you stop and look back, I will have to disappear as per the command of Lord Shiva!!"

'O Mother, I will not disobey your command!!', said Bhagirath and started walking ahead by reciting the hymn of Ganga's praise made by Bhagvan Kartikeya!

*Om Namah Shivayai Gangayai Shivdayai Namah|
Namaste Vishnurupinyai Brhammurtai Namostu Te||
Namaste Rudrarupinyei Shankaye te Namoh Namah|
Sarvdev Swarupinyai Namoh Meshmurtaye||
Sarvasya Sarvvyadheenam Bhishkleshthayei Namostute|
Sthasvujangamsambhootvishhanyayei Namostute||
Sansarvishnashinyayai Jeevanayayai Namostute|
Taptritay Sanhantrayei praneshyaei te Namoh Namah||
Shantsantankarinyei Namaste Shuddhamoortaye|
Sarvasanshuddhikarinyei Namoh Paparimoortaye ||
Bhuktimukti pradayinyei Bhadradayei Namoh Namah|
Bhogopbhogdayinyei Bhogvatyei Namostute||
Mandakinyei Namoste Testu Swargdayei Namoh Namah|
Namstreilokyabhooshayei Tripathayei Namoh Namah||
Namastrishkhasansthayei Kshamavatyei Namoh Namah|
Trihutashansansthayei Tejovatyeyi Namoh Namah||
Nanvayeyi LingdharinyeiSudhdharatmane Namah|
Namaste Vishvamukhyayei Revatyeyi Te Namoh Namah||
Bruhatyei Te Namastestu Lokdhatrei Namostute|
Namaste Vishvamitrayei Mandivei Te Namoh Namah||
Prthvyeyi Shivamritayeyi ch Suvrushayeyi namoh Namah|
Paraparshatadhyayeyi Tarayeyi Namoh Namah||
Pashjalnikrunthinnyeyi abhinnyayeyi Namostute|
Shantayeyi ch Varishthayeyi Varadayeyi Namoh Namah ||*

*Ugrayeyi Sukhjagdhayeyi va Sanjeevanyeyi Namostute|
Brahmishthayeyi Brahmdayeyi Duritghnyeyi Namoh Namah||
Paranamartiprabhavijjnyeyi Jagmatre Namostute|
Sarvatpratipakshayeyi managalayeyi Namoh Namah||
Sharanagatdeenart Paritran Parayane|
Sarvasyrtihare Devi Narayani Namostute||
Nirleparya Durghantryeyi Dakshayeyi te Namoh Namah|
Paraparaprayeyi ch Gange Nirvan Dayini||
Gange Mamagrano Bhooya Gange me Tishtha Prushthatah|
Gange Me Parshvayoredhigangetvyastu me Sthithi||
Aadou Tvamante Madhye ch Sarv Tvam Gangate Shive||
Tvamev Moolprakrustistvam Puman Par Ev Hi|
Gange Tvam Paramatma ch Shivstubhyam Namoh Shive||*

With the recitation of the Ganga Stotra [Hymn], Ganga started flowing forward feeling extremely happy at each moment. Flowing from Gangadwar to Kashinagaree, Prayag, Gaya and from Vang she was united with the ocean!! The ocean surged up very high!! The ocean paid his obeisance to the form of Shiva with high surging waves!! Bhagirath asked for the command of Mother Ganga. " O Son of The Ikshvaku Family[Kula], you are really a great benevolent !! The North side of Jambudweep has become pure and fruitful with your ascetic penance! O Dilipraj Putra, [Son Of Dilipraj], normally speaking, the son is recognized by mother's name ! But, you gave me the fortune and opportunity to become the mother of a Victorious Son. Therefore, I accept my name as, Gaganputri [daughter of the sky- the heaven] Sagarputri [Daughter of the Ocean] Ganga Bhagirathee right from this moment now onwards!! " Gaganputri Sagarputri Ganga Bhaagirathee".

"Kudos To Mother Ganga [Gangamataki Jay!] Victory to Ganga Bhagirathee! [Jay Gange Bhagirathee] Making a loud announcement with these words, Agastya, Kartikeya, Kapil and other sages requested the permission

for the First Bath! When Ganga Bhagirathi granted her permission, the great Mantra reverberated [resounded] that continued ages after ages," Jay Gange Bhagirathee! Jay Gange Bhagirathee!!

" Kudos to Gange Bhagirathee !! Victory to Ganga Bhagirathee.....!!"

Agastya always used to make continuous revolutions [circumambulations] for the research in the science of Health and Atharv Vidya. He never used to stay for a long time in any ashram. His sessions of sacrifice used to take place with the constant inspiration of specific intentions. He used to include all sages and gods that used to come in his contact in the Soma sacrifice and other sacrifices also. He used to move with Lopamudra continuously in this manner. Lopamudra used to work with Agastya in his research work in the equal manner. Lopamudra, the wife of Sage Agastya used to work with Agastya by merging her whole personality in Sage Agastya. As a result, Agastya had also acquired the luster of Lopamudra's own self -splendor.

Agastya had completed the revolution of Shri Parvat Mountain along with Lopamudra. He had decided to go to Kartikeya's forest [wood]. He went in to Kartikeya's Vishalvan. Agastya offered his obeisance to Lohit mountain and entered in Kartikeya's forest. In the meantime, Kartikeya had received the news that Sage Agastya was arriving in his ashram along with Lopamudra. The preparation to greet Sage Agastya was completed. Agastya and Lopamudra entered in the ashram to take the auspicious Darshan of Shanmukh [six faced] Kartikeya. Kartikeya was waiting quite generously for Sage Agastya. Sage Agastya prostrated before Karikeya along with Lopamudra.

Kartikeya started talking to Agastya," O great Sage Agastya, everything is fine with you! Isn't it? I had received the news of your intention to visit this place. It is also well

known that Vindhyaachal Mountain had grown tall! O Agastya, the great holy place Kashi is always better and constantly free and liberated because it is protected by Lord Shiva! You always reside there. God Shiva gives liberation to the person that dies in Kashi. I have not seen such excellent holy place! O Agastya, I have also started my own ascetic penance here for the attainment of the holy place of Kashi. It is easily available to you! But my desires are not fulfilled so far! The Holy place of Kashi is the only Holy place which is full of activities such as virtuous deeds, donation, asceticism, japa, and different kinds of sacrifices. The atmosphere of Kashi is constantly charged and enchanted with transcendental and unique atmosphere! The attainment of that holy place is possible only with the Grace of God Mahadev [Shiva]. One should always live in Kashi by sacrificing everything in Kashi only!!"

One should surrender to the religion by discarding the worry of wealth and make the attainment of heaven quite easy! Even then Kashipuree is really very difficult to attain! ' The Pashupat Yoga [Spiritual Sadhana of Lord Shiva] is the most powerful mean of liberation. Kashipuree is the city that gives the Moksha- the eternal liberation! Therefore, this holy place is very dear to God Vishvanath, Gangadhar and Kalbhairava! I touch even the wind that comes from Kashi!! You both have directly come from Kashi!!" Uttering these words, Kartikeya touched the entire body of Sage Agastya! Kartikeya experienced the sea bath after touching Agastya's body!! Although this has happened, Sage Agastya requested Kartikeya with the meditative attitude,"

"O Kartikeya, the Son Of Shiva, the great ascetic and the direct image of Lord Shiva, please narrate me about the greatness of this holy Kashipuree. I also like this place very much!" Kartikeya felt very pleased by hearing Sage Agastya's words! Kartikeya felt very much happy and satis-

fied with the polite and sweet nature of Agastya!

Kartikeya said," Tathastu..... So Be It....."

Then, Skand himself started narrating the greatness of Kashi to Agastya.

" The Holy place of Kashi exists in the extremely secret form! Many spiritual powers exist there because it is an abode of God Himself in person. The holy place Kashi is situated in the sky [heavens]. It is not connected to this earthly world. Only Yogis know[are aware of] this thing. Thousand sins of the person will be burnt of the person that stays in Kashi by conquering his anger, will not slander others and give offering or alms every day!. The person that stays in Kashi throughout his life becomes free from the fear of death. One should accept the residence in Kashi with the realization that body is perishable, constantly filled with such thoughts. He should never leave the holy place Kashi inspite of many obstacles." " Although I have six mouths ,I will not be able to describe the greatness of this liberated holy place of Kashi. Not only that but, even the snake 'Sheshnag' also will not be able to describe it in spite of his one thousand mouths!!" said Sakand

' Bhagavan, since when did this liberated place become famous on the earth? Why did this place become famous as the place that gives liberation from the cycle of life and death ? I am really very eager to know all about this !" Agastya expressed his curiosity.

'O Agastya,during the great deluge[catastrophe, disaster], all living and non- living creatures in the universe were destroyed. There was darkness every where! There was no existence of the Sun, Moon, Planets, Stars, Day and night also! Only the true form of Brahm remained there! It was not the subject of mind or speech! It had no name and no form! It was the truth, knowledge, eternal ,image of bliss and full of light , [full of brightness]. It was without the sup-

port, ,without any expression [blank], without the form [Nirakar],Without attributes[Nirgun],comprehensible and known to the yogi, all pervading, only one ,the unique reason, changeless, without the beginning of the action, beyond the illusion and zero trouble!! That principle was only one, and unique at the time of the delusion [Kalpant]."

Before the Kalp, a resolution, a desire rose in it," I am one! I should become two. So, it had taken the form, the image with its power of play! Its second image was adorned with richness, all knowing, auspicious, all pervading, omniscient, all seeing, and all producing!! The manifestation of that formless Absolute Original Existence [Parabrahma] means "Shiva!" The ancient and modern intellectuals and scholars call it [God] Ishwar !! Shiva was moving all alone by taking the form. He created the form of the Prakruti from his own body. She has become the Main [chief], Prakruti[Nature] and the qualitative Illusion[Maya]. This primordial man manifested the holy place of Kashi also along with his power, the Adishakti

Shakti is the Prakriti and Shiva is the Purusha. They both started taking delight and absorbing themselves in form of extreme and highest bliss[joy] in the holy place of Kashi. Lord Shiva had never sacrificed the large and extensive holy place of Kashi. Due that reason only, this holy place became famous as not seperated from The Absolute Origin, the Parabrahm. This holy place was created for the eternal joy of Shiva. Therefore its first name was known as 'Anand Van.'"Only Shivlingas are found in this Anandvan.After that, Lord Shiva had cast his glance of making the shower of the nectar at his own left body along with Goddess, Jagadamba, the divine mother ,the image of constant eternal delight. As

a result, a Purush [man] who was the handsomest of all in three worlds, was manifested. He was extremely calm, adorned perfectly with virtuous qualities and grave more than the sea!! The luster of his body was blue like the Indraneel jewel. His eyes were like the lotus. He was adorned with a beautiful cloth. The sweet fragrance was lingering from his lotus like naval. He was known as "the Purushottam" [The Supreme Male God]. Lord Shiva commanded that man known as Achchuta to become Maha -Vishnu, the greater God!! Shiv blessed him with the blessing such as, "The Holy Vedas will manifest from his breath!"

After that ,Shri Vishnu performed the great austerity with meditation. He made a lake with his wheel and filled it with his own sweat and started his austerity on the bank of that lake. Shiv -Paravti manifested before him and said, "O Great Vishnu [Maha Vishnu] !!We are pleased. Demand your wish".

" O Great God Of Gods, if you are very pleased then I express my desire to receive auspicious Darshan along with Goddess Bhavani.[Goddess Parvati in her pacific form]"

'Tathastu! So Be It" said Lord Shiva and fulfilled Mahavishnu's desire.

Mahadev said," My earing adorned with jewels had fallen here at this place only. So, the name of this holy place will be famous as the Manikarnika Teerth"!

"O God, Since the earing adorned with pearls had fallen here, let this this place become the chief valuable place of the final liberation! Let unspeakable and unutterable Shiv formed flames be illumined here. Therefore, this liberation granting holy place of Manikarnika will receive the name as 'Kashi'. Let all beings get the eternal liberation here only. "Shri Vishnu expressed the desire of his mind.

"O powerful armed Vishnu [Mahabahoo], You should create different kinds of the universes. You should destroy

the evil souls that follow the sinful path of life. This Holy place of Kashi is very dear to me. It is dominated by my power only! This holy place will be famous and renowned as]Vishvanath!!" Lord Shiv gave his blessings. After narrating the conversation of Shiv and Vishnu, Kartikeya pronounced one thousand names of Mother Ganga, the heavenly river!!While narrating the greatness of these thousand names, he said,"Out of these thousand names, one hundred eight names are more important. Even by recollecting these names one attains, the liberation! These names are as follows----

"Omkar Roopini, Amrutsrava, Ashoka, Alaknanda, Amruta, Amala , Anathvatsala, Amogha,Avyaktalaksnana, Akshanbhya,Apara,Ajita, Anathnatha, AbhishtarthSiddida, Anangvardhnee, Animadiguna, Apraganya, Achintyashaktee, Adbhutroopa, Aghaharini, Anang Yog Siddhiprada, Achyuata, Akshunnashakti, AnatTeertha, Anantmahima, Anant Soulhyaparada, Avidyajalshamani , Apratrkyagatiprada , Asheshvighnasahamstree, Adnyantimirjyotee ,Abhirama, Anantsara, Arogyada, Anandvalli, Ashrayamoorti, Aryasevita, Apyasini, Ashvasdayini, Alsyaghni, Ishtadatree, Itihasshruteedyartha, Indradiparivandita, Ilalankarmala, Ramyamandira, ishvari, Eedaneeyacharitragnbhrut, Udipasandalcharini, Uditambamarga, Uragnlokviharini, Upendracharandyaya, UtpattiSthitiSanharkarinee, Urjadhara, Urmimalini, Urdhvaretpriya,Rishivrundstuta, Rutambhara, Rujupriya, Rujumargpradarshini, Aishvaryada, Ojasvinee, Ambarmala, Andhakharini, Anshumala Ajjana, Kalyankarini,Kanchanakshi, Kamalakshi, Karunarda Kalyani, Kamroopa. Kalavatee, Kalkootprashini, Kadambkusumpriya, Krantloktraya, Khanditpranataghoula, Gandhavatee, Gandharvnagarpriya, Gandharee, Garbhashamamni, Gunaneeya charitra, Grahpeedhara, Ghantaravpriya ,Ghrunavatee, Chandrayushtananta , Champeyalochana,

Janhavee, Illarivadyakushala, Ambar pravavha, Tarpanee, Tripatha, Tapomayee, Treilokyasundaree, Tejogarbha , Deerghayukarinee, Dehidehanivarini, Doordeshantaracharee, Dwyavabhoomivighinee, Vyagamyaswaroopa, Dharanavane, Nijanandprakashini, Nirmaldnyanjananee, Nandeegrudingaganastutya, Pranada, Vishvamata, Vibhavaree, Virroopakshapriyakaree!!," Skand narrated about the greatness of Kashi once again by explaining the greatness of one hundred and eight names of Kashi. After that, he started narrating further.

"You know it very well that, the well-known king Bhagiratha brought Ganga with your help by worshipping Lord Mahadev. He only made the holy places such as, Manikarnika Teerth, Shankara's Ananadvan, Shree Haree's Chkarpushkarini etc. This is the supreme and the most excellent holy place of Parabrahm Paramatma-The Highest and Absolute Unique Supreme Power!! This gives the ultimate liberation to all living beings easily and naturally. Bhagirath, the son of Dilip himself took the lead, came forward and brought the river stream of Ganga at Kashi. The greatness of Kashi was already well established before. It had increased more with the arrival of Ganga. The person that sacrifices his physical body becomes immortal by receiving the attainment of the instruction [Upadesha] of the Tarakmantra.[The Protection Mantra]. Gods had created the rivers like Asee or the Khadgroopa river that breaks and destroys the false intellect of the sinful person here, Dhunee river that washes the entry of evil persons and Varana river that destroys the obstacles here in Kashi. The auspicious Asse river flows at the South side of Kashi and the auspicious Varana river flows at the North side of Kashi. Lord Shiv himself had established "Dehali Vinayaka" to protect the West side of Kashi." Skand continued his narration further.

Skand told an ancient tale about this to Sage Agastya. "One merchant[Vaishya] named Dhananjaya was staying at the extreme point on the bank of the South Sea . He was a great devotee of his mother. He used to earn wealth in the virtuous manner and used to please the beggars with that money. Dhanjay was a worshipper of Shri Krushna, the son of Yashoda. Although he was a merchant, he was a lover of truth. The old mother of this good merchant died. But she went in to the hell because she had kept illicit relations with the other person in her young age. Dhananjay had become pious and devout with the company of a ShivYogee. He started going to the river Ganga to immerse the bones of his mother. But, he became very sick with high fever on his way. He reached to Kashi with great difficulty! He gave the pitcher [Kalash] of the bones of his mother in the hands of one person to immerse them in the river. That person went home with that Kalash [pitcher] . When Dhananjay searched for his house, he came to know that the person had gone to the forest greedily with that pitcher. He had seen the bones in that pitcher. So he had thrown them. When Dhananjay asked his wife, "where is your husband? Where did your husband go?" 'She replied , "He had gone in to the forest." She went to the forest along with Dhananjaya. But, unfortunately they could not find the particular place. Wandering everywhere with great frustration, he came to Kashi. His face became sad with disappointment. Dhananjay went to pilgrimages at holy places such as Prayag, Gaya etc. In short, Dhananjaya's mother's bones could not be immersed in the holy river Ganga even though they had reached to Kashi simply because God Vishvanath did not wish it!! It was not in his mind. The point is that one can go to the holy place 'Kashi' only when one's behavior is pure and good!! One should worship this holy city and perform circumambulation around it. The one that stays far away from Kashi, but re-

members this liberated holy place with devotion also does not take the rebirth again! God Kal Bhairav consumes the tradition of sins of the devotees here. This Bhairava is known as Kalbhairava because he takes the morsel of Kali and Kal!!" In this manner, Skand narrated the story of washing the sins and purifying the devotee.

'O Skand Narayana, please tell us more stories that point out the greatness of this holy place Kashi!" said Agastya with more eager and curiosity.

So, Skand started telling more."In ancient times, one famous and extremely religious Yaksha [A class of Demi Gods employed especially in the care of the garden and treasure of Kuber, the God of Wealth] named Ratnabhadra on the Gandhmadan mountain. He was adorned with lakhs of virtuous deeds. He had a son named Poornabhadra. Old Ratnabhadra sacrificed his body and left for his abode the peaceful Shivadham. His son Poornabhadra became the authority of the glory and all material pleasures of enjoyment after his father. But, he had no son. So, he was very sad. One day he called his wife Kanakundala close and said to her,"My dear, this huge mansion of ours is looking empty without the son! With which means of solution should I be able see the face of the son? If you know any means for the solution, tell me about it!"

Kanakakundala took a deep breath and said to him, "You are knowledgeable and yet you are feeling so sad!! Is there anything in this world which is rare and difficult to achieve for an industrious person in this world? Only that person who is coward makes the talk of the Destiny [Prarabdh]! Our own Karma [deeds] of previous life comes forward as the form of its effect before us. To make it favor-

able, it is extremely important and essential to surrender to Lord Shiva who is the cause of all these causes. The great Sage Sheelad was also without the progeny. But, with the grace and blessings of Lord Shiva, he got the son who conquered the death. Aryaputra, dear husband, if you want the son, surrender to Bhagavan Shiva." Listening to the talk of his wife, Poornabhadra worshipped Lord Shiva. He was the knowledgeable person of music. He had pleased and satisfied with his knowledge of music to Lord Shiva. Finally his desire was fulfilled by the grace of Lord Shankara. He got the son. His name was Harikesh. His face was very beautiful. He was also a devotee of Lord Shiva. He used to prepare the earthen image of Lord Shiv and worship it with grass sprouts. He used to call his friends also with the name of Shiv! He never used to enter in any other temple except the temple of Bhootnath [God Shiva]. His feet had never touched any other temple except Lord Shiva. He always used to drink the nectar of Shiva's name. He was really a very unique devotee of Shiva.!

Having observed this state of Harikesh, his father used to say to him," O dear son, it will be quite proper and good on your part to take interest in the household and worldly matters. First, complete your study of the knowledge and then take the experience of enjoyment in the excellent manner." Listening to the repeated talk of his father, Harikesh had left the house. But he was unable to understand where to go! So, he started calling ShivShankar!" O Dear Shambho, where should I go now? I am ignorant. I do not have any other knowledge or skill. But I know that the one who has no other state, has Kashipuri !!"

He came to Kashipuri keeping this thought in his mind. Then he went to Anandvan and performed severe austerity. Once, while moving in the Anandvan, Lord Shankar said to his wife Parvati, " O goddess Parvati just as you are very

dear to me, this Anandvan is also very dear to me! The devotees that have received my grace get the immortality here! I had come to this Kashipuri purposefully, because the instruction and the initiation of Brahma's ""Life Protecting Mantra"" is acquired here! I have no interest and liking of residing in the heart of a Yogi, on the Himalaya or Mandarachal. But I love to stay in the Kashipuri!"

As they both were talking like this, Mahadev saw Harikesh! He was sitting under the Ashok tree performing his austerity. Looking at him, Paravati said to Shiva,"" O Vishvanath, the Lord of the Universe, this ascetic seems to be your devotee only. He is doing his austerity with great intensity. Therefore you must give him your blessings. His total attention is concentrated on you. He is deeply absorbed in you. His body has become scraggy due to severe austerity.. So, kindly give him your Grace!"

Then Lord Shiva closed his eyes and touched Harikesh with his own hands Harikesh opened his eyes when he got the touch. He felt extremely happy to see Lord Trilochan- Three eyed God!! He exclaimed with great joy," Kudos to you O -God!! He addressed Lord Shiv with different names such as, O Shambho, Girijapati- Husband of Girija, Trishoolpani, the one that holds the trident in his hand, Chandrardhshekhar- the one that holds the half moon on his head, you are so kind and generous! My body has become nectarous with the touch of your hands." Lord Shiva granted many blessings to him and said," O Yaksh, from now onwards you become "the Chief that bears the baton [Dandnayak] of my abode Kashi! You will be named as "Dandpani" here after! You become the authority of my troops as per my command. You will be the only one, the unique granter of food and the donor of the ultimate liberation [Moksha] with the instruction of the Tarak Mantra to the inhabitants of Kashi !! You will stay permanently in Kashi. O

Yakshraj, I have handed over this supreme holy place in your hands from today onwards. O Dandpani, no one will become entitled to get the authority of the liberation unless he prays to you!! O Dandpani, you stay at the South direction! Give the punishment to the sinners and fearlessness to devotees!!"

Shiv himself had handed the South directions of Kashipuri to him in this manner. Then Lord Shiva mounted on his ox Vrushabhraj Nandee and went back to his residence in the Anandvan. Since then Yakshraj Harikeshi is holding the post of the magistrate [Dandnayaka] and is doing the management of Kashipuri. Skand narrated this whole story to Agastya and said to him," I had also looked at him in the prejudiced manner and started staying outside Kashi city. I had never respected him staying in Kashipuri..'. Agastya asked to Sage Skanda ," O Sage Skanda, You are the Winner, the controller of Organs [Jitendriya] and yet you have sacrificed Kashipuri! Was Dandpanee angry with you in this matter?"

" No ! All this had happened due to ignorance. But, later on, I had realized the importance of Dandnayak by the grace of Shiva. And then I prayed to Dandnayak. While praying I said to him, "O Yaksh Harikesh, grant me the stay in Kashipuri without any obstacle for the auspicious liberation [Moksha]. O highly intelligent Dandpani, Yaksha Poornabhadra is really very fortunate. Mother Kankkundala is also very fortunate. You are born from her womb. Kudos to you!! O God who is holding the great weapon like the staff [baton], Hail to you, victory to you!! O beloved of Vishvanath [Lord Shiva] Kudos to you! O Yaksha, you give the ultimate liberation to the inhabitants of Kashipuri, Victory to you! Your body is shining with the light of the lustrous pearls. Kudos to you O Dandpanee!! O Expert Yakshraja who is like the bee that moves around the lotus feet of Gouri, Kudos to you!!"

Dandnayak was very pleased to hear this praise ! He gave fearless assurance to Skanda and said,"O Skanda, You are the absolute form, the image of Shiva! You are praying me! This is your greatness!' After listening to this entire account, Agastya asked, "You have given me the direct experience of Shiva's method of giving greatness to his devotees more than him through this story! O Skanda," Tell me more about the greatness of this Kashipuree."" So, Skanda started telling further about the greatness of Kashi!

Skand said to Agastya," Having observed your inquisitiveness, I will tell you more about the greatness of this city. Then he started telling about the greatness of 'The Dnyanvapee'[The Well of Knowledge]

"This Dnyanvapiteerth' gives the liberation and knowledge to those living beings who are absorbed in deep sleep! It is like 'the form of the boat' to those living beings that are caught in the whirlpool of this worldly ocean, It is the resting place for the sad and miserable living beings. This holy place is the abode of that great supreme power of God who is the image of the everlasting joy. It can give the attainment of the Bliss and the Grace of that Absolute, Origin ,the Supreme Divine Power- 'The Parabrahm!" It extends happiness. It gives the attainment of the eternal liberation." 'Once the Master of Eeshankon and Rudra named 'Eeshan' was wandering in this holy place at his own sweet will. He came here and took the auspicious Darshan of the large illuminated Lingam of Lord Shiva. The bright illumined light of mass had spread at four directions around this Lingam. The groups of Gods, Sages, Siddhas, and Yogis were constantly engaged in the worship of Lord Shiva. Eeshan felt that he should establish a place of cool water over there. So, he had dug a pit[basin] at the south direction of this Vishveshvar Lingam with the trident. As a result, the hidden water appeared from the earth. He gave a bath with this water to the Shivlingam. That

water was extremely cool like the full from of knowledge and had the ability to destroy the sin!! Eeshan gave bath to Vishvanath with that water. So, the soul of the Universe [Vishvatma] became very much pleased and said to Eeshan," O Eeshan' the sincere observer of the excellent vow, I am pleased with your noble work. Ask for the blessing!" Then Eeshan said to Vishveshvara," O God Of gods, Devesh, since you have become so pleased, I request you that, "Let this unique and incomparable holy place , "TheTeertha" become famous with your name in the future. This Shivteerth is the most supreme and excellent of all holy Teerthas in three worlds. This Teerth will be famous with name such as, 'Dnyanod or Dnyanvapee". All sins of the person will be washed away with the touch of the holy water of this Teertha!! With the touch of this Dnyanod Teertha, one gets the attainment of the fruition of Ashvamedh sacrifice.[The actual or the emblematic sacrifice of a horse. This sacrifice is one of the highest order] All sins are washed away and get destroyed by taking the bath in the water of this Teertha. If the devotee performs the SandhyaWorship [Obaltion of water to the Sun by reciting Gayatri Mantra] all sins that are generated from the Kal-loka [The Time World] are destroyed within a moment!! The person becomes knowledgeable. This Holy place or the Teerha is recognized with other names also, such as, "Dnyanteerth, Tarak Teerth and Moksha Teerth"!

Lord Shiva disappeared by giving his blessings in this manner. Trident holding Eeshan felt himself very fortunate!!

"O Skandroopa, You have literally bathed me with a holy bath in this Holy Place [Teertha] By telling me the stories of the greatness of this holy place. We both are feeling more curious and interested in listening to such sweet stories about this holy place!" Agastya started insisting more to Kartikeya to tell more stories with great curiosity! So,

Kartikeya felt very pleased and continued his narration further.

" This story is related to the most ancient times in the past. A well- known Brahmin named ' Hariswami 'used to stay in Kashi. He had a beautiful daughter named Susheela. She was the supreme of all in relation to good character and good behaviour on this earth!. This daughter of Haripriya was an expert in all arts . But, she had become one with her devotion to Lord Shiva by drinking the holy water of Dnyanodteertha! Once , when she was sleeping in her yard ,one Vidyadhar [A demi God or spirit of some order in heaven -swarg] had kidnapped her because he was attracted to her beauty and good qualities. He was taking her to the Malay Mountain at the same night! In the meantime, a horrible shaped devil named Viddunmali came and told Viddyadhar that he was going to eat that human girl! Then he started beating Viddyadhar. Viddyadhar was an expert wrestling fighter! He had killed that devil with his powerful fists. But he got deeply wounded by the devil's trident. As a result, he died immediately after that. Sushila also burnt herself along with Viddyadhar, respecting him as her husband!!

Viddyadhar also remembered his beloved at the last moment of his life. So, he got the rebirth in the house of Malayketu! Sushila had also entered in to the fire while recollecting him. As a result, she was born in Karnataka once again. Her father performed the marriage of this Kalavatee with the son of Malayketu!! As per her previous Sanskars [impressions] of the past life, Kalavati was a devotee of Shiva in this birth also !The name of Malayketu's son was, Mallyaketu! Kalavati enjoyed the divine happiness by gaining him as her husband !! She had three children from him!

'Once, an artist came to Mallyaketu from the North. He showed a strange film [picture] to the king. The king

showed it to Kalavati. She felt a hair raising sensation and thrill on her body after watching that picture! She sat in the secluded place. She had lost her senses by looking at Lord Vishvanath again and again. When she became a little conscious, she observed that film more minutely. There is a fusion of the extremely beautiful river Asi and Ganga near Lokarkkund! On the North side flows the great river Varana quite close at the holy feet of Lord Keshav! Here, heavenly gods had also come to take bath in the river Ganga that flows at the North side! This place is well known as the most auspicious holy place named as 'Manikarnika Teerth". The sages and virtuous people respect this place as the Sacred Place of Liberation [Moksha]. The Kulstambha [Family- pillar] is also placed there. Kapalmochan Teerth also exists there because The Kapal[face] had fallen down from hands of Bhairava there only!

The Runmochan Teerth [the holy place where the person washes his debt and gets released from it! The most sacred place Omkareshvar exists at this holy place[The Teertha]. Here, illumines the absolute Original Parabrahma constantly which is the image of Pranav in five forms such as A U M in Naad [sound] and Bindu [A central or focused point]!! Extremely beautiful Matsyodar Teerth and God Trilochandev also stay there. Kameshvar Dev is also there. The Chief God of Kashi Vishvesvar is also there. He is known as Skandesvar Mahadev only! Vinayak is also residing on the other side. This is directly Goddess Kashee only! The person gets the attainment of the eternal liberation with her auspicious Darshan because, the god of Liberation Lord Maheshvar resides here along with Goddess Gouri here! There is also a Shivlingam known as Yadnyeshvar! Puraneshvar lingam also exists near to that. The spiritual aspirant acquires the knowledge of eighteen Vidyas !!

"This is known as "the Dharmshastreshvar Mahadev". One gets the virtuous reward of the study of the Dharm Shastra [Study of Religion] with the auspicious darshan of this Mahadev. This Kashi Nagari[city] is full of the establishment of Shiv Lingams. They tell the greatness of Kashi City along with greatness of Shiva! Kalavatee had taken the auspicious Darshan of all visual sight such as, Bhagavan Mantreshvar, Baneshvar, Vairochaneshvar, Balakeshvar, Nadarkeshav, Adikeshav, Adityakeshav, Bheeshmakeshav, Dattatreyshvar, Adigadhadhar, Bhrugukeshav, Vamankshave, Narnarayan, Yadnyavarakeshav, Narsinaha, Gopigodee, Laxminrusinha, SarvVinayak, Sheshmadhav, SarswatStotra, Bindumadhav, Panchbrahmatma, Panchnad, Mangagagouri, Mayukhaditya Teerth, Gabhasteeshvar, Dhoutpapashvar, Nirvannrisinha, Manipradeepnag, Kapileshvarling, Priyvrateshvar, Shri Kalrajmandir, Paramsundar Mandakini, Ratneshvar Ling, Krutivaseshvar, Bhagvatee Durga, Uttam Pitruing, Chitraghanteshvaree, Devee, Ghantkarna Sarovar, LalitaGouri, Vishalakshi, Ashavinayak, Dharmkoop, Vishvabhujadevee, Trilokvandit, Dashashvmedha Teerth, Prayag Teerth, Ashok Teerth, Gagna Keshav Moksha DwarTeerth, Swargadwar Teerth !!"

Kalavati saw Shrimanikarnikateerth before Swargdwar in that movie. Lord Shiv gives the spiritual advice of the TarakBrahma to the oppressed and troubled human beings in this world with the touch of his right hand here only!! She saw Dnyanvapee at the Southside of Lord Vishvanath! This is the Water Image of Lord Shiva. It was a hair raising thrilling experience of joy for Kalavati's body when she saw holy sight of Dnyanvapee! Her body vibrated, sweat gathered on the forehead! Her eyes were filled with tears of joy! She had lost her senses and that serial of those pictures vanished before her eyes. In the meantime her friends came there, looked at her and asked, "What was

the matter? What happened?" Kalavati did not give any answer. Her friends started serving her with great efforts. Kalavati became conscious. She had received the knowledge of her life in the previous birth! She said, "I was the daughter of a Brahmin in my previous birth's life. I was playing on the bank of Dnyanvapee near the Vishvanath temple in Kashi. My father's name was Hariswami and mother's name was Priyanvada. My name was Sushila. Listening to her narration, her friends said to her, "Kalavatidevi, give us also the Darshan of this auspicious sight !!". Listening to their prayer Kalavati said to her husband, "You fulfil all my desires. So, please fulfil one more desire also. Take me to Kashiपुरi!" Her husband said, "We both will go to Kashi very soon! "

Mallyaketu assured Kalavati to go to Kashi. Then he made his son to take the charge of his royal throne and he had left for Kasipuri. He felt extremely happy and fortunate to take the auspicious Darshan of Vishvanath city. Queen Kalavati also recognized all places of Kashi with memory of her previous birth! They took bath in the holy place of Manikarnika and worshipped Vishvanath! They heard the religious tale in the Mukti Mandap! She made a conscious vigilance along with her husband. Then she took the holy bath with the king in the Manikarnika. The king had also paid homage to his forefathers and satisfied them by performing the rites of Shraddha [A funeral ceremony observed at various fixed periods, consisting of offerings with water and fire to Gods and forefathers by giving oblation to them with great devotion.] He gave the donation to the suitable and proper Brahmins. He had pleased all poor, helpless, blind and orphan people by giving them money. They did the ascetic penance near Dnyanvapee!

One day, when this couple was sitting after the bath, one person with the matted hair and holding the holy ash

[vibhooti] said to them," Get up ! You will get the initiation of Tarak Mantra within a one moment! No sooner did that matted haired person uttered these words, than a bright and lustrous plan landed there from the sky! Lord Shiv himself came out of the plane and gave the initiation of the knowledge by himself chanting it in the ears both the husband and wife!! " Skanda narrated the story.

Agastya requested Skand again," O Skand Narayana, my ears are really pleased by listening to this story! Please give us the practical worldly instructions now!!"

After that, Skanda gave the detailed instructions about "the good behavior" to Agastya.He gave the extensive detailed information and the knowledge about the subjects such as, 'The good behavior, good and refined impressions, celibacy, the greatness of five sacrifices, the importance and Greatness of residing in Kashi, etiquette and good manners, Yoga and Death and started telling the stories to convince about its proof.

"Once, Prajapatee Brahmdev [The creator of the universe] gave his Darshan directly in person to the King Ripunjaya. Ripunjaya was performing a great penance at the Great Place known as 'Avimukta'by conquering and controlling over his mind and organs. He was born in the Manu family. That brave king was the direct incarnation of the Kshatra Dharma [the Brave spirit of the fighters]. Brahmdev said to him," O great intelligent one, you take care of the Earth along with the sea, mountains and forests .The King of Serpant, Nagaraj Vasukee will offer you the daughter of the snake Angmohini. Gods will also give you ample wealth.The divine powers will be your servants. Since you are like " Divo Dasyanti---Master of the lamp light",you will be famous and known as " Divoda'. O King, you will get the great Divine strength and power with the power of my blessings!" said God Brahmdeva to him.

"O Grand Father, are there not any other kings in this world full of so many people? Why do you give me only this command?" asked Divodas to him

"O King, if you rule over the earth, God, Indra will make the rain fall on this earth. But, if any other sinful king will rule over on this earth, there will be no rain fall on this earth!!" said Brahmdeva to him.

"Honorable Grand Father[Pitamah], Really speaking, you yourself are quite powerful to protect three worlds. And yet, you are asking me to do this work. I accept it as a great blessing that I have received! Your command is extremely respectful to me. But I am going to make a request to you . If you will accept it, I will rule over this Earth." Divodas said quite politely.

"O King, tell me frankly what is in your mind?"

'Pitamah [Grandfather], Gods should stay in Heaven and human beings should stay on the Earth. Gods should not make an attempt to stay on the earth. Then only ,my subject [people] will be happy."

"Tathastu! So be it!"Brahmdev accepted his request.

Then Divodas made a proclamation with the sound of the ringing bells,"Gods should go to heaven. The troops of snakes should not stop here." Skanda was telling.

'O Skand Bhagvan, then Lord Shankar told Divodas to leave Kashi! But, why did this happen?" Agastya asked his doubt.

Lord Shiva felt very much pleased by the penance of Giriraj Mandar and went to Mandarachal with admiration. He was accompanied by other Gods too! Lord Vishnu also went to Madarachal with him. When Gods disappeared from the earth, Divodas ruled the kingdom on the earth. He made Kshipuri as the Capital city of his kingdom and ruled righteously in the religious manner. The demons,[Nag] Serpents and Guhyakas [Detectives] also used to serve the king. No

calamities such as the extreme rain or no rain had occurred in his kingdom. There were excellent guards [protectors] in each city. They were benefitted with all kinds of prosperity. Divodas ruled in Kashipuri for eighty thousand years [80,000 years] .He nurtured and preserved his subject like his own sons. He was a good follower of the religion and religious in his attitude. He was knowledgeable in Politics also. His faults were not known to Gods also! He had only one wife and was loyal to her. In fact, all women in his kingdom were devoted and loyal to their husbands. People of all race and class were very active. Students and household persons used to behave in accordance with rules of their proper state and class] Varnashram]. All ascetics were without any attachment and desires, free from the worldly interests and without any collection of material wealth. People used to follow the Vedic way of life. There were no childless people, handicapped,poor, addicted and bad behaved people in the kingdom pf Divodas. All inhabitants of Kashi used to take delight and absorb themselves in the devotional worship of God. His kingdom was truly ideal in every sense! As a result, even Gods also felt envious and jealous of him!!

All Gods including Indra also created lots of obstacles to make Divodas's kingdom unsuccessful. But the king conquered over them with the powerful strength of his hard penance. Lord Mahadev also sent sixty four female Yoginis to search and find out the faults in the kingdom of Divodas. But ,these Yoginis did not find any fault of the king during twelve months. They all went back with great disappointment. So, Lord Shiva called the Sun and said to him,

"O Rider of seven horses, you go to that auspicious Kashipuri. The great Religious King Divodas is ruling there at present. Make an effort to make that place deserted and ruined. But do not disrespect the king. Make that city devastated and ruined with your torturous rays."

God Sun came to Kashipuri as per the command of Lord Shiva. But he could not see even the slightest interruption or distraction of religion in that city. He stayed in Kashi for one year by taking different forms. He tried many ways. But he could not find any fault at all. He was unable to devastate Kashipuri. God Sun settled in Kashi with twelve forms such as, Lokark, Uttarark Sambaditya, Droupadaditya, Mayukhaditya , Khagoladitya, Arunaditya, Vruddhaditya, Keshavaditya, Vimaladitya, Gangaditya, Yamaditya. Even the Sun was also enchanted with the auspicious sight of Kashi. Therefore, he became famous as Lokark! The holy place of Lokark exists in Kashi. This Lokark makes the successful accomplishment of the Yogic field of the inhabitants of Kashi. All human beings are released from all types of sin with his grace.

"Excellent Ark Kund[the water pond] exists at the North side of Kashipuri. God Sun is recognized with the name as Uttarark." Skanda narrated the information of all holy places with stories in this manner. The stories deities such as Sambaditya, Mayukhaditya were also included in it. Similarly,he told the stories of Garudeshvar Ling, Khakholaditya,Garudand Vinata also. While narrating the story of Garuda, Skanda said,

"There exists a place called 'Khakholk' at the north side of Trilochan. This Aditya destroys all sorts of diseases. In olden days, two sisters named Kadru and Vinata were playing. They were the daughters of Parajapati Daksha and wives of Marichnandan Kashyap. While playing, Kadru said to her sister," O Vinata, Uchchaishrava is the horse of the Sun's chariot. Do you know how he looks? We will find out the truth and take the decision with a bet. The one that will be defeated in this bet, will be the maid- servant of the other!' These other maid servants are the witness of this bet!" While following the bet, Kadru said, "The colour of The Sun's

horses is mixed with various colours." Vinata said, "It is white." When Vinata went away, Kadru told her sons to make the colour of this horse named Uchchaishrava blue and full of many colours! Her sons followed her instruction perfectly well! Both sisters saw this many coloured horse. Vinata accepted Kadru's victory and became the maid servant of Kadru since that time! Later on Vinata's eagle sons released their mother from the state of the maid-servant of Kadru by giving nectar to snakes!

Vinata expressed her desire to go to Kashi to remove the inferiority of her maid-servant's state. She had also decided to make her own upliftment from Shri Vishvanath with the help of the Tarak Mantra. Garuda [the Eagle] also decided to go to Kashipuri with his mother. He observed great penance in Kashipuri. He had done the establishment of the Shivlingam. Vinata made the establishment 'Khakholk Aditya'. Lord Shiv and God Sun were extremely pleased with their devotional worship and penance. God Umanath [Shiv] manifested from the Shivalingam established by Garuda. He gave a blessing that "The Shivalingam established by Garuda will be known as 'Garudeshvar' and the attainment of the Supreme Knowledge will be received from that lingam!" The form of Shiva Khakholkaditya Sun had manifested by the penance of Vinata. He gave the knowledge of Shiva to Vinata and gave the assurance to reside in Kashi only!! With the penance performed by Vinata, Arunaditya, Vruddhaditya, Keshavaditya, Vimaladitya, Gangaditya and Yamaditya became successful and accomplished with the connections with the Sun!"

Kartikeya told Agastya that, Lord Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma stay in the united form in Kashi. Similarly, powers of all images like, Goddess Paravati, Mahamaya, Adishakti and Shrirupa also stay here in the united form together. Then he said further, 'The absolute original Prabrahm

Kaivalya and the primordial absolute Kaivalya Shakti stay directly in person here at Kashipuri only! He told Agastya that, the one that worships Mahalaxmirupini Mahamaya Prakruti [The image of Mahalaxmi, the great goddess of Illusion, the primordial Illusion Power,] becomes supremely powerful and omni-potent, omni-sient and omni-knowledgeable! Such devotee always becomes successful. All of his sons and grandsons, servants, devotees and the subject also become very powerful, wealthy, and knowledgeable!! All sins are destroyed by performing the penance of Shri Mahalaxmi, the Great goddess of Wealth and Prosperity in this Kashipuri.

Agastya requested Shri Skanda with great eager, "O God, due to your explanation, an immense desire to please Mother Goddess Shri Mahalaxmi with penance has risen in my mind now! Similarly, my wife Lopamudra also feels that Goddess Laxmee should make our subject happy and prosperous by giving them all powers, wealth, and richness!! We both desire to go to Kashipuri and worship Goddess Mahalaxmi with worship, japa and meditation. You are like our spiritual Master- the Guru! Please give us your blessings!" Kartikeya also blessed them, "Let Goddess Mahalaxmi be pleased with you and grant her help in your Atharvan Yoga!!" After completing the circumambulation, Agastya Narayan came in Kashipuri with Lopamudra. He made the establishment of Shri Mahalaxmi as per the guidance of Shri Kartikeya and prayed Mahalaxmi with great praise!

With strong and powerful force of the brilliant great imagination the Mahalaxmi Stotra started flowing very powerfully from the mouth of Sage Agastya !!

'Matarnamami Kamale Kamalayataksi |
Shri Vishnuhrukamalvasini Vishvamatah |
Ksheerodaje Kamal komal garbhgauri |

Laxmi Praseed satatam namatam sharanye||
 Tvam Shri Roopendrasadan Madanaimat
 Jyotnasi chadramasi Chadramanoharasye|
 Soorye prabhasich Jagtriyate porabhasi|
 Laxmi praseed satatam namatam sharanye||
 Tvam Jatvedasi Sada dahanatmshakti
 Vedhastvaya jagadidam vividham vidadhyata||
 Vishvambharopi vibhooyadkhilam bhavtya|
 Laxmi praseed satatam namatam sharanye||
 Tvatyakt metdamale harate haropi
 Tvam pasi hansi vidadhasi paravarasi||
 EEdyo babhoov harirapyamale tvadadya|
 Laxmi praseed satatam namatam sharanye||
 Shoorah sah ev sa gunee sabudhah sa dhanyo
 Manyah sa ev kulsheelkalakalapaihi|
 Ekah shichhi sa hi puman sakalepi loke
 Yatrapatenav shubhe karuna katakshah||
 Yasminvase kshanmaho purushe gajashve
 Straine trune sarasi devkule gruhe tre
 Ratne pattrini pashou shayane dharayam
 Sashreekmev sakale tadihasti nanyat||
 Tvatsprushtmev sakalam suchitam labhet
 Tvatyaktmev sakalam tvashucheeh Laxmi
 Tvannam yatra ch samangalmev tatra
 Shri Vishnupatni Kamale Kamalalayapi
 Laxmi Shreeyam Chkamalm Kamalalayanch|
 Padamramam nalinyugmkaram ch mam ch|
 Ksheerodjamrut kumbhkaramiranch
 Vishnupriyamiti sada japatam kva dukham
 [Kashee. Poorva 5.80. 87]

Lord Shri Ramchandra came in to Sindhu Agastya

Ashram located at the place ,Sindhu near the sub river of Yamuna travelling from the bank of Yamuna from Varanasi's Agastya Ashram. He stayed there for two days and proceeded further and reached at Ujjain City situated on the bank of Kshipra river. He came to know about the greatness of the Mahashiva Lingam on the bank of Kshipra river. . Taking bath in the Kshipra river in Ujjain, he went to Pushkartertha far away. He found many beautiful lotus flowers of different kinds on the Pushkartertha.He stayed near the bank of Sundar Lake for some days.and received the knowledge of The Agastya Ashram on Vitarat river. From Pushkar Ashram, he came to the ashram at Hatakesvar and Prabhas and came to Ujjain again. He had received introduction and knowledge of all these Agastya ashrams within two months of this journey. He could be able to see the cow sheds, Agricultural work, schools, the schools for the war training, pharmacy, hospitals and schools of sacrifices in all ashrams that he had seen. Many students in those areas were learning in such Gurukulas. Agastya gave more emphasis on Atharv Vidya[Knowledge of Atharva], Ayurveda, Knowledge of yoga. Yet, many new experiments were going on in the Agricultural schools.Ayurvedic agricultural forests were created for The Ayurved Pharmacy. The students in ashrams were experts and well versed in the knowledge of Yoga and Atharv Vidya. Many surgical operations were being performed on many patients.

Agastya had done a comfortable arrangement for Shri Ramchandra in the Ashram of Ujjain.Shri Ramchandra received very good information and knowledge of the places of Agastya in the Southern ashram,, such as, Vindhya Ashram , NarmadaAshram , Raver , Ankaiee , Panchvatee , Akole , NevasaVavdhan , Kolhapur , Badamee , Agastykoot , Pandya , Vaidaranya, Agastee-Sthan and Shri Lanka. In all these ashrams same type of stories were narrated .Sage

Agastya is wandering continuously, in search of Atharvan, attainment of the Agricultural knowledge and prosperity at all four directions such as, East, West North and South as well as, in islands like Lanka etc. Agastya had established an Ashram on the bank of river Durjaya at Badamee, honoured his chief disciple with the post of Agastya and handed over the Gurukulashram to him! Similarly, he established such ashrams on the sea shore in Pandya state and on the Malay mountain also. He used to make the advocacy of the protection of the health of life, development of agriculture and the sacrificial institutes [organizations] in all these Ashrams. He stayed at a long distances in the Jambudweep in person, performed the study of the plants, animals, water and agriculture in those regions and created the big cult [Sampraday] of Agastya of the donation of knowledge and penance along with the worship the Sun, Rain and Wind over there!! Holy Places were formed with his stay in those areas. There is a well-known place named as Agastya Teerth near the South Sea. The mountain also received the name such as the Agastyakoot Parvat! The human communities at South became the devotees of Shiva and Vishnu with movements of Agastya. People understood the greatness of three forms of Gods together as Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh! He had created an Ashram near Gokarna in the Middle part of India. He had also established his Ashrams on the banks of Godavari river, Panchavati and Ankai. But the Ashram that he had established on the bank of the river named Amrutvahini Pravara at Akole or Agastyapuri was very dear to him because it was situated in the Sahyadree rows, near the sacred water streams and in the Danda Forest [Dandkaranya]! He gave the form of an Ascetic-place to perform penance to this Ashram!! It is his regular and constant dwelling place. He had created the holy ponds in all these holy places and made the provision of the holy water.

His Ashrams are very active in their work at Pushkar and Prayag! Agastya's great emphasis lays on the Atharvan Vidya and Ayurveda! The great practice [Sadhana] is going on the subjects such as the Pharmacy and Surgery in these Ashrams. The music practice [Sadhana] is also an important feature of these practices in the Agastya Ashrams. Those who are born in the Agastya family are authorized to sit on the post of the Seat of Agastya, the Agastya peeth!! Agastya moves continuously in the secret manner in these Ashrams everywhere. But he manifests in Kashi and Akole in person directly and gives his auspicious Darshan!! This great sage that had wandered in the entire Jambudweep is really extremely ancient and had performed the austerity for ages after ages. As a result, he had reached to the supreme state of Divinity. His mission and his work is still going on!!

God Ramchandra was receiving the knowledge of Agastya and his "image of a sage" was getting more fixed and registered in his heart [inner mind].

*"|Tatah Shvetshchaturbah Sakshasootra Kamandaluh|
| Agastya iti shantatma bavuv[babhuv] Rishisattam
Agastyon Naram Nashuprashastihi karadhuneev chityat
sahastraihi||"*

‘ततेः श्वेतश्चतुर्बाहः साक्षसूत्र कमंडलू ।

अगस्त्य इतिशांतात्मा बवुव ऋषीसत्तम

अगस्त्यो नरां नष्टुप्रशस्तिः काराधुनीव चिंतयत सहस्रैः ।’

Many splendored and faceted personality of Sage Shri Agastya such as, 'The philosopher, the great, noble student of the knowledge of Ayurveda, long lived as equal to Gods, full of the splendor of Brahma and Kshatra luster, competent and able to do both to curse and to fight [Shapadapi Sharadapi-Competent to wield both the terrors of malediction and the power of arms], the benefactor of the human race, the performer of the religious rites, poet, and the host, powerful warrior, the expert of the knowledge of

Atharv Vidya, the religious pilgrim and the colonist [settler] !! Although he had acquired a lot of information and knowledge about Sage Agastya in many ways in his stay at Ujjain, he could not get answers to his questions such as, " Why did Sage Agastya travel a lot to The South and why did he made the establishment of so many hermitages[Ashrams] over there?" Therefore he asked Agastya,[The Chief of the Gurukul]

" O Agastee, the Chief of the Gurukul, please tell me, "Why did Agastya establish hermitages[ashrams] in such great and plentiful numbers?"

Considering the great curiosity and inquisitive attitude of God Ram, The Kulguru of Agastee Ashram told Shriram, "O God, you know very well that, Shiv Parvati is the primordial principle of this universe! In the creativity of the cyclic order of the universe, the greatness of the marriage of Shiv Paravati was more important and valuable. Really speaking, the cycle of the creation is going on daily. Therefore, there is a custom to perform the marriage of Shiv Parvati everyday in the evening. In the period that comes after 10,000 years in the cycle of creation, the incident of the marriage of Shiv Paravati is considered as extremely important. The balance of this universe [the man's world] is based on that only!! There was such event of the marriage of Shiv Parvati.....

The period of such marriage that takes place after ten thousand years was extremely auspicious and result oriented too! The line of hermits, sages, ascetics, kings, great men, and the subjects of all kinds of level was proceeding towards the direction of Himalaya. Shri Ganesh himself was involved in making the proper management of them in person. Kartikeya had taken the responsibility of the arrange-

ment of different kinds of inhabitants of the ashram and Gods and goddesses. The magnanimous preparation of this marriage was going on the Himalayas. The absolute Original, the Parabrahma was going to manifest from the Manas Lake. Lord Brahma and Vishnu were also present to enjoy the outstanding and glorious moments of this great joy! All troops of Gods had made a big crowd on the Himalayas along with Indra, the God of all Gods! The sessions of Som Sacrifices were going on. Lord Devendra had made an appointment of the beautiful damsels of heaven in the court of Indra for the entertainment of this special occasion. All royal families of the entire Jambudweep, right from Lankadweep to Himalayas and Brahmavarta to Sindhu area were present for the great occasion. The Chief Gods of seven Islands [Dweepas] were also present for this great marriage ceremony! The clusters of stars have started the grand ceremony of the colourful splendor around the sky!! The trees and creepers had started the Spring celebration [Vasantotsav]. The great competition started among all holy places [Teerthas] to sprinkle the holy water!! Himalaya Mountain had invited all in the whole universe on the special occasion of this great marriage ceremony!! All Gods, demons and human beings were gathered on the Kailas mountain of the North Peak to such a great extent that Himalaya could not be able to control its own balance!

Goddess Parvati who had kept the vow became the centre of attraction and attention of the whole universe with her perfectly well adorned personality amorous and passion oriented thrill and exciting adornment at the time of the creation!! Himgiri, the Himalya mountain brought mother Parvati before Lord Shiva ! When Girija alias Parvati put the garland of the Lotus flowers around the neck of Lord Shiva, the one that had put on the moon on his head [Chandramoulisvar], and adorned with the skin of the tiger

and decorated with the garlands of Rudraksha, and smeared with the ash of the funeral pyre, the ascetic Shiva became romantic with love and started dancing with the Prakriti [Parvati]!!The entire Kailas Mountain started rocking with the dance of Rati -Madan [God of Love the Cupid and his beautiful wife Rati] of Shiv -Parvati!!The North side of Himalaya started oscillating!! No one could be able to understand what was happening. It appeared as if the delusion of ten thousand years had occurred at the time of marriage occasion over there. The North side started sinking slowly and slowly in the gradual manner and going down in the Hell [Patal-The regions under the earth]. As a result, the South part started coming up from the ocean!!..Parabrhamha, the Absolute Original Supreme power himself had to face the situation to protect the life of all the animate and inanimate world in person. All were fully engrossed in the divine dance of the Prakruti and Purush!! The dance of Lord Shivshankar, this omniscient, knower of three times such as present,past and future and the doer of the great destruction [Pralay] was going to be continued for twelve years, So, it was highly essential to create some solution and find our remedy to maintain the balance of this universe. The Parabrahma inspired and motivated the Purusha. God Shiva-Mahesh called Agastya who was the incarnation of Mitra -Varun who were created [had sprung] from Shiva's good and virtuous quality - the Satvik Guna in his minds mind with all his heart!

He said to Agastya,"O Great Sage Agastya,the creational universe, this earth had become imbalanced due to the celebration of my marriage. The South Island of the earth is coming up! I hand over the responsibility to stop and control this situation in your hands. Although your movement and wandering is on the earth , your Yogic power is supreme and unparalleled. Kindly establish this balance by making the powerful use of your supreme Yogic power!!"

"O Father [Pitashree],do not worry at all! I will try my best to make an effort to maintain this balance with all my powerful Yogic power which I had received from you only as your blessings!! '

And then Agastya had left the holy place Kashi and made his departure to South!!

Crossing his hermitage in the Dandkaranya forest, he went to the peak of the Kut mountain in South. He started a rigorous ascetic penance on that mountain. Seated in the posture of Padmasana, Agastya started the worship of The Sun with his two hands and pressing his other two hands over the Earth commanded the South to go down!! With the powerful command of Agastya, the South direction started going down to its original position!.

While going down, the South Direction requested to Agastya," Lord Shiva himself had to come here in your form to give us His Auspicious Darshan!! We have become really very fortunate and blessed too!! Now I request you to make the Southern earth enriched with knowledge and make the continuous arrangement of the marriage ceremony of Shiv- Parvatee in the South also !!"

" Tathastu!! So Be It!!", blessed Agastya to the South with these words!

Agastya assured the South with Lord Shiva's command. As a result, the earth became balanced once again at the South direction. Agastya had exhibited his internal Shiv-Power before the occurrence of any calamity or spark of any conflict! Even God Sun who was so worried became extremely pleased with the exhibition of Sage Agastya's mighty Shiv Power!! He felt very proud of his family lineage .When the Shiv-Parvati Marriage chapter was over, the whole universe, the animate and the in animate world returned back to their own places .The living and the non-living world was surprised while looking at their own land. The wild and ex-

tensive thick forests were standing neatly like the beautiful gardens with Sage Agastya's light. The beautiful lakes were bloomed at all places like "Manas Lake" everywhere!! The entire earth was bloomed with Lotus flowers! Five streams of Ganga were flowing miraculously with tremendous enthusiasm !! The construction of the city was looking incomplete! Sage Agastee's ashrams seemed to have created at various places such as, Badami, Agastyakoot, Vedaranya!!

Sage Shri Narada had already informed about the great victorious achievement of Sage Agastya to Pandya kings who had returned back after attending the Shiv-Parvatee marriage!! When Pandya kings returned back, they entered in to the Agastee Ashrams and praised again and again to Agastya!! Sage Agastya also felt very pleased! He had accepted the post of the Religious Priest [performer of their religious rites and also the post the Chief of their Gurukulas while doing his favour or benediction on Pandyas! Not only that, but the Southern people like Kratu, Pulah and Pulastya accepted the Agastya family lineage after looking at the great transformation of the South!!

North and South became one with Agastya due to his great achievement. "O God Ram, the mystery of Atharvan Agastya's achievement is thus hidden in the power of Lord Shiva in this manner.

While performing the role of the chief priest of Pandeya Kings, Agastya made the spread [dissemination] of the Energy of the Sun-Power and the Vishnu -Principle! [Tatva] He started different methods of agriculture while guiding the farmers in the field of agriculture, he explained the importance of the Yoga Power, Ayurveda and Atharvan to them! He had started movements to destroy the pride and ego of the evil people! The Gurukulas were established in the South India. The Agricultural knowledge of the banks of river Ganga and Yamuna had entered in the South also! The expert war

skill had also come in the South!! The manifestation of "the Art, The Samgan [Singing of the Sam Veda], and the manifestation of dancing of South' became subject of study in the Agastya Ashram. The instruction lessons of the surgery, pharmacy, and the power of Mantras became available in the Agastee Ashram. Agastya made the planning and arrangement of the Sacrifice Institution [Yadnya Sanstha] and established its settlement there in the South! While making the arrangement of the Agastya Ashramas, Agastya selected the family members of his family lineage [Kul] very carefully. By giving them the post of the Chief of the Gurukul, Agastya gave the proper shape and definite system to his own ascetic austerity. Accepting the language of the Southerners and making the proper arrangement, he carried forward his knowledge to the people. As a result, the Southerners started respecting Agastya as God and the image of Lord Shiva!!

"While going to South, Sage Agastya made the use of the blessings that he had received from Shi- Parvatee to all living beings." said the Chief of the Agastya Ashram.

" 'Which special blessing was given by Shiv Parvati to Agastya?' questioned Lord Ram!

"When Sage Agastya will remember Shi Paravati in his mind, they both will manifest before him!" Such blessing was given to Sage Agastya by Lord Shiv. Sage Agastya made the planning of the South direction from the point of view of the welfare of the human life, created and established many Shiv temples at various places. He had practically made the abundance of knowledge, austerity, prosperity and peace in the South! But.....!!

"Why did you say 'But!'" O great Sage?" asked Shriam .+

"The Arytej- the Luster of Arya"" did manifest with the self-illuminated work of Sage Agastya but, as per the human

nature, man has become the monster due to his pride[ego], strength, arrogance, hatred and falsehood!! The use of Shiv-Worship is done to create the empire of the evils, devils and monsters by killing the divine tendencies!!" said the Chief of the Agastya Ashram.

'O Great sage, do not feel worried and restless. We have started our journey with the inspiration and motivation of Agastya to follow his path only! Yet, my mind is full of one strong doubt! How do all these things happen although Agastya is still moving?" asked Lord Ram

'O lord, it is quite true that Sage Agastya had reached to the permanent and eternal state [post] as " The self - illumined star", with his knowledge- sacrifice! But, once he got the place in the clusters of stars, it is not possible for him to work directly in person now! He was able to become one with the Parabrahma- Absolute Original,! But, the queer incident had occurred when the entire mission and the great work that he had started and erected was on the threshold of the black spot of the destruction and damage! This dangerous situation had taken place by the hands of his own family lineages!! The inspiration stimulus and the motivation is certainly received from Sage Agastya, but the duty and work has to be done by the man only!! Therefore, there is the need of the creation of Agastya in ages after ages from each Ashram! Along with the music, language ,agriculture, Atharva, Ayurveda, The Institution of Sacrifice[Yadnya Samstha], and Yoga, the balanced tendency of the welfare and the betterment of the human world had resided very actively in Agastya in the united manner!! Therefore, it is really essential that the victorious Sun-Agastya who is full of the comprehensive knowledge should be created again!! As a result, to make an appeal and request to Man Manyu Agastee to achieve this goal," Doing the Sadhana[the spiritual practice] and the research" is the only solution that

remains in our hands now!!"

"O Great Sage, you said that, "Sage Agastya had created the Management-Work!! But, I have not understood its meaning!", exclaimed Lord Ramchandra.

'O Lord, the tradition of the ethics of Agastee is running continuously for thousand years from the Agastee Ashram in the oral manner. I will tell you about it now. Please pay attention to it very carefully and remember it very well !!' Chief Of The Agastya Ashram started telling to Lord Ram about it.....

"The man should observe and follow four types of manhood [Purusharth] such as, Dharm[Religion], Arth [Wealth], Kam [Fulfillment of desires] and the Moksha [the eternal liberation] in his life. Wars and battles should be avoided as far as possible. Integration, gentleness, forgiveness and the practical presence of mind is extremely important!! It must be observed! While behaving in relation to four objects of the existence of man, ""the alertness or caution in business"" means to understand and observe the necessity of "the Absolute Original, Parabrahm, the power of three Gods, The wealth of divine qualities, Loyalty to Nature [Loyalty to five principles]" as prescribed by Agastya in all other things such as, "the wealth management, political management, loyalty to virtuous qualities, devotion to the human being, agricultural management, health management. It is expected that Agastya's ethics should be circulated on the earth through the medium of all states. It is the rule of Agastya that the circulation or the propagation of all these oral traditions that exist in his ashrams, must be done constantly. We are making efforts in some ashrams. But the demonic evil tendencies are constantly creating interruptions in them" Ram, Laxman and Janaki were feeling extremely surprised to listen to the great mission of Agastya's incarnation! One question was constantly disturbing to the

mind of Janaki. "How does this victorious man ,this great man who gives so much importance to the four types of purposes or the goals of the man's existence on the earth perform his Sadhana [the spiritual practice]? When did Agstee marry?" Mother Seeta decided to ask this question to Chief of the Agastya Ashram who came with Lord Ramchandra to Ujjain from Pushkarteerth.

"O Agastya, the Chief of the Agastypeeth, we have heard many stories of the human welfare of Sage Agastya so far! But, we have not heard the story of Agastya's marriage yet! How did the great Sage Agastya, who had seen the Ten thousandth annual marriage ceremony of Shiv-Parvati get married? I have a genuine desire to know the story of Agastya's marriage and the manner in which it was performed from the deep core of my heart!! " Mother Seeta expressed her desire.

"O Mother, your desire will be fulfilled certainly! The marriage of Mandarya Man Manya Agastya is really a unique history! By listening to this historical story the pleasure of the sense becomes fulfilled and perfect! The victorious manhood gets the strength and power of morality."

'O great sage, we are going to dwell in the forest. At this stage, the story of Agastya marriage will be very fruitful to us! Isn't it?"

"Yes Mother!" said the Chief of the Agastypeeth and started telling them the story of Agastya's marriage.

"O Mother,Agastya is the Fire [Agni] that means full of the splendor and the brightness of the Sun in the form of Mitra! At the same time he has also the heart of compassion and sympathy of Varuna. Not only that but he is originated [born] out of the pitcher or the Kumbha which is the form of Pushkar Lotus with the grace of Manas and Man in the Himalayas. From that view point, he is the son of the Himalaya[Himputra] also!! Yet, he was born at the abode of

Lord Shiv- Chandramoulisvar in the Himalaya. So, the splendor of Lord Shiva is also centred[focused] in him!! Therefore, he is manifested as the image of Shiva which is full of the ascetic splendor and yet as the cloud of kindness and compassion. His marriage states are also like Lord Shiva only! He had married to Lopamudra who had proved the victorious manhood [Purushartha]along with asceticism and knowledge like Parvati or Uma. Yet, the river Kaveri who had become the bestower of life to the Southern people is also his wife!! Just as Shivshankar is the husband of Gouri and Ganga, Agastya is also the husband of Lopamudra and Kaveri. Gouri and Ganga both are the devotees of Shiva, disciple and wives also. Similarly Lopamudra and Kaveri are also the devotees of Agstya and his disciple and wives."

"O Great Sage, we are very eager to listen to know how did these two relationships of Agastee become compatible! Now please tell us that story without making any delay!"

" Tathastu... So be it!! Listen now!! O Ram Janakee, This is a of story one thousand years. The Chief Agastya in the Agastee Ashram saw a very strange sight while going to the holy place [Teerth kshetra] to perform the "Somayag" [soma sacrifice]. He saw the forefathers of Agastya in a dangling state with legs up and head down in a dirty well. He felt tremendous pain to see the obnoxious state of his forefathers in such distressful manner."

"O dear forefathers who had kept you in such a dangling state ? You all belong to Agastya lineage. Why should the forefathers of Agastya lineage receive such disgraceful and distressful state?" Kulguru asked Sage Agastya?

"My dear son, you are born in the Agastya lineage. Therefore I will tell you about it. Listen! We used to apply the name of lineage of Agastya with great pride. Many kings have accepted his family lineage with great devotion

and pride. But, after our death, we all have received this kind of painful state. Thousands of Agastya's forefathers are dangling in the air in this manner. But, the benevolent soul of peace," Man Agastya" who is caught in the pursuit of the work of the human welfare has no recollection or awareness of our miserable condition. Although Man Agastya is doing his work in the human form, he is superhuman and belongs to the Divine -God state of Mitravaruni. So, the question of his forefathers that belong to his state does not arise at all! But, due to that reason his brethren of Agastya lineage are caught in the bondage of this wheel of fulfillment or the accomplishment of the manhood. According to Sage Man Manya Mandarya Agastya ethics, a man must observe or obey four types of manhood and four ashrams. As a result, so long as Sage Man Manya Mandarya Agastya does not produce the progeny[children] , we will not be released or escaped from such torture of the abode, the damnation of hell!! "

"But, Man Manya Agastya is an extremely ancient old Sage who is a celibate and full of asceticism. Why should he observe the manhood of desires?' Chief of the Agastya Ashram [Kulguru] once again asked the question.

'O Son who is born in the Agastya family, Man Mandarya Agastya had set up a kind of worldly affair by establishing ashrams. Therefore, according to the opinion of the Shastra, he must observe four principles of manhood. This is known to him as per his own ability!" said forefathers!!

"O Forefathers , what should I do in this matter?" asked Kulguru Agastya.

" O Son of Agastya, you inform Sage Agastya about our important words!

"O forefathers, Where is Man Manya Agastya at present now?"

"O son of our family, Agastya has selected mountain Brhamgiri for his penance on the bank of the river Ganga Goda. From there he comes in the Panchavati. Ashram sometimes. Yet, Agastya is sitting in the meditative state near the cave, where Lord Shiva had made river Ganga flow in the form of Godavari by spreading his matted hair and keeping attention on the activities of Gods and Demons. He is also bearing the responsibility of the human welfare and Devendra's protection. Go there and tell him about our present condition and the request to release us from such painful condition"

"O Respected Ancestors, I have become very sad and disturbed to see your condition. I take your leave with a painful and sad heart!" Saying these words, Kulguru Agastya took the leave of his forefathers and came straight way on the Brahmagiri with his Yogic power! He prostrated himself thrice before Man Mandarya Agastya and started singing the glorious greatness of Agastya to bring him back to the conscious state. After listening to " the Sam singing constructed by Agastya himself, Agastya slowly came back to his conscious state. When he looked in front , he saw Kulguru of the Agastee Ashram standing before him!

"O Son of the Agastya family, tell me without any fear about the reason of your arrival here! Because, The Chiefs of the Agastya Ashram that are appointed on this post are my images only! You are quite aware of my rule that they should be constantly busy in their work!"

"O Great Sage, The Teacher of the world, forefathers of your Agastya family are in the state of dangling down. Kindly protect them and let them get the good state!!"

"But, due to which sinful act they have received this state?" asked Man Manya Agastya!

'O Brahmarshi [The Great Sage of Brahmins], let me have the assurance of safety. But you are the knower of

the knowledge of three worlds. You know everything! So, it is quite proper that you should only target it with close observation!"

"Narayan, Narayan!! O Mandarya, accept my obeisance please! When you are asking about forefathers of your own family lineage, you are committing a mistake here!!"

' "Which mistake ?"asked Agastya in a little bit crooked manner.

" You are very persistent about the strict observance of the manhood.[manliness] But, you yourself is not following and observing that manliness! Why should this happen?" Narada questioned again !

"O Brahmarshi Narada, please tell me quite frankly and openly about my mistake!!" Agastya requested Narada.

"O great Sage of sages, you are a protector of religion, great gallant hero and the protector of Gods also. You are making great efforts for the health, strength, food and water of the human beings. You have given the assurance and protection from fear to earthly and divine worlds by destroying the demons and monsters including the world of Indra, the king of Gods, the world of God Vishnu and Kailas also!! But, you are compelling and forcing your forefathers to suffer and experience the dirty torture of the hell by establishing the lineage [Gotra] of your family. Now let me tell you the truth in clear words, 'Unless, the primal man of the Gotra [family lineage] produces children, his other manliness or manhood will not be perfected, accomplished or achieved !!'

'That means, unless you marry and produce children [progeny] , your forefather's upliftment [betterment] will not take place!. Therefore, it is very essential and imperative on your part to create an excellent progeny and make the upliftment of your forefathers! Otherwise, there will remain an incompleteness in your manhood also !!

' O Brahmarshi Narada, it is really good that you have made me conscious and aware about this!! I am really a great culprit of my forefathers!!Although I am the habitant of the Ashram Gurukul, I did not make the proper follow up of the rules of the manhood! Therefore, I will definitely fulfill your desire!! Now let your stay and suffering of the hell and the torture of mind be destroyed and vanished !!" After telling this Kulguru Agastya [The Chief of The Agastya Ashram], paid his obeisance to Narada and Sage Agastya and went to the forefathers very happily to inform them about this news. Narada felt a great sense of fulfillment after informing the direct message of Brahmdeva in person to Agastya!

Man Mandarya Agastya started thinking how to avoid the separation [division] of his progeny. In spite of thinking of many solutions he could not find the proper solution. He searched three worlds with his inner eyes to find the proper woman. Yet, he could not find the proper woman for the creation of the progeny. Ultimately, he took a decision in his mind after giving ample thought.

'He brought all excellent organs from all women in the human world together. Similarly, he had also brought excellent qualities and organs of other animals also together and created an extremely beautiful woman who can give a divine son with his imagination and the with the help of his Atharvan and austerity. She was more beautiful than the damsel of God Indra! But there rose a question before him," He had prepared the girl but who will take care of her till she becomes marriageable?"

"The king of Vidarbha nation Manee Putrashra was observing a great penance for the attainment of the son. Taking that opportunity, Sage Agastya came to that King of Vidarbha with the girl . Then he narrated all the details and offered that girl as the progeny to the king. He gave the king the idea of the usefulness of that girl also. The King of

Vidarbha became extremely happy and returned home. He gave this delightful news to his queen and handed over that little girl child to her! That extremely beautiful girl who was created by Agastya started growing in the royal palace with great happiness and with the motherly affection of the queen. That beautiful bright girl who was very splendourous and swift like the lightening used to attract the attention of all people. In no time, this news had spread like the wind in Jambudweepa. A big line and queue of kings was formed to see this unique and superhuman [extra- ordinary] beautiful girl created by Agastya with the help of his Atharvan and Sanjeevak [Life Giving] knowledge of Ayurveda] and to congratulate the king of Vidarbha. The King of Vidarbha had performed the naming ceremony of this extra- ordinary girl with great grandeur!! He named her as 'Lopamudra', 'The one that makes you lose your senses and consciousness'.

"This beautiful girl who was prepared with Agastya's own splendorous power was extremely bright like the flame of fire and very beautiful like the lotus flower, radiant[lustrous] and very loving also!! Sage Vasishtha was invited to train her to acquire all types of knowledge. Sage Vasishtha immediately accepted the work of imparting all knowledge to this beautiful and extraordinary girl who was created by his elder brother for the prgenative reproduction! Vidarbha queen used to call Lopamudra as "Kalyani"[Auspicious] with affection and love!! The King's royal palace was filled and enchanted with the laughter and play of Kalyani!! Kalyani was growing like the waxing moon! Similarly, she was looking attractive and charming too!! Even the Sun and The Moon also used to feel surprised while looking at her!! Vidarbha King had kept hundreds of maids in service to his daughter Kalyani!! Lopamudra used to look very beautiful and lovely in the middle, surrounded by her maids like Rohini who shines very brightly in the middle of the star

constellation!

Lopamudra entered in to her womanhood. She started shining like a bright divine star with her lovely beauty and elegance of youthfulness in the whole area. Lopamudra was very amiable, well behaved, enriched with knowledge, truthful and gifted with great talent and imagination like Agastya. Thoughts of her marriage started coming in the mind of Vidarbha King when he realized that she had become marriageable after looking at her. He used to feel that a marriage proposal should come from the brave and knowledgeable kings of different nations for this beautiful girl who was more beautiful than the heavenly damsels in the Heaven. So, he had presented the topic of this beautiful girl's marriage before the honourable people in his royal court!

"O Respected clever and experts, I am very eager to perform the marriage of Lopamudra. I am thinking in my mind to arrange 'A voluntary marriage' for her. Please give me your opinion on this!"

All honorable recipients had put down their heads. No one was ready to talk! The king was very much puzzled and became angry also!!

"O respected ones, it is my duty to arrange A Voluntary Marriage of a marriageable daughter as a father.. But, why are you all sitting like this without uttering a single word?"

"O King, the leader of the nation, you only think to yourself! The strong and fierce ascetic ruler, actor [doer] of the welfare of people, Atharvan, Sage Agastya himself had created this girl for the attainment of the son. All Gods, human beings, sages and demons also had admired and saluted Sage Agastya as the great outstanding creator of creating this beautiful girl as per his expectations as his wife!! So, sage Agastya holds an authority over this girl. He gave this girl to you only to fulfill your desire of the attainment of the progeny. Therefore, you honour him and yourself also

by returning this safe -deposit back to him! " All chief respected people gave their opinion to the king

"O Respected ones, Agastya is a strong and fierce ascetic as well as the benedictory of the human beings and the observer of the vow also. Is it not a grave injustice to give the small girl who is like a newly born child to old Agastya who is thousand years old? Similarly will it be logical and good also on the part of an observer of celibacy to marry a very young girl in his old age?"

All highly respected people in the royal court became quiet once again after listening to the words of the king! But when they saw that the king had become greatly worried, highly respected chief and senior people and the royal priest advised the king to take the opinion of other kings and Agastya himself directly in person!!"

The Vidarbh King became extremely anxious and started thinking to whom to give beautiful marriageable girl? But not a single proper young man who used to see this extremely beautiful girl was ready to give the marriage proposal to Lopamudra. Almost all kings came to know about this news. Yet, due to fear of Agastya no great king was ready to give the marriage proposal to Lopamudra. There was the sense of great fear of Agastya in each king's mind!

When Agastya thought that Lopamudra had become worthy of performing the household duty , he had decided the thought of marriage. Agastya came to the king of the earth, Vidarbha. The king greeted Agastya in the proper manner.

'O King, I had prepared a girl for the attainment of the progeny. Now she has become suitable for the marriage.. I am really grateful to you and your wife, because you both had taken her care quite properly with ample love and affection. But, now I request you to give me that girl.. So you give me Lopamudra as wife !" said Agastya to the king and ex-

pressed the desire of his mind!

The Vidarbh king became speechless! He could not be able to think anything at all! The incident that he feared to a great extent had risen before him in reality then! He could not dare to condemn Agastya also. He had no power to do it! His mind was not ready to give the girl to Agastya also. He went to his wife and started making the discussion with her. They were not aware and to their senses that Agastya was waiting outside. Lopamudra was listening to the talk of the king and the queen!

"O Dear wife, I have really lost my courage due to sorrow!. I really do not understand what to do. If we do not give our daughter to Sage Agastya, this victorious great sage will burn us by giving a curse with anger! If we decide to give her to Sage Agastya, it means that we have donated the most extra ordinarily beautiful Lopamudra to the one thousand old year old man!! That will cause a great injustice to her! What do you think that I should do now?"

" O Dear Husband, if you will explain this to the Great Sage Agastya, who is spending his life for the betterment of people with request, he will suggest the way to solve this problem."

" But, he himself has made the demand of Lopamudra!"

"O dear husband, God Agastya is the direct form of Absolute, the Divine Original Supreme power [Parabrahma]! He is born for the welfare of people. So, we both will go to him together!"

Therefore, the King of Vidarbha came to Sage Agastya along with his wife. They both surrendered to Agastya by prostrating themselves before him!

"O God Agastya, please give us your assurance and protection!"

'O King, you have my assurance! Tell me frankly in

clear words!

"O Sage Agastya, You are the collector of bringing two sections of the earth such as, the North and the South, not only that, but you are a maintainer of the balance of the earth in the ocean and the one that gave the honourable status to workers also!. You have great power to punish the rulers also for the welfare of the people! You are extremely illumined and compassionate! You are the protector of Gods also! You have punished the demons. You have made a scheme and the plan of the establishment of hermitages also. You make use of your Atharvan and diagnostic knowledge for the health of the human beings and the health or soundness of the universe! You are an expert in the art [knowledge] of war! You have the great capacity to digest all sins and bad things. You have given us the great advantage [benefit] of the child happiness by giving us the girl whom you have created!! Nothing exists in this world which is impossible to you!! Therefore, we both have come to surrender to you!!"

"O King, I am delighted with your hymn of praise. Please express your desire very quickly!"

" O Great Sage Agastya, please do not insist to marry Lopamudra. You are extremely old and Lopamudra is a very delicate young woman.. You have only created her ! Therefore.....,"

'O King, you are talking out of ignorance! It is very important and imperative for me to marry Lopamudra only! The reason is, I have made her creation as my wife with the power of my imagination with a specific resolution !! Therefore, she is not my daughter! Secondly, the great Sages who are the yogic ascetics had reached to the state of Divinity [Divine State]! They are neither old or young! Therefore, I am not doing any justice on Lopamudra! Lopamudra is not an ordinary girl!! She is a woman created out of the

knowledge for the cause and the essence of the universe- Brahmdnyan! [as ,according to the Vedantic system, the substantive basis of all bodies and beings physical, spiritual and divine .] Therefore, she will also come to know and realize very easily what I am talking!! There are no limitations of time and space to the knowledge dimensions! That is Kaivalya- the Original Ultimate Truth. Therefore, you leave your insistence and give me Lopamudra immediately!"

Vidarbh King became helpless. He looked at Lopamudra in a sad and pathetic manner.

Lopamudra said to the king," O Father, the King of the Earth. Instead of thinking of me all alone you think of your kingdom! Mother, you gave me immense love and affection like a child that has taken birth from your womb. Yet, do not feel sad for meO my dear parents! You offer me to Great Sage Agastya who is most respected and honoured by the whole world! I have taken the birth as his wife only! Agastya is born from the bright light and kind compassion! He had come by becoming absolutely pure by the splendor Of Lord Shiva. Therefore, he had got the birth without the marriage relation [not born from the womb of the mother]! Although he has the divine power ,he had to move on the earth for the welfare of the earthly world! It is true that he had created the Agastya lineage. Those who are born in the Agastya Family are mortal people. Therefore they have a state after the death. It is very essential and imperative on the part of his progeny [children] to observe their duty to give them good state after the death. To fulfill this duty to the forefathers, Agastya has created me as his wife by bringing all organs of the mortal world on the strength of his power and imagination. My dear parents, although I belong to the mortal earthly world, I am also not born out of the marriage relationship and is created by Agastya, how is it possible for me to marry another person and not Agastya? In addition to

that, you have given me the exact and correct name. Myself, the one whose countenance[expression] has disappeared is originally inclusive of Agastya only!! Just by the law of universe, we both are different bodies!! I do not have an independent existence only! Taking in to consideration this fact, you bestow [confer] me to Agastya for the upliftment of the progeny of Agastya family lineage. Have a control over your sorrow and lamentation!" Lopamudra consoled her parents. The Vidarbha King and the queen became absolutely speechless and kept on listening to their affectionate daughter's profound talk! Agastya had entered in to the deep meditation by this time!

They both said to Agastya," O great Sage, we have realized our mistake! We will arrange your marriage with great grandeur! Please give us your permission for that!!"

" Tathastu!! So be it!" said Agastya!

The King immediately made the proclamation of Lopamudra's Marriage news by beating the drums immediately! The invitations were sent to kings of different nations. What a surprise! The entire Vaidarbha Land buzzed with great happiness! The news of Agastya's marriage had spread in the entire universe within no time!!

"Narayan! Narayan! Sage Narada manifested before the Vidarbha King quite suddenly! The King of Vidarbha got bewildered to see Sage Narada. He had realized his mistake. He paid his obeisance to Narada and embraced him tightly!" O King of the Earth, The marriage of Agastya is a unique and an outstanding ceremony! It is really an extremely pre-destined and the divine miracle in the universe! If you will invite the Absolute Original- The Parabrahma also for this marriage, he will also manifest directly in person!!"

The Vidarbha King became very surprised to listen to the talk of Narada. He requested Narada and handed over the responsibility to give the marriage invitation! Narada also

accepted it with extreme delight!

"The land of Vidarbha was purified by the arrivals of Gods!!All progenies of the human race of all directions like North- South, East- West remained present in this novel and unprecedented grand ceremony of marriage! When Agastya reminded, Lord Shiv- Paravtee also became present directly in person in this magnanimous ceremony!! Kaivalya became extremely happy to see this excellent event of great grandeur of marriage that had brought together the mountains, rivers and five elements that exist in the space as well as the oneness of all groups of human beings, the unification of gods and human beings, the sages, ascetics and monks also!! The creator of the universe could be able to experience the successful accomplishment of the creation of the universe!! Lopamudra had put the marriage garland around the neck of Sage Agastya! The victorious slogans and chants of Agastya resounded and reverberated everywhere from the space! Ardhanaree Nateshvar, Lord Shiva started dancing on the occasion of this delightful event! All human beings including the entire universe started dancing with joy along with Shiv- Paravati!!The women folk of the Vidarbha nation started Sam Singing of marriage!!

Akashan Dan Dil |Dharanin Zelal|

Mazya Lopamudrech Lageen Brahmdevan Pahil||

Lopamudra Navaree|Agastya ga Navara|

Pruthvinee Pahila |Laxmee Narayanacha Joda||

Laxmi Narayanache Lageen|Shiv Parvatichya pudh|

Agastya Lopamudra|JeevaShvach Meelan||

Akashach dan|Dharanin Pelal|

Lopa Agastya Lagnan| Manasach reen Phital||

Deva Manasachya Saksheen |Panchee bhootan dekh||

Soorya Devachya Krupen Agastyan bashing bandhal||

Agastya Lopamudra|Shiv Parvateech Roop|

Naradmuni bagha bai| Deval Murali Gel||

*Agastya jadugar| Tyan Lopala ujavila|
Pitaranch rin bai|Eka shabdeech phedi||
Brahma Vishnu Ga Mahesh| Srushatee kavatik pahatee|
Dharmach Bap Aai|Lopachee alabala yeaiyee||*

The entire universe celebrated and enriched the happy ceremony of the marriage of Agastya and Lopamudra. There rose the surge of happiness in all the hermitages established by Agastya in the whole world!. There was the conjecture of Lopamudra's arrival with Agastya in the Ashram. All paid their obeisance to Agastya.

The Vidarbha King felt relieved with great happiness by offering his daughter to Agastya with the proper observance of rites! The whole area became emotional while sending Lopamudra to her husband's house. Lopamudra was looking more beautiful and attractive adorned in the rich dress and ornaments. The heavenly beautiful damsels had practically encircled Lopamudra. She was looking more prominent among all of them. In spite of that, her luster was looking a little bit less than Agastya. As if , she had lost her identity and face there also! Agastya looked at her once and said , "O Auspicious and welfare oriented woman, my wife, discard these valuable royal dresses and ornaments of the royal place now. Now you are a wife of the sage and an ascetic!"

'Just as you command!' said Lopamudra. Then, Lopamudra who had put the most beautiful heavenly damsels to shame, who was large eyed ,who had scraggy [gaunt] waist, whose walk was like the swan and who was very swift and alert in her action, had abandoned the most beautiful and diaphanous clothes that attracted the adorned glances and accepted the deer skin [Krushnagin] and the garment made of the inner bark of a tree known as the Valkal that suited quite proper to hermitage[ashram] and the dress of an ascetic. She made the sacrifice of the ornaments and

put on flower garlands and started to go with Agastya. Although Lopamudra was looking beautiful and suitable like a creeper that had encircled the large tree, eyes of women who were adorned in the dresses and ornaments of married women were filled with tears!!

Staying in the hermitage in Panchavati in Vidarbha and on the bank of the Amrutvahini Pravara, Agastya gave the lessons of the hermitage conduct[deportment] to Lopamudra. The most brilliant and extremely talented genius Lopamudra started behaving and observing like the behaviour of Agastya only! After the stay in the Agastya ashram, the great sage Agastya took Lopamudra in to the Agastya Ashram at the holy place Kashi!! Lopamudra became contemplative and lost in thoughts to see the great work of Agastya in the Agastya Ashram. She worked very hard by forgetting her life in the royal palace! She also took the decision to perform the severe and hard penance [asceticism] like Agastya!!

"Agastya made the resolution to do the strong [fierce] penance once again! The Supreme Sage of the sages Bhagavan [God] Agastya came in to Agastyamunigram which was at the lotus feet of the Himalaya! The inhabitants greeted Lopamudra in Agastyamunigram. The new energetic life got manifested with Lopamudra's bright splendor. The family members of Agastya lineage made a grand festival, ceremony of lamps [Deepotsav]. Agastya performed the sessions of sacrifice[Yagnya satra] and came to Gangadwar with his extremely propitious, congenial wife. He started the strong, fierce penance there. Lopamudra started serving her husband with great delight. God Agastya also started loving his wife very much. Twenty four years had passed away in this manner. In their routine life, there was absolutely no room [place] for the happiness of the relationship of the married couple !!

"When Agastya used to come in the ashram after finishing his daily austerity for the rest, Lopamudra used to express her desire of serving her husband and provoke his manliness. But, Agastya used make the insistence that Lopamudra should also observe the vow so that there will be no break in his own vow! As a result Lopamudra thought over and started the long Sun penance! Due to the observance of this penance, she started looking more radiant and bloomed with more bright freshness!! When the family members of Agastya lineage observed that, both Agastya and Lopamudra are totally engrossed in the observance of the strong penance, they became anxious and worried with the thought of the future result of progeny [children] of their lineage! They made a strong appeal to both Agastya and Lopamudra to become lascivious and passionate [sensual, lustful] !! They performed the sessions of Somyaga! Ultimately their Som-sacrifice became successful and fruitful also!!

"Once Sage Agastya's attention was drawn to Lopamudra who was looking very bright and lustrous due to the observance of the penance and whose menstruation period had started. He became very delighted to see her great service of her husband, her sacredness and purity of behavior, her control over the body organs and the richness of beauty and invited her for the sexual intercourse. Then, that modest loving woman blushed and said to Agastya with love by folding her both hands,'

"O Dear Husband Agastya, there is absolutely no doubt that the husband should acquire a woman to produce progeny. Since, I am your lawful wife, I am also very eager to produce children! But, you have created me and kept in the royal palace to grow from my childhood. Therefore, I became habituated to richness. As the wife of the sage, I also observed austerity like you but I am making a request

to take the experience of the richness. You please accept it!" Lopamudra made an appeal to Agastya with great happiness.

"O my dearest better-half, tell me, what is your desire? I will fulfill your desire!!" said Agastya. Lopamudra became very delighted to hear Agastya's words.

She requested to Agastya, " O Dear husband, you should have an intercourse with me on the royal bed which is like the royal bed on which I used to sleep in the royal palace. You should adorn me with the rich clothes and ornaments according to my desire. I feel that I should come to you adorned with the rich and divine decoration! I do not feel it graceful to come close to you adorned with such rough deer skin and the inner bark of the tree [valkal] and do the romance with you! O Great sage of Brahman, ornaments are never impure or inauspicious at all!"

"O Kalyani, the auspicious beautiful Lopamudra, neither do I or you have the money and wealth like your father!" replied Agastya.

"O cloud of austerity, you are able to bring the entire wealth in this earthly world within a moment on the basis of your powerful strength of austerity!"

" Dear, what you say is quite true! But, it is not proper to do like that! If I do that, my austerity will be extinct and the desired work will not happen! So, please suggest me any other different and proper solution with which my austerity will not come to an extinct!!" Either you give up your obsession of the acquisition of money or encourage me or motivate me with any other solution that will make the acquisition of wealth possible!!" suggested Agastya to Lopamudra!

"O great Treasure of an asceticism [Taponidhi], my menstruation period has remained less now. But, I have absolutely no desire to come to you unless you are enriched with wealth!! But, I also do not feel that you should not make

an end or finish your religious observance also!! Even then, unless the desire of my mind is completely fulfilled, I will not come to you at all!!"

"O beautiful auspicious lady, if your desire is so firm, I will make an effort to acquire that wealth, that money!! There is no sense of any inferiority or smallness to the ascetics, hermits and sages to beg! I will go to acquire the money now! I will return with the acquisition of money. You fulfill the desire of your mind by staying in this ashram only! Then only we will produce progeny!!" With this determination Agastya made a resolution and left the ashram to acquire wealth by keeping Lopamudra there only!!

Agastya came to the king named Shrutarva who had great feeling of respect for Agastya! When the gate-keeper gave the news of Agastya's arrival, King Shrutarva came to the door to receive and greet Agastya. He paid his obeisance to Agastya with respect and brought him in to his royal palace with great devotion. He made Agastya to sit on the golden royal seat very respectfully and performed the worship of Agastya's feet by making an invocation to Agastya along with his wife!!

"O Man Many Mandary Agastyamuni, you are actual God Surya Narayana! As an image of Vishnu, you do the betterment of the whole world. You give your blessings to farmers with guidance, So that, the human beings and animals will get the excellent food! You give the practical knowledge to the people who are oriented with the commercial tendency. You give the profound and unfathomable knowledge of the universe to kings of the earth, respected people and spiritual seekers. You have all solutions and remedies of the destruction of sorrow and pain and you understand

both ways of Yoga and Medical treatment and diagnosis to make all beings healthy.. O Agastya, although you are the War Expert, you are very skillful to handle all ways and methods of the co-ordination or synthesis to avoid conflicts,. You are venerable [adorable] to all Gods, human beings and demons too! Three Gods pay their obeisance to you. Peace, good management, health, wealth, grain and all kinds of richness is available on this earth because of you only! You are actually God only! We both and my whole kingdom have surrendered to you! Please tell us, how can we serve you? So that, you will be pleased with us?"

Agastya felt very happy to listen to the earnest hymn of praise of King Shrutshrava! He said to the king," O King, you are full of knowledge, practical, wisdom, very particular about the care of the subject, and give proper justice also! I am very pleased with your politeness. You have made the knowledge that you have received in the Agastya lineage successful and fruitful. Let auspicious be done with you fully accomplished with success.!! But.....!"

"But? What is this But O Sage?" The king asked with great eager.

"Today, I have come to you as a beggar!"

"You command O God!!"

"O King of the earth, you think that I have come to you demand money!"

"O Lord, you just give the command! This royal treasury and my personal wealth and all belongings are yours only!"

"O King, your generosity is great. But, while receiving that wealth, there is one condition.."

"What is it O Great Sage?"

"O King, Give me that part of your wealth as per your ability without troubling or causing pain to anybody!"

"O Lord! Just as you command! I will show you the

complete accounts. You take that money which will be felt as residual to you!"

Agastya expressed satisfaction after listening words of the king. He had really observed the genuine needs of the kingdom and the income and expenditure. He realized that, that both parts were the same. He felt that if he takes some part of that money, that will be troublesome to many other beings.

So, he said to the king, "O king, I can not take wealth from you. I felt very happy and fortunate to see that you are ruling the kingdom in the pure and stainless manner. There is no doubt that you will always make progress and prosper more. You have my blessing! So, now we will go to Vraghnashva King.

King Shrutarva felt very happy to listen to words of Agastya. He himself went to king Vraghnashva along with Agastya. He had spent the messenger before going to the king.

The King Vraghnashva was present on the border of the city along with his queen and the ministers to welcome Agastya! After greeting Agastya in the proper manner and worshipping him, he asked him about his command. '

"O King of The Earth, I have come with the desire and expectation of the money here. So, please give some part of your wealth without giving trouble to others as per your ability!

After listening to the speech of Agastya, Vraghnashva King also showed him his account of earnings and expenditure and requested Agastya to take the remaining. But, Agastya had received the same experience to Vraghnava king like Shrutarva.

After that, Agastya went to other kings such as, Purukutsa, Mahadhanadhya, Trasadasyu along with Shrutarva and Vraghnashva. He had received a grand wel-

come from all of them. But, he had received the same experience there also. So, on one hand Agastya felt very happy. He felt very much satisfied to see that, all kings of his family lineage and relatives in the Gurukulas take great care of their subjects and they are quite alert about the welfare and betterment of the subject! But, he felt very sad also by remembering Lopamudra's words on the other hand!! He was really worried now with one question. "How could he be able to fulfill Lopamudra's condition?" Having seen his anxiety, all kings, like, Shrutarva, Vraghnashva, Purukutsa, Mahadhanadhya and Trasadasyu sat together to think about the problem. They thought over the problem completely. While thinking, they realized that mother Lopamudra and Sadguru Agastya must have felt quite assured about them and their ability. Then, why did he come to them and how can they send him back without fulfilling his intention? While thinking about this problem, they made a decision and came to Sage Agastya.

O Brahman, Ilvala Demon is extremely rich and wealthy on this earth. So, all of us will go to him and beg for the money", All kings had sent the messenger to Demon Ilvala with the permission and command of Agastya.

When Ilvala came to know that all kings are coming along with the Great Sage Agastya [Maharshhee], he went with his ministers on the border of his country and greeted them with great respect! All kings including Agastya felt convinced that they will get wealth.

Ilvala took the opportunity and called his extremely dear Vatapi Demon in the form of a Ram! Then he sacrificed that Ram as the prey and prepared an excellent meal of Vatapi's flesh and called the great Sage and all kings for

lunch with great respect! Agastya realized the dirty trick and craftiness of Ilvala that he had cooked the flesh of the Demon Vatapi only in the form of the ram!! All kings became nervous and speechless! So, Agastya tried to make an effort to assure them said," Do not feel bad. I will consume this big demon by eating him!" Then he sat on his main seat to enjoy the food. Ilvala called the kings, "O great victorious kings ,you also come for the meals."

'O Great King, we will eat after the lunch of the great sage!" answered all kings!

Ilvala knew about the great heroism of Agastya. He thought that if he destroys Agastya, he will conquer not only this earth but the entire universe! So, he started serving the food to Agastya with great love with his own hands. Ilvala was feeling extremely happy in his mind! In the meantime Agastya ate and consumed that demon completely!

When Agastya finished his meals, Ilvala called Vatapi. Ilvala had killed many great sages, hermits and Brahmins in this manner! Agastya knew all about this very well! Now Agastya realized completely well about Lopamudra's purpose to send him to acquire money!!s Agastya felt very happy and satisfied to see Lopamudra's benevolent nature! Ilvala called Vatapi. But, Agastya put all his Yogic power and skill at a great stake!! As a result, Vatapi was unable to come out of Agastya's stomach. He started tossing and wreathing with pain in Agastya's stomach! In the meantime, Agastya broke the wind [Adho Vayu] like the thundering sound of the cloud!! He pushed the wind down! Ilvala was constantly calling Vatapi to come out!! But, Vatapi could not be able to come out! He started experiencing tremendous pain in Agastya's stomach. He started shouting and shrieking!!

So Agastya made a loud laughter like a demon and said to Ilvala," O terrible Demon Ilvala, I have digested this great demon Vatapi totally now! How can he come out in

spite of your many attempts to call him to come out? He will never be able to come back in this world again!"

Ilvala had gathered [amassed] tremendous wealth by making the use of Vatapi! He thought that he will enjoy the post of Indra on the strength of that great wealth! He was terrified to see that Sage Agastya had destroyed Vatapi completely! He had only two alternatives left before him! He should either surrender to Agastya or fight a battle against him! So, he had decided to surrender Agastya. He surrendered to Agastya with folded hands along with his ministers!!

"O Mahrshi Agastya, myself and my entire kingdom have surrendered to you. It is in your hands only to protect us and uplift us!" Agastya gave him assurance by listening to his moderate talk.

"O Demon, All know that you are very powerful and rich like Kuber, God Of Wealth!! You are Kuber only!! These kings who had come with me do not have much wealth. But, I am in great need of wealth. So you give us the part of your wealth as per your capacity without troubling others!" commanded Sage Agastya to Ilvala.

'O Great Sage,you recognize my desire to give money by reading my mind! Then I will give you money!" Ilvala challenged Agastya's knowledge of Atharv Vidya!

"O Great Demon, you have a desire to give each king ten thousand cows and the same amount of gold! Similarly, O Great Demon, you have got a strong passion to give me the double number of cows that you wish to give each king, double quantity of gold in relation to cows, one golden chariot and two horses that run with the speed of mind!! Isn't it? You only think whether this is true or not! It is also very clear that, the chariot that you are going to give me now is also golden !! "said Agastya to Ilvala.

Ilvala became speechless and dumbfounded to listen

to Agastya's talk. The cunning and deceptive intention of his mind was destroyed completely! He forgot his demonic tendency. He gave immeasurable vast wealth and cows to Agastya. In addition to that within a split of the second, he had presented Agastya in the golden chariot along with two horses with great honour and carried him in the golden chariot with two horses named, "Virav and Surav" that run with the speed of mind to Agastya's Ashram! When Agastya gave his command, those five kings went back to their kingdoms.

Lopamudra was shamefaced to see the vast wealth, the cows along with the golden chariot! She said, "O my Dear Husband, kindly forgive me because I gave challenge to your bravery although I knew about your powerful strength!

She prayed to Agastya very politely, "O God, you have fulfilled the purpose of my mind. So, you create a very brave child once now!" Lopamudra expressed her desire blushing bashfully! Sage Agastya also became ready for the intercourse considering her desire!

Lopamudra excited Agastya with all her efforts again and again when they both were together in the solitude [privacy]. She said, "O great Warrior, I have done a severe ascetic penance that pushes one's own body in the burning pyre of the old age years after years day and night! As a result the freshness, the glow or luster of my organs are perishing now!! Yet, a brave person like you will definitely feel attraction for the woman like me!" She also said further, 'The ancient sages who used to observe vows, and who were truthful also used to take intercourse with women for the emission [discharge]. They could not be able to maintain celibacy during the whole period of their life! So you must understand that even the Brahmanvadini women also used to maintain such relations with men!" Lopamudra told Agastya very clearly and explicitly to remove Agastya's

ascetism.

'Our penance had not gone a waste! We have conquered all enemies with the help of the protection shield, the armour of Gods which is very difficult to get. If we produce the son with the help of intercourse we will be able to achieve real victory in the incurable and difficult worldly war of life!" Sage Agastya also gave her the encouragement. Beautiful Lopamudra rushed forward by becoming delighted and excited with passion for the intercourse. Agastya whispered in Lopamudra's ear "'The Lustful and lascivious passions that had been obstructed like water intentionally before, had pervaded each and every part of my body very strongly now! The quick and mercurial Lopamudra has subdued and conquered the sage Agastya like me who always observes the vow, who is brave and does Pranayam and who is virtuous! And now she is enjoying me with all parts of her body!" When Agastya and Lopamudra were fully engrossed in their Intercourse Samadhee of sex, their disciples were praying and worshipping God outside in the Ashram for them. If at all any sin has been performed by this couple by mistake, they should be pardoned and released from that sin and get excellent progeny!!

"I pray the Soma that I had consumed [drank] with all my heart that he should forgive all mortal human beings like us for our sin that were committed by us. Powerful and fierce Sage Agastya who achieved the prosperity of both races and desired for food, progeny [children] and strength had dug up the earth with the help of the pickaxe and made it levelled equally.. So God blessed him for the success and fruition in his efforts! Now, let that Agastya be successful!" prayed all disciples!

Agastya who was totally engrossed in the intercourse asked Lopamudra with great specialty,"

" Sahastram te stu putranam shatam va

dashsamitam |

Dash va shattulyah syureko vapi sahastravate||

Sahastrasamitah putr eko me stu tapodhan||

Ekohi bahubhihi shreyan vidvan sadhursadhubhihi||

'O Dear Husband, I want only one son who is equal to one thousand sons!! It is always better to have one good, virtuous and intelligent son than to have many unvirtuous sons!!' answered Lopamudra!

The desire of your mind will be fulfilled!' said Agastya and completed the highest state of the Sexual intercourse!! Within a moment Lopamudra who was fully satisfied with the sexual intercourse became fast asleep! Agastya was looking at Lopamudra with great admiration! He started thinking, "Brhama had granted the most extraordinary, superhuman and unique way of happiness and regeneration [creation- Srujan] to the man by creating the man and the woman! The delight and joy of the pure and unmingled happiness is not different than "the Samadhee state of the sexual intercourse"! The man gets the joy of the attainment of Kaivalya [The divine Supreme power] because the desire of the Kaivalya to manifest itself in many similar forms gets easily fulfilled and achieved!! As a result, the man gets the joy and delight of the attainment of becoming one with deity [partner] and absorption in the divine essence-[the Kaivalya].!! In the worldly life, in the incomprehensible form of that the Kaivalya -[the divine essence] there is really a want of joy for the troops of gods that are not born from the womb, the Nirgun Tatva[Formless and attribute less state] and superhuman powers!! They are really deprived of that happiness! The play of intercourse and the play of the regeneration in the universe of the living beings is really very beautiful and attractive! This Atharvan that can give the experience of the selfless realization through the play of the sexual passions is really known to the Parabraham[The Absolute,

the Original] I accept that my stimulation and motivation [inspiration] had taken place to multiply the joy of this universe of living beings hundred times more! Once again I will accept the way of ascetic penance for the attainment of good health and stability to all human beings and living creatures! Lopamudra should also follow me! Parabrahma had made me feel indebted by giving the experience of the most outstanding and extra-ordinary happiness and joy of the sexual intercourse and regeneration [Creation] ! Otherwise which other way is available to us who come from the mixed state of God [divinity] and human beings that are not born from the womb of the mother except the asceticism, protection and benevolence?" Agastya was constantly contemplating by feeling fully satisfied with the experience of the joy and happiness of the sexual intercourse! In the meantime a strange and unknown smile of full satisfaction and vibrancy had spread on the beautiful face of Lopamudra who was fast asleep!1 Even the knower of three worlds and the "Son of Agni" like Sage Agastya was also astonished to see that strange smile of Lopamudra. Lopamudra had become pregnant!!

"Sage Agastya also went in to the deep sleep very happily! For the first time he was experiencing such extremely noble and profound deep sleep in his life of one thousand years.....

When it started becoming bright, the early morning woke up Sage Agastya in a very soft and tender manner Lopamudra was looking at Agastya in a soft, affectionate, blushing manner with her eyes! Completing all her morning work silently she had come close to Agastya. Agastya faced her while welcoming gladly, discarding the sleep. Agastya felt extremely happy to see her loving, insisting and passion stimulating movements. If the morning would not have stopped him, once again there would have been a great

surge of their amorous and passionate romantic play! Agastya completed his morning duties by controlling his irrepressible feelings. . While finishing his work ascetic mood invaded him step by step he came close to Lopamudra. Lopamudra understood everything by looking at his ascetic face! A strange change was taking place in her person also!!

She asked Agastya," Dear husband, do you want to say anything?"

" Yes! My dear!!"

"Then tell me quite frankly!"

"O Yogini[A female ascetic], You have conceived!! A foetus is created in your womb. You have become pregnant. We both have become fully satisfied and blessed with the experience of the intercourse! So, I desire once again to go in to the seclusion for the ascetic penance. We are just the cause and instrument to the mission of that Parabrahma [The Absolute Original]. How can the cause be entangled and interlocked in the attraction? " said Agastya.

"What are you thinking then?"

" You should nurture the foetus, the unborn baby like a vow and I should observe the ascetic penance for seven years! Due to this penance all our qualities will originate [arise] in our son and the earth will see a New Agastya!! O You religious noble and modest woman and the auspicious fortune making lady, give me your permission to go in to the seclusion!"

" O Superior Arya Sage, You know the past, present and future also very well! You only tell me what is proper! I will follow that!! "said Lopamudra.

"O Ascetic lady [Yogini], normally, the foetus[embryo, the unborn baby] is nurtured in the womb of the mother for nine months in this earthly world! .When the baby comes out, the mother takes care and protects the baby for three years till it takes the complete human form! But, this foetus

will stay in your womb for seven years and will come out by becoming enriched with knowledge only!! He will also take interest in the mission of the human welfare like me! Therefore, I feel that you should spend your time by staying in the Ashram and absorb yourself by chanting the Kaivalya's[God's] Japa and also the Gayatri Mantra!! And I should stay in the forest in seclusion for my ascetic penance! This is my desire!!" said Agastya to Lopamudra.

"O Great Sage, I am not beyond your command anymore!" answered Lopamudra.

Agastya went back in the forest for his ascetic penance. Agastya's foetus [unborn baby] was growing in Lopamudra's womb for seven years continuously. Lopamudra was chanting the Japa of Kaivalya and Gayatree. As the days passed on, she had started looking more splendid. The whole atmosphere used to illumine with her bright aura. Just as the light of the star brightens the night, the entire atmosphere around Lopamudra used to get brightened and attract the attention of others to her. Women in the human world and the animal and birds' world used to look at this luster of Lopamudra in her pregnant condition with great curiosity. Her appearance in her pregnant condition was really beautiful, transcendental and unique! But Lopamudra was not aware of all this! Her attention was totally drawn and concentrated on the sensations of knowledge that she was receiving naturally from her Japa Sadhana. The foetus [unborn baby] was receiving the impressions of knowledge! Second Agastya was being created!! That embryo was constantly growing for seven years. When the seventh year was over, that foetus who was fully enriched with knowledge came out of the mother's womb!! That highly good cultured foetus [Borned Baby] was looking very bright like the burning fire! The bright son of that sage of the extremely lustrous, great Brahmin and great

ascetic came out of the womb of his mother by chanting the Japa of Kaivalya along with the Ang, Upang, and Upanishads !! He had received the attainment of all knowledge of sages about the deities and their powers by birth only! vSo he was called as Igmavah! He became famous with the same name later on!

Agastya came to see the face of his son! He felt extremely happy to see his bright and splendid son!! When such bright son was born Agastya's forefathers received liberation!! The family of Agastya Lineage became prosperous!

Agastya had decided to celebrate the naming ceremony of his son to respect the desire and insistence of all people! The crowd of all Agastya Lineage family members, the kings of different nations , Rishis and Sages, Three Gods Five Natural elements along with Shiva Paravati gathered and made a thick crowd at Gangadwar!! Common women were enjoying the great fun and delight while watching this beautiful and incomparable unique "Naming Ceremony"!! Ighmavah was the perfect , fully grown and the knowledgeable son!! So, they found it rather funny to sing the Lullaby song for him!! Yet all women ,the residents of the ashram were singing the song with great interest and enthusiasm!

*Agastya'ch Tej Lopamudren Zelal
Otimadhi Sambhalal Agastyach Nav Zal
Ighmavah Balak janmala Sarv Dnyani
Tychya Maten Nav dila Drudhasya To
Agastya Agastya Tux koutuk Agal
Manasachya Uddharala Janmabhar vahil
Agastya Agastya tuz Kartuk Agal
Janmatach Tuz Bal Vishvala Vandya Zal
Vishvala Vandya Bal Lopamudran Rakhal
Agastyachya gadeela Khar Varas Milal
Gadeech Varas Ighmavah Dudhasyut*

*Agastyach Nav Gangamain Vahil
Parabrahmach Akrit Agastyachya Rupa Aal
Jambudweepachya kusheet Man Manus rakhal
Bal Bal Mhanoo Balana Agastyach
Lopamudra Mata Zalee Pativratyala Palal
Lopamudrach ga Bal Disamasala Vadhal
Chandra Suryan Pahyal Dharanimaten Sambhalal
Balala Nav Zal Vishva Dnyan Kalo Aal
Zokyat Theviyal Drudhasyut Ladival*

All women were celebrating the festival of the Naming Ceremony. The thick crowd had gathered in the sky! The light had taken the Rainbow in hands. Marut [wind] oscillated the cradle. Brahma Vishnu and Mahesh gave the testimony of the Universal Welfare by nodding the necks with great smile on their faces! The abundance of joy and happiness had happened at Gangadwar!! The Sage Narada rushed closed to Indra by making his way through this great celebration!!

"O Devendra , how is it that you are absorbed so intensely in the great joy of this wonderful naming ceremony?"

"What happened O Great Brahmarshi?"

"There are indications of an end of The Post of Indra

The Divine world approaching very fast by coming close now!!"

"What and why are you talking like this O Sage Narada?" asked Sage Agastya coming close to Narada.

'O Sage, Knower of three worlds, it is quite true that you are completely involved in the delight of the joyful Naming Ceremony of you son with your fatherly love for the welfare of the humanity! But, some ambitious people are taking the advantage of exactly of the same opportunity and the situation! " Narada increased the curiosity of Agastya more!

"O Narada, speak clearly and frankly! All troops of Gods , honourable kings and five elements are present in

this great celebration today. They all had given the testimony of the good and auspicious fruition also!! In this situation.....?"Asked Indra.

"O Great Sage of all sages, You know it very well that, " Ya Nisha Sarva Bhootanam Jagarti Sanyami"]. Therefore you only take the search and learn the lesson! A great chaos had taken place in the South!"

' What had happened?"

Shoorpadma has attained the great power and strength to hold the power of Indra directly in person to stop the rain!! This Shoorpadma who has been greatly motivated by jealousy of Indra has created a great horrible famine in the South They have destroyed the entire management of the ponds, lakes and rivers established by you!! If you will not intervene in this situation, who will stop the destruction of the South?"

"O Brahmarshi, You know it very well that the Hishest Supreme power had done the stimulation of this Agastya for the protection of this Earth, and the nurture of farmers! So, do not feel worried at all! I am immediately going to the South!!!"

Assuring Narada and paying his obeisance to Shiva Paravati, three Gods and Five Principles, Lopamudra said to Lopamudra by making her more assured," O Devoted Wife , I must make the South full of water and destroy the pride of Shoorpadma for the eradication of the famine! Therefore, you and Ighmavah take care of the management in the North together! I am going to the South!"

Taking the leave of Lopamudra, Agastya started going to his destination at the last point of the Sahyadri Mountain to perform the strong and severe penance once again!! While going, he went to Brahmagiri and enquired Sage Kavera. He had observed the great water stream of the river Godavari and felt the possibility and the creation of such

powerful water stream in the South also! He had discussed this matter with Sage Kavera! When this grave discussion and the contemplation of the welfare of people was going on between the two, little girl Kaveri who was inspired by the interest in the welfare oriented activity for the people from her father, said in between,

"O Great Sages, is not possible for me to do this welfare oriented work of the people for me to do along with you both?"

Agastya looked at her in great admiration and said," O dear girl, you are very small at present! When the proper time comes we will definitely think of making your use! Tell me , what kind of work you would like to do?" I have become very pleased with your sweet talk!"said Agastya

"O Great Sage, I shall be very happy to become a river like this Godavari!!! " ,said Kaveri. Agastya was astonished to hear her words! But, he had realized many things with the power of his intuition and gave her a blessing, "Tathastu!! So Be It!" Sage Kavera felt extremely happy with Agastya's blessing to his daughter Kaveri!!

"O Brahman, When are you coming back here again? Kindly involve us in your mission of the Welfare of Agriculture!"

"O Great sage, I will surely come when the proper time comes!"

" O Maharshi, Do not take my daughter's words seriously! She is immature." Kavera tried to stop the sage casually.

" O King of Brahmagiri region, you have achieved the post of an ascetic with great austerity. But, I am really surprised to see that you do not understand the implied meaning of your daughter's words even then!"

O Great Sage, there is horrible famine in the Central India for the last five years! The earth is really tossing and

turning and restless without water although there is the sea around at her three sides! The farmers had become extremely agitated and anxious. But, there is nothing in our hands except worry and anxiety! I have come to the original fountain head of Godavari for the austerity by leaving the kingdom of Brahmgiiri! Observing the work of Godavari, Kaveri also desires in her mind to work like Godavari.' 'said Kavera.

Agastya said to him," O Sage Kavera, I have come here only to remove and prevent your anxiety. Shoorpadma had used his ascetic power to create trouble for others rather than the benediction! Efforts must be made to stop that improper use of this ascetic strength. Without that, it is not possible to make the water management in the south. The project and the planning of the streams and the reservoirs [ponds] and the water management by digging the equal levels on the mountain slopes that I had done had become futile and wasted because Shoorpadma had prevented and obstructed the rain! For that purpose I have to release the rain! Therefore, O Great Sage you also go on your Brahmgiiri mountain along with your daughter and perform the ascetic penance for the release of the rain like me!" Telling Kavera like this Agastya came straightway to Agastyakoot, established his ashram there and started his ascetic penance!

"The earth was in great trouble! The earth felt relaxed to see that Agastya had started the austerity. Her condition had become worse and horrible during the last seven years!"

The animals and birds started wandering at long distances for water. The villages became deserted. The lands were torn off! Farmers became panic, sad and pathetic, the crows and sparrows had disappeared. The famine and dearth of water was felt miles after miles! Somehow it was managed a little bit on water that was obstructed and saved

during the rainy season. But, it became impossible to manage now ! The earth could not bear the pain and sorrow of her thirsty and hungry living creatures!

"Agastya started his ascetic penance. In the Rainy season, the rain came to some extent with Agastya's grace. Yet, majority period of the rainy season was dry! The fallen water had trickled down. The farmers were watching this miracle. They had felt very much relieved to know that Agastya was performing the ascetic penance to bring the rain. They felt great respect for Agastya. But,they became very disappointed to see that all water had trickled down and the rainy season had gone dry!! Agastya was also feeling anxious while observing his ascetic penance on the Agastyakoot. He felt that trickling down of water was not good! He felt that he must help the Earth! The crowd of farmers was growing on the Agastyakoot mountain everyday!! Each one felt that he should also participate in Agastya's ascetic penance and give him more strength in his asceticism. When the groups of farmers used to come from the South Dweep [islands], Agastya was thinking to make his ascetic penance more strong and severe by giving them reassurance, and grit! He was also thinking about the way in which he can involve farmers in his ascetic penance! He prayed to the Earth,

"O Mother Earth, water of rain that falls on your head trickles down from your fold that has spread from West to East and unites straight way to the sea. Then what is the use of the vapor [steam] created by seas?"

"O Brahmarshi, you are doing the ascetic penance for the rain fall! The sea, God Indra and Marut are also helping you! But, due to my natural state of the mountain slope that water is flowing away!!..I am already trying to accumulate it for many years by creating trees . But, due to this famine created by Shoorpadma, these trees are getting de-

stroyed. New germination has stopped now! Therefore, kindly see that this water which is trickling away goes in to my stomach! I feel sad because, I cannot create and regenerate although the sky is bathing me from the top!! Is it not possible to find some solution on the slope? Even if you give me blows on my state, those blows are really for my comfort ultimately! The patient has to take the trouble of taking medicine So, you only find out some remedy!" requested the earth!

"O Goddess Earth, if lakhs of equal bottom- leveled ditches are taken on your surfaces, it will create an obstruction to the water which is washed and drained out ! That water will be stored up in your stomach! You think that these Lakhs of ditches or trenches are your Lakhs of mouths and each and every drop that comes from the sky will be received by you only! I feel that if you give your permission to dig such trenches on your surface, then it can be a good and possible solution . This is the only solution on that!" suggested Agastya.

"O Agastya,you are observing the austerity for the life of my universe. So, instead of suffering the pangs of the famine, why should I not suffer the ditches on my surface? O Agastya, I know that there is great power in you to obstruct and prevent the drained water [washed water] Therefore, I give you my blessings to your efforts! When the Earth's permission was received, Agastya came forward and he started making the equal bottom levelled ditches on the slope with his favourite tool, the axe in front of hundreds of troops of farmers!! Truly speaking, Agastya who could be able to drink the sea, could be able to create the equal bottom levelled ditches by causing the movement on the surface of the earth with his Atharvan [Science of black magic]! But, he wanted to take the participation of the farmers in his asceticism. He wanted to show that every son of the earth

can become happy and contented by serving the mother earth in different ways and making her satisfied with her blessings! The hermits and the farmers were in the habit of depending on the arrival of the regular rainy season! But ,the farmers did not know that when the rain comes we can make its proper management. Having seen that Agastya was making the equal bottom leveled ditches on the slope with his own axe, the disciples that had gathered from his various ashrams also started making his imitation silently without uttering a word by taking his axe!!.....

Having seen this, the troops of farmers such as, Vanar, Krut, Poulastya ,Pandya, Chol also rushed forward!! The Chief of the Vanar Lineage made a daring to ask a question to Agastya with some curiosity and others started listening! " O Great Sage Agastya, what are you doing this?" Agastya had expected exactly the same question only!

He said," O You Farmers, you know that the rain that falls and water which is acquire from it is very little! No sooner did water falls down on the earth, than it unites and assimilates in the sea with great speed! You see this and feel disappointed!! The mother Earth has given us a command to save and store this drained water on the surface of the earth and deliver it in her stomach. We take water from the well and pond by cutting the breasts of the earth! Then, in that case, is it not necessary to store water in that stomach again? I am trying to make the solution ,the remedy for that as per my own ability.

"O Great Sage, kindly tell us about the method of this solution and its result. So,we will be able to use this solution!"

O Farmers, The rainy season is over! The earth and our mouths have become dry due to the want of water. Animals and birds also do not have water. We are living our life with great difficulty by bringing water from the places where

water is available. We are providing the water which is available in the wells and water that we brought in the pitcher from long distances somehow! Now these wells and streams will start getting dry slowly! We will feel helpless and distressed! Does this problem exist today only? This is going on for thousands of years!! We sit quietly by saying that, "we have no power before the illusive power of the sky! Instead of that, if we dig the trenches with equal bottom leveled, each and every drop that falls down will not be able to trickle down and drain away till the rainy season. That drop of water will have to imprison itself in to this trench!! These trenches with the equal leveled bottom are like the lakhs of affectionate children of the earth that carry the rain to the mouth of "the mother - earth!" Water that gets collected in the well is absorbed from the surface of the earth and then goes in her stomach. But, if the path of from which rain is received is not spacious or extensive, how long the water in the stomach of the well will be able to fill our stomach? Therefore, let us stop the tradition of the trickling and draining out water directly by making continuous and tireless efforts. This is also a sacrifice! Lakhs of farmers had taken the pledge to prepare the trenches with equal bottom levels!

"O great sage, which location do you desire for us to make such equal bottom level!"

O Chief of Vanaras, you all farmers should go to your respective villages and take the judgment of the location from where water will be able to come in your agricultural land around your village and then, start making the equal bottom leveled ditches together in a group," commanded Agastya. The old people also liked this idea. All troops of farmers that had come on the Agastyakoot started leaving in great delight as if they had found out the master key of success by taking leave of Agastya!!

The families of farmers started coming on the slopes

with water pitchers and food provisions on the head for the journey in the scorching heat of the sun from their villages! All of them were carrying Agastya's instrument of the pickaxes! The leader of the particular troops of the villages took the advice of the elderly people and started doing the work by making the proper plan. The lines of equal bottom leveled ditches started looking! They were looking like the lines of the ashes on Shiva's head on the slopes of the mountains! The great excitement and delight was reflected on faces of men and women as if they had found out the jewels like Ruby and pearls by digging the earth!-----

"Khan Khan Kudali| Man Man Mati| Rajala sapadal
Manik Moti!!

While digging the earth with the pickaxe and putting the bank [embankment] of the soil in the ditch, the feeling of faith and gratitude for Agastya was expressed by them!

"Dharani matechya udari| Bai pani pahil ranjan|
Agastyachya kudalin| Dil khapa khapa khanun||
Sooryajichya krupen |Sagaran den dil|
Varyan vahil |Asa abhali datal ||
Asa abhal saral| Dharati shiri oghal
Agastyachya kudalin| Dharanipadarala bandheel|
Agastyachi kudal | Kashi chalatee khapa khapa|
Dharani matechya udari |pani chalal dhapapa||
Shiv -Parvatich Punya| Muni Agastya phala aal|
Dharanichya kusheetun| Krushi nasheeb phalal|
Are Are Agastya |Tula gavacha gahivar|
Tuzee maya datoon | Kupikupi bharati kumbh||
Shoorpadma rakshesan|Pani dhadeel deshodhadi|
Agastyachya kudalin |Pani bhareel ghadoghadee||
Are Are agastya |Tuza janm Bhan kumbhee\
Manaseech Shivateerth| Bharal dharani udaree||
Dharani matechya padaree|Asa abhalach bhagya|
Shiv- Parvatteech rin|Agastya kudalin phedal||

"Samveda continued secreting and worth hearing! The equal bottom leveled trenches started looking like the cobweb of the spider on the mountain slopes! The rainy season came! Shoorpadma started using all of his illusive power to obstruct and to prevent the rain!! Agastya started his experiments of Atharvan again by taking the severe form .The dance of Indra- Marut started! The lightening had put the marriage garland around Indra's neck! The sky made the crooked face to Shoorpadma. God Indra leaped on the earth through the perforated ladle of the shower of the rain! The choked emotion of the sky which was running down on the slope was getting collected continuously in the equal bottom leveled trenches!! The sea felt relieved! Shoorpadma felt that water was disappearing with his illusive power! The earth was continuously kept on filling with water!!

The cruel Shoorpdama realized what was happening! He had put all of his illusive power completely at a stake! He gave the challenge of his evil power of the demon to Agastya's Attharvan," The Yatushakti! [Black Magic]" The rain fall had stopped in the middle quite suddenly. The animals and birds and farmers became a little bit satisfied! They bowed to Agastya from the deep core of their hearts. The agricultural land became green. Shoorpadma boiled up with anger. He had applied all of his strong and severe ascetic power which would have given him the post of Indra to stop and obstruct Agastya's power! Agastya realized this! He was convinced deep in his minds mind that the time of making his angry dance [Tandav Nrutya] had approached at that time!!

"O Mahadeva,you had sent me to the South for the welfare of the human society. I am using your graceful blessings and the human power as per my ability. Yet,Shoorpadma who had become powerful with your grace is creating and giving a challenge of your power only. Therefore, kindly guide

me!"

Shiv-Parvati were very much pleased with Agastya's prayer. "O Son Agastya, why should you become so disappointed and dejected when you are so gallant and heroic? You had made an excellent exhibition of your superhuman and vast power by drinking the sea in one sipping of water only! In that case, Shoorpadmsena's illusive power is just trifle and negligible before your vast and extra- ordinary strength! So, you make use of this power."

"O Mother, I have one doubt', said Agastya to Mother Parvati.

"What is it?"

" O mother, if I spend my power of ascetic austerity for the destruction of the evil demon, there will be an affliction to my power and personality! Then, what will happen to the fulfillment of my desire of getting united with the form of the Original Supreme Divine power?"

"O Dear Son, your doubt is meaningless! The reason is that you are doing this work with His desire only!! So, there will be no affliction to your austerity and asceticism! The ascetic penance that has been used for the work which is performed for the welfare and the betterment of people becomes hundred times fruitful and successful!! O Dear Son, you have done a glorious and magnificent work by participating groups of farmers in your mission! Narayan Lokbandh-[the Supreme God, the controller of the universe bounded by love of the people] desires that,'The man should become self-dependant first and acquire the Divinity on his own!!" You had achieved that goal!!"

"O mother, by destroying my doubt, you have increased my curiosity, interest and courage quite abundant in this work!!"

" My dear Son, Sage Agastya, I have given the attainment of my own form to you. All these mountains, hills and

small mountains in the South had become one with the Shiva Form with your guidance. You will certainly receive success in your mission. Since you have the constant remembrance of my form image], my 'Ling- form' will be worshipped and recognized as your form at long distances in the South ! When Shoorpadma will surrender to you, you will get the proof of the real truth!" "O Lord Shiva and Mother Parvati,I have become really blessed with your Darshan! Now I will definitely destroy Shoorpadma!

"Tathastu! So be it!" Shiva Parvati had left by blessing Agastya.

The troops of farmers were coming in to Agastya ashram again and again! They were feeling relieved by receiving Agastya's Darshan.

"O victorious Sage Agastya, all agricultural families had become relieved and satisfied in the South with your grace! But,!" Pandya Naresha had expressed his sorrow openly!

"O Maharshi, Shoorpadma had started the great movement of the destruction of our grownup harvest, who are the worshippers of God, by burning them with his illusive power! The collected water is turning in to poison. The water that comes from the well is burning the throat! He has started the great exploitation of the people who worship God and Agastya! If this does not stop, the great calamity will take place and all your efforts will go a waste!!"

"O Pandya Naresh, we will be successful in making the destruction of Shoorpadma with grace and mercy of Shiv-Parvati! You also meditate on Shiva along with me! With his power only we will get success in destroying the illusive power of Shoorpadma!"

Agastya had immediately established 'the Shiv Lingam' in the ashram! He had started the worship of God Shiva with the coronation of proper religious rites!! The en-

tire surrounding was engrossed in the remembrance of God Shiva by chanting God Shiva's name!!...

Then Agastya had put on the fierce form!! The ocean created the vapor [steam] with Agastya's Atharvan and the sky started hanging filled with the steam by the grace of God Indra!

Marut started his efforts. Shoorpadma made an effort to prevent Indra Marut with his power of illusion. But, Marut was unable to reach up to Indra in spite of many efforts. Then only Agastya had put on the fierce form! He had fastened the Brahmdatta Mekhala [Belt] around his waist and started consuming [drinking] Shoorpadma's power of illusion with his own superhuman and amazing power of Atharvan. He had decided to swallow Shoorpadma and burn him to ashes!! As a result, Shoorpadma had come to surrender Agastya!!

"O Brahmarshi, I have come to surrender you! Give me your assurance and protection!!"

"O Ascetic Shoorpadma , who had obtained the evil and devil tendency of the demons, you have lost your intelligence and wisdom with your pride! Although you are the son of the earth, you sucked and exploited the Mother earth with your sever passion for the acquisition of the post of Indra? When the son that tortures his own mother, he does not deserve any forgiveness! Your destruction is the only consequence of it!!"

"O Brahman,I have realized my crime, my offence! I had become totally defeated and finished by experiencing your extra ordinary and super human power!! Myillusive power is absolutely inferior, meaningless and trifle before your Atharvan! Therefore, I will always obey your command from today onwards! I am ready to take any punishment and penance as you say!!

"O Shoorpadma, you had done an excellent spiritual

austerity and had acquired thousands of Vidyas of knowledge and the spiritual powers! As a result, you should make use of these powers for the betterment and welfare of the people. Then only you will get the ascetic post once again!"

"O Shoorpadma, you surrender to Indra Marut and the Mother Earth! If they pardon you, if they forgive you, then only I will forgive you!"

"Just as you command!"

Since Agastya had defeated Shoorpadma, the abundant shower of rain had started that had never taken place during the last many years! The south direction was bathed in ample water!! New leaves, foliage sprouted on trees! Birds and animals had come back to their original places. The forests, gardens and woods became thick and dark green! The earth paid her obeisance to Agastya with choked emotion!

"O Agastya , you had really returned my debt!! Any mother feels that all her sons should live in the healthy manner. The south direction was getting burnt in ashes with Shoorpadma's illusive power!! O Bhagvan [God], people will respect you and accept you as" the Dakshin Bhaskar" [The Sun Of The South'] due to your outstanding great work!! The evil giant like Shoorpadma had reached to the human state again, with your compassion and mercy only!!"

"O Mother, I am only doing my duty !!".....

" O Agastya, I have one more desire ! I feel that you should fulfill it!"

"Command me O Mother!!"

"O Maharshi, during the rainy season, the fallen water immediately goes in to the ocean and we have to wait till the next rainy season arrives! Therefore, if the river Ganga springs here like the Ganga river in the North, the water famine will disappear from here. This can be done by you only!!"

"But Mother....."

"This will surely take place with your ascetic penance!" Agastya was lost in the thought after listening Earth's request!! He had remembered Kaveri's insistence! He realized that the time had come close for the blessing that he had given to her to become true!"

"All right mother! I will definitely make an effort to bring the river Ganga here on the strength of my ascetic penance."

"My dear son, you will be successful!" The earth blessed him!

Shoorpadma who had surrendered to Indra and Marut returned to Agastya back!

"O Brahmarshi, God Devendra and Marut had send me back to you to take the punishment".

" O Shoorpadma,you go to the Brahmgi mountain in the Brahmgi region. Sage Kavera resides there. His daughter Kaveri is a great female ascetic! Surrender to her and give her my message!"

"What is the message O Great Sage?"

You go up to the ocean at East and West by prostrating yourself from the Brahmgi mountain. But, ask about the path to reach up to the ocean and merge in it, to Kaveri only! You go on the path that she had told you to follow by prostrating your self on the earth accordingly."

"Just as you command O Sage!"Shoorpadma had come on the Brahmgi mountain. He paid his obeisance to sage Kavera and narrated the entire discussion that had taken place. Kavera called his daughter Kaveri and told her about the purpose of Shoorpadma's arrival there! Kaveri felt very happy. She had become marriageable now! Her beauty was really unique! Anyone could have been enchanted by that beauty! But, her grave face was shining with the bright splendor of her asceticism. The intense desire of the human welfare was also reflected on her face very clearly!!

" O Shoorpadma, Maharshi Agastya had told you to

take my command only! Isn't it?"

"Yes Brahmavadini [knower of Brahma, the creator of the universe. Maharshi told me to take your command only!!.....

Go from here by prostrating up to Agastya and go then ahead to the East and South. Tell him earnestly that Kaveri is waiting for you."

"Just as you command O Goddess [Devi] !"

Shoorpadma had set out by prostrating himself ! The path on which he was proceeding further, the path of the water stream also started rising up along with him. Shoorpadma could not understand what was happening. Kaveri felt that Agastya's thought of some human welfare act must be there behind all this! Shoorpadma reached to Agastya by prostrating on the ground. He had stated all this to Agastya. Agastya was delighted very much after listening to the whole story. He told Shoorpadma to proceed ahead and he had set out for Brahmgiiri!

Sage Agastya reached on the Brahmgiiri .All hermits and sages greeted him with extreme politeness and devotion! Kaveri greeted him on the border [threshold] and invited him to come inside the ashram. When he came in the ashram, Kaveri worshipped him and requested him by expressing his desire ,that Agastya should participate his own self and his daughter Kaveri in the family in his mission of the human welfare! He said, 'O splendourous Maharshi, Sage Agastya, you have saved the South direction once again by removing the famine! Similarly, you have also neutralized and made Indra and the world of Gods lusterless by teaching a lesson to Shoorpadma. We salute to your knowledge and manhood! We feel that you should accept our one more request. If you give us the command..... then,,,,,!!

" Speak O great Sage! I have become very pleased

to hear the desire of your mind to participate in the work of the human welfare!"

"O favourite leader of the people, my daughter Kaveri is waiting for you!!She desires to marry you! She feels that, if she marries you, she will be able to participate in your work of the human welfare! So, kindly accept her as your wife! Give her the fortune of becoming her as your wife!"

"O Maharshi, I had given her a promise to participate her in our mission at the proper time. But, I am married and I have a son also!! So.....!"

Kaveri was listening to all this! Coming forward she said," O Maharshi, there is no end to the manhood. Marriage is a social limitation. But, if you marry me for the human welfare, the great ascetic and the knower of the knowledge of the eternal truth [Brahmavadini] Lopamudra will also feel very happy!"

"O young lady, the desirer of the human welfare, and female ascetic who wants to sacrifice, your mind and your intention is also equally pure! Therefore, I give my permission to this marriage!" Agastya gave his permission! Sage Kaveri made the preparation of his daughter Kaveri's marriage with Agastya! Indra- Marut felt extremely happy for this marriage! They met Kaveri and told him to give the marriage invitation to kings of South, all gods and Goddesses, Ascetics and sages as well as Lopamudra also directly in person! Kaveri made a very good preparation of marriage on Brahmgiiri!

Lopamudra had come along with Ighmavah! She honoured Kaveri. Kaveri expressed the desire of her mind to Lopamudra. This meeting of Lopamudra and Agastya on Brahmgiiri was really outstanding and great!!

" O faithful, loyal and devoted wife of the husband , the Knower of the Knowledge of Brahm, [Brahmavadini], the feeling of jealousy did not enter in your mind with this mar-

riage!! What is the secret, the mystery behind it?'asked Agastya to Lopamudra.

"O Dear Husband, you also know the great secret of this fact very well!" Femininity and manliness are just the excuses, pretexts only! Did you not create the concepts such as, the husband and wife, the devotion , loyalty and faithfulness of the wife towards her husband [Pativrta] and the loyalty, faith and devotion of the husband to his wife [Patnivrat] as the 'well wisher 'of the society and family? All these things are illusory and deceptive. These are only two forms of the Prakruti and the Purusha! But the joy and delight of this new creation has to be taken by becoming pure and virtuous with the sense of duty!"

"Kaveri wants to marry you for this reason only! So, what is wrong in that? Your manliness [virility,] must be manifested in innumerable forms for the betterment and welfare of the human beings.. For that purpose, what is wrong on the part of the powers of new creativity to come forward?"

"O Brahmvadini, if we only start thinking like this, there will be no difference between the animals that live in the herd or packs and the human being!"

"O Great Sage, the creation work of the Culture has to be made for the human state! The human state has the restriction of the body of three qualities. Its balance has to be maintained with cultural restrictions! Therefore the culture has to give the rules of ethics and conduct of the cultural bearing [holding] as per the circumstances of the time!! The ascetics and sages that are accomplished and obtained with divine powers, genius, highly talent ,brilliant and enlightened ascetics who perform severe and strong austerity and the troops of Gods are living the life which is beyond the human state! They have to live the life of complete sacrifice and keep the vow for the welfare of the man! Therefore, their relationship is not with the earthly world but with

the other world![Para Tatva]. The Principles of the other world are free from restrictions! These enlightened souls create the illusion [false impression-appearance] of leading the life with earthly principles to create 'the Human- Ideals' before the human being."

"O Brahmvadini, I have become really blessed and fortunate by listening to your talk about the eternal and everlasting principle which is beyond the animate and inanimate [Living and non- living]!! Now we both have remained only for the benefaction [favor,kindness].!!

"O Brahman, After getting married with Kaveri it is your duty to give her also the obtainment of progeny in the human state! You will not be able to become liberated unless you fulfill that duty!"

" Brahmvadini, I will complete that duty as early as possible!"

Narayan!.....Narayan!.....!! O Brahmarshi Agastya, I offer my obeisance to you!"

O come ,come ! Brahmarshi Narada, you are most well -come!"

"O Bhagavan Agastya, about which duty you are commenting here upon ?

"O Narad, I am commenting upon the duty of giving the obtainment of progeny to Kaveri here!"

"Narayan ,Narayan!..... For that purpose only I am astonished!! How is it possible on your part to fulfill that duty? What about your promise that you had given to Kaveri?"

"I will complete my duty also and my blessing will also come true!!" said Agastya with full confidence!!

"O Maharshi, when you have accepted the mission of your life such as, "To awaken "the Arya Sanskar-[TheVirtuous refinement of Nurturing, moulding, influencing bringing up the virtuous good qualities]", Is it proper on your part to talk in the egoistic manner like this?"

"O Narada, I am not talking with pride! This is my Self- Confidence! I shall see that these both goals will be completed with efforts!"

"It will be good if it happens like that.....!!" Narada went away from there with a doubtful mind !!Yet, he had become successful in creating a doubt in the mind of Agastya! Brahmarshi married Kaveri by keeping the proper respect of Shiv- Paravti, Ganga- Godavari, Lopamudra, Drudhasyu Rushi sages and those kings of South who are assimilated in the Agastya Gotra [family -lineage] and Kratu, Pulah, Pulastya along with the famous anchorites [sages, hermits] who were the founders of the lineage,all gods and Southern kings,as well as the chiefs of the ashrams in the North! Kavera felt satisfied that he had completed the goal of his life by performing Kaveri's marriage with Agastya. Agastya had established his ashram on Brahamgiri mountain and started doing his chanting Japa] there only! Kaveri started living happily with Agastya. But, the thoughts of the Universal welfare could not go away from her mind. She had started feeling sad with the thought that the reason for which she had married to Agastya was not getting fulfilled.

'She said to Agastya," O dear husband, you are a great ascetic and the knower of three times [Trikaladnya], Brahmrushi. You know about thoughts of my mind. But, allow me to express an important thought of my mind.

" O Brahmvadini, you tell me about your thoughts quite frankly to me!"

' 'O Omniscient, I have a strong desire to work for the universal welfare. I have no interest in living the mundane household life. I can not take interest in the household mundane life in the form of husband and wife. I always remember my aim, my goal of life and feel regret for it!"

"O my dear wife, the proper time has to come for everything!! That suitable time will come!You just feel re-

laxed without any tension.To live this household mundane life is also the duty of the husband and wife. And is it not that important also? Otherwise, what is the necessity of marriage to do the service of the human welfare?' 'Agastya answered Kaveri's question.

" O husband, the duty of the household mundane life means, 'the service of the universe'. Isn't it?"

"Yes! Therefore, "to create the progeny for that" is also the aim, the goal of the mundane household life.! That is also an important duty. Otherwise, the forefathers of the family [ancestors of the family] do not get the liberation from the worldly ties of life [Moksha]."

"But, the service to the creation in the universe is also the same kind of work! Isn't it?"

"Kaveri , your argument is quite logical! I shall definitely think upon that! I will not impose or enforce any burden of duty on you without the desire of your mind."

"O dear husband, I am your wife. You are spending your life for the universal welfare. So, anything that you will do, will be good and proper only. I will follow you!"

"O Deveen, I do not have any doubt about it in my mind! I only say that "we should not deviate from the obtained duty of life! That's all!" after expressing his words like this Agastya was lost in deep thoughts!

Kaveri was also unable to think anything. She became restless! Some days had gone like this only. But Agastya was unable to forget Kaveri even for one single moment. He started taking Kaveri along with him at all long distanced places. No one could be able to understand this change in Agastya's behavior!

That day,Agastya had decided to go for the early morning bath on the lake . Kaveri was feeling a little bit of restless. Neither could he keep her alone or take along with him. Agastya's state of mind had become like a common

man at present! Just as a person who is very much attracted to his wife does not leave his wife for one single moment , Agastya also started doing the same thing! Finally he made a plan by thinking deeply. He gave the form of water to his wife Kaveri. He had kept her in his water pot and took that water pot also along with him when he went to the lake! He had kept that water pot on a rock and he went for the bath.

Devendra, Marut and the Earth had kept a watch on Agastya's behavior after his marriage!.....

They were quite aware of the fact that, Kaveri's marriage had taken place with Agastya for the removal and the eradication of the famine! But, due to Agastya's alert sense of duty as a husband , Narada had made the subject of Kaveri as the problem of anxiety and worry! Devendra, Marut and the Earth went to Shiv Parvati. When they narrated about this problem to them, they said that only "Ganesh can do this work!", So, the earth went to God Ganesh along with Indra and Marut and said to him, " O Vinayaka, you are the remover of an obstacle. Due the alert awareness of Agastya's sense of duty, a big problem and obstacle is created now! Kindly remove that obstruction!"

"O Indra-Marut, I will remove the obstruction of the quick sense of duty in the way of Agastya for the welfare of the mother earth!! But, you also remember me by searching the right and proper opportunity. When you remember me, I will become present and work according to your command!"

O Gananayaka, the leader of the army troops, the Removal power of the obstacle exists in you only. So we desire that you should take the lead and do this work!;

"O Devendra, Bhagavan Agastya is like my father! It is not fare on my part to come against his alert sense of duty. Similarly he is also a fierce and overpowering sage. He can give the curse and reverse it back also! [Shapadapi

Sharadapi"] With one small mistake on my part will create the series of obstacles rather than the destruction of the obstacle."

"In our eyes also the greatness and the ability of Agastya is the same! But, for the protection of the earthly creatures and living beings, it is necessary to take the proper action for that!"

" All right! Let us all go to sage Agastya for that reason !"

" Devendra and Marut assured the earth and left for Brahmgiir along with Vinayak. And they had got the ready - made opportunity immediate!

They saw the pitcher full of the water form of Kaveri. They also saw that Agastya has kept it on the rock. They had confirmed that Agastya had gone to take his bath. And prayed Shri Vinayak, God of Riddhi and Siddhi.

" O God, the proper opportunity had come just now! Release and liberate Kaveri from the water pitcher!!

" All right!" nodded Vinayak and said," I will release her now only!"

Vinayak took the form of the crow and suddenly leaped to the water pitcher and allowed it to tilt it on the other side!!

Water in the ascetic's water pot started flowing! As if it had got the new birth in the form of the river!! The Earth, Marut and Indra became extremely happy! Kaveri started springing up on the same way on which Shoorpadma had gone prostrating himself up to the sea!! She had straight way reached to the sea and united with it!!!.....

When Agastya returned after taking his morning bath and completing religious rites, he saw the sight of Kaveri in the form of water springing out with force from his ascetic pot!!

Kaveri was flowing in the most delightful manner! The

waves were springing high from the stream! The ripples were forming up at the deep places. While jumping from the glen[chasm] spray of water was spreading high! While looking at this delightful sight, Agastya felt that he had been deviated from his duty!

"Kaveri! Kaveri.....! He had called her and said," You can not go away like this leaving me.....! But Kaveri had already united with the sea! Yet, she had appeared by hearing her husband's call!!"

"O Maharshi, I could not get time to take your permission and command also! So, kindly forgive me for that reason. Yet, the blessing that you gave me has become true! I am going to complete my duty also!" said Kaveri politely!

"No! No! Kaveri! This should not happen in such deceptive manner! This is my utter deception! I will not tolerate it! You will assimilate in my water pot again!!" Uttering these words he had started The Atharvan Kriyas! But, Indradev, and Vinayak manifested with all other Gods there! They said to Agastya with request,"

"O Maharshi, Agastya, do not feel so sad in this manner! Kaveri is flowing in the form of the river for the welfare of all creatures in this universe with your graceful blessings only! Her father and she herself were waiting for this moment only! Kaveri's form of the river is the fulfillment of the desire of both of them! So long as this living universe is existing on this earth, Kaveri is going to provide food and water to crores of living beings! O master, we all wish that this river should be proved and recognized as the most great and sacred river! You have made the path of this East river [Poorva vahini] spacious and broad in the form of the punishment and penance taken by Shoorpadma as per your command only!!"

" Agastya was consoled!! He had stopped his Atharvan. Really speaking, Kaveri had saved the life of so

many people! She had proved to be the mother of the entire human race! By blessing Kaveri, Agastya accepted the command of Gods. Kaveri became famous as "Agastya Patni Dakshin Ganga [South Ganga river--The wife of Agastya]!! Agastya again sat for his ascetic austerity in the ashram !!

The ascetics such as, Kratu, Pulaha, Pulastya had come on Brahmigiri with shri Ganesh! Since Agastya had made the South Direction quite safe by defeating Shoorpadma and making him surrender to him, all families of Vanar, Kratu, Pulah, Pulastya ,Pandya and Brahma etc were attracted to Agastya! A kind of special love and attraction was formed among these families about Agastya's son Ighmavah and Agastya's mental son Drudhasyu etc. Pulastya used to consider Agastya as his own family member. Pulastya's wife Havirbhoo had accepted Agastya as her son and merged all rights of Pulastya in Agastya only! Kratu and Pulahhad had taken the sons of Agastya tradition as their adopted sons

Pulaha's sons had gone away from Pulah and became like egoistic demons. All those anchorites offered their obeisance to Agastya.They requested Agastya to assimilate in Agastya tradition.Agastya, Vasishtha and Ighmavah offered their own place in the star constellation. Kratu became Ighmavah and Pulastya had become Agastya .Pullah became Vasishtha.

"O ascetics, Your co operation to me is really valuable and incomparable! But, we will not be able to do anything without the command of Brahmdeva!

"O Brahmarshi,you are not born from the mother's womb [Ayonisambhav]and the form of the absolute original Divine Supreme Power [Parabraham]! You are created with the desire of Brahmdeva! In the management of the universe [Brahmand], Shiv, Vishnu and Brahdev had handed over the responsibility of the South on you! Then why should

we be included in seven ascetics [Sapta Rishis] of the South? We are entering in your tradition and do the work as per your desire!!"said all ascetics!

All ascetics went to Brahmdev along with Shri Ganesh. Omniscient Brahmdev smiled to see his mental sons coming to him along with shri Ganesh. All sages offered their obeisance to the primeval sage Brahma !!

"O Sages, what is the reason of your arrival with Agastya along with Shri Ganesh here in Brahmloka? Is there any affliction or disturbance created in the management of the universe?"

"O Father [Pitashri], you are Brahma the Creator! You understand everything! Prajapati had done our creation as per your desire only! Yet, the hermits[ascetics] that are born out of the intercourse copulation also cannot establish the direct contact [relationship] with the Great Principles!! But, Agastya and Vasishtha that are created from Mitra-Varuni as per your desire, get great respect and honour like Brahma ,Vishnu and Mahesh directly in person!! Their authority is really great!! Now the prosperity and good life exists in South with Agastya's efforts only!! Whereas, due to Vasishtha only Agastya had accepted the post of the priest of Pandyas in South only! You give us your permission to us to dissolve and merge all our traditions along with all Vidyas [knowledge] in the tradition of Agastya!! The human welfare lies in that!!!" Brahmdev nodded by listening to this speech of Pulastya. He said,

"O Great Ascetics, you are thinking about the human welfare only by becoming non-egoistic going at a higher level! Therefore, I give you my permission to dissolve and merge all your traditions in to the tradition of Agastya!! Although Vasishtha traditions exist in the North, they are of great use to the south! Therefore, he will also get the honourable place in the Star constellation!.....' But, O Great Sages, the

work of the self- illuminated great sages is the creation of the universe like the Parabrama [the Original supreme Divine Power]. Therefore, I am giving my command to four chiefs that are before me and others to become self-illuminated as per their intellect!! Only seven star constellations will not remain as guides of directions but, you all with your splendor will keep on guiding as the [Antariksha Devata] Deities in the Space to all people along with the earthly world in different forms constantly!!" All troops of ascetics were very much pleased by listening to the talk of Brahmdev!!

"O Agastya, You are the image of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh! Your power is the direct form of Prakruti! It is getting manifested in many forms along with Lopamudra and Kaveri in the whole universe! So, you will earn reputation as "Shiva" in all worlds! Similarly, your worship will take place in the Form Of Shiva only!!You will manage the sessions of sacrifices [Yadnya satras] in the form of fire [Agni], nurture and take care of all people in the form of Vishnu ! You will always make the destruction of the evil by giving your support and protection to the people with the Spiritual practice [sadhana] of the form of Prakruti Shakti! By quieting Shoorpadma and assimilating him in your own tradition you have started performing Parabrahma's work of making Leelas, the plays in person!!" Brahmdev glorified Agastya!

"O Brahmdev, Agastya is only a pretext here and his existence has to be used as the means and an instrument of three Gods"!This is what you intend to say ! isn't it?"asked Agastya.

" 'O Agastya I had become really fortunate and blessed with your words. I dared to make mother Kaveri flow as a river but, the fear of the explosion of your fierce anger was constantly existent very powerfully like your angry incarnation of Shiva in my mind! But, it had disappeared with your words now! You are really an image of Shiva. I pay you my

obeisance three times!", said Shri Ganesh coming forward!

Sleepy Brahmdev awoke by the command of Parabrahma! Parabrahma was giving the command to make the beginning of the New Manvantar Cycle! [Manvantar-----manu -antar. The reign of Manu , a period equal to seventy one ages of Gods or 306,720,000 years of mortals or with the sandhi or the interval of the universal deluge 308, 48,000 years. Each Manvantar is governed by its distinct Manu and is provided by its own Indra and Other minor Deities.-proper period of time, season, hour.]

"Three times my obeisance to you O Supreme Divine Original Power, [Kaivalyarupa Parabrahma,]! Command me!!"

"O Brahmdev, the feeling of starting the new Manvantar cycle [Chakra] has been vibrated in our existence!!" The word of Parabrahma got registered and imprinted!!"

"O Parabrahma Kaivalya, after how many Manvantar cycles [Chakras,] this Manvantar cycle [Chakra] will be finished or come to an end? "

"O Brahma,it is really surprising on your part to ask such question although you are my form! There is no Beginning, Middle and End to the" Keval State"[].There is neither the quality nor the shape!Not only that, but there is no existence of the Avakash [Space] also!"

"Of course! This cycle [chakra] is Timeless and eternal [Infinite, endless] !!

"O Brahma, the power of Life or the spirit [deity considered as the source of life or essence of all being] shines forth from the Pure! This is the nature of the Kaivalya- The Supreme Divine Power." The creation of innumerable forms from that power of life of that same Kaivalya is the Play of that Kaivalya"! The extremely subtle manifestation in that play is the "Expansion [extension] of the Universe or the Cos-

mos! This manifestation happens from the Sun- Formed manifestation of the power of life [spirit], There are innumerable sun Manifestations in one stream of life in the innumerable streams of the power of life that had been produced or resulted from the Kaivalya- The Supreme Divine Power! From my own subtle [minute] forms that are closely connected, associated with the form of the cosmos which means, "Subtle or minute kaivalya-The Divine from the Kaivalya, the Divine ".

It also means, the Minute or The Subtle manifestation principle of the supreme divine power {Paramatma} , the power of life from the Paramatma [The Original Supreme Divine Power] means "Vishnu"!The second form of this manifestation means Shiva and the third manifestation form is Brahma!! These three forms are purely ostensible [apparent]! Vishnu-Principle[tatva] is inspirational, motivating and the bearer. Brahmtatva [principle] is the permanent truth and the play of the Kaivalya directly happens through his mean form! Shiva is the cause [reason] of the shape of the goal [end, objective] full of the direct Ahamkar and the extinction, destruction! No one is superior or inferior among these principles, There is neither the sequence nor the ego. But, these three principles are Kaivalya's forms of the most excellent self divine essence. The bright lighted power of consciousness or awareness of Kaivalya. The most excellent supreme divine essence]is the truthful form of these three truths. This is also the truth of the Paramatma form. O Brahma,these four truth forms of Kaivalya only create the creation of the universe, preservation [nurture] and the extinction by developing, evolving and becoming mature! But, yourself the Brahma has to do the creation work by taking forms such as, Prakruti-Purush, Shiv-Shakti, Vishnu- Laxmi with the inspiration and motivation of this Divine Supreme Power[ParaShakti]! That means, Kaivalya, the supreme

Divine Power itself is the only Principle of Oneness[Adwait Tatva]that causes the sight of the disorder in the form of 'The Beginning, Middle and end![Adi-Madhya- Ant].Dwait or dualism is its ostensible aspect. Therefore O Brahma, you become the reason, the cause of that New Manvantar [Change of the age of Manu] by becoming absolutely doubtless!!"

"Due to this Knowledge of the Eternal Truth [Brahmdhyan] I have got the revelation of the form of the Supreme divine Power [Kaivalya Roop] Even then, you should give me the command about the form in which I should create the universe.

"O Brahma,you should create the creatures that cherish the egoistic ambition to get the revelation of Kaivalya and become the form of Kaivalya in the gross living form [physical form]from the movable [mobile], distracted [deflected, deviated] and steady, stable ,firm immobile universal form [Chal, Vichal and Achal Universal form!]"

Kaivalya's Sensation of the Change of the Manu [Manvantar] has got the desire to see their play of pride, ego and strength. You had only created Five Great existences of the form of the great principle form of Kaivalya and five basic natural elements in the immortal and eternal form at the beginning of the last Manvantar for this creation. You know that they all are in the half sleepy and half living state! The mental picture of the vibrant motion that is taking place in them is clearly sensed [felt,detected] by the Vishnu Tatva in deep slumber in it's half sleepy state on the occasion of the end of the last Manvantar! Therefore, your stimulation [motivation] had happened through the Naval Lotus of the Vishnu Principle[Tatva] with the reason of the activation and motion.

O Image of Brahma, start the genesis by becoming the form of Purush and Prakruti with the power of illusion

that had been resulted from the form of Kaivalya's vibrant motion power! By changing forms of unwanted forms in the last Manvantar, include them in this mission. For that purpose, make an establishment of the Upper and Lower worlds in the universe. Create the divine state of five elements. You make the creation of Gods or enjoyment or suffering provoking powers that appear [manifest], become the motivations and causes at the upper and lower worlds! With the help of these powers create the creatures that can play at the places such as, the sky [space], earth and water. Create the passion, the desire in them to take the mutual experience of enjoyment and suffering of this created universe! For that purpose, create the Vishnu Principle [Tatva] such as, power, wealth, protection, self- rule, self- ambition and create the desire to take that experience in them! Give them the knowledge of the self- motivating creation! Give the power to take experience of enjoyment or suffering prior to the transformation from the form of Prakruti and Purusha! Once the greed of enjoyment is created in them, motivate and actuate lust, anger, greed, attraction, arrogance, jealousy and the pride or ego of appearance also in them! Give them the awareness, consciousness of the creator of the universe and the highest, supreme absolutely original Divine power !! [Brahma -Parabrahm] Give them the realization, the sense of the Manvantar [New Change of Manu] and the Extinction deluge. [Manvantar and Pralaya]. Give them the stimulation, inspiration and motivation of feelings of happiness and sorrow from that only! From the disorders and passions of food, sleep, fear and sex intercourse, create the principles of Generation, organization and destruction [extinction] along with the physical body! In this state if disorder or emotion, create the principles [Tatvas] of living beings in all states such as, the moving in water, on the earth, in the sky, [Antariksha], and moving at all place!! Create the passions, feelings and

emotions of "Ahamkar of three aspects such as, Satva [good and pure] , Raj [passion] and Tam [the ignorance and fear]'. Establish the earthly world of movable creatures. For the management of this universe make the establishment of Sacrificial Acts [Yadnya Karma]. Create innumerable immortal states. Give them the stimulation and motivation of the intercourse.[sex union]. The Universal Cycle will keep on moving and circulating from that act of intercourse. For that purpose, make the creation of Shastras [science and scriptures],Arts and literature! Grant them the tendency to live life with feelings of happiness and sorrow with the help of these things!"

"O Kaivalya, [Supreme God], I will do all this according to your command! For that purpose the world of Ascetics [Rutvij of Rishiloka] who understand the method of conducting the particular portion of sacrifice has to be created. The ascetic anchorites, sages of the mind form [mental form] will do the work of the management order and messengers who give messages. The powers can be accomplished or obtained from Gods with the ascetic power and in Gurukuls."

"O Brahman, the method of the mobility, motion of the Manvantar Cycle is the subject of your manifestation form! Yet, the manifestation of ascetics in the form of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh form is the manifestation of my form only as an alternative. Therefore these sages, ascetics will be making efforts to absorb in me like three Gods knowingly or unknowingly! As a result, they will shine and dazzle by becoming self- illumined bright stars in the sky !![Antariksha]" told Parbrahma!!.....

"O Form of the Supreme Power,[Kaivalya Rup],this entire thing is being resulted and produced from you with your own command only! "To create the shape , the figure of the form of the Universe given by you, I invite the Kaivalya form Vishnu and Shiva!"

Brahmdeva discussed with Vishnu and Shiva principles and the Creation of Illusion had started. Vishnu created the universe of Water by taking the initiative and lead!! Shiva had created the Universe of Space [Avakash] by taking the lead. For the production or creation of the Earthly world, the earth which was covered by the water was invited. As per the invitation of Brahmdeva, the aquatic creature tortoise, 'the Form of Vishnu' brought the earth up by balancing it on its back! Brahmdeva started creating the universe!! Five Principles started recurrences. Mountains, Rain and Forests were resulted from the womb of the earth. Ample production of animals, birds and crawling animals had also taken place. In the horrible and fearful forests, the brutal struggle of life of wild animals had started. Even then The Brahm-tatva could not be able to satisfy the Parabrahm Tatva!! Powers of Divine types that are created in the Heavenly world,Astral world [Antariksh Lok], and the earthly world [Bhooloka] from Brahma, Vishnu Mahesh and Maya- the Illusive Power accepted animals, birds, aquatic creatures and snakes as their vehicles and gave them the revelation of Kaivalya! The management of the animals in the Earthly world was done by giving the plants 'the status of deities of the earth". Yet three Gods along with the Maya -the illusive power were not at peace! God Brahma requested God Shri Vishnu to form the universe which is the power of holding and preservation which was the facsimile of the Vishnu Power! Purush and Prakruti gave the positive answer. God Shiva gave the assumption and permission. Prakruti became motivated to raise , to construct Kailas where the Lasya Dance of Kaivalya will remain continuous day and night! Shesha [- The King of the Serpent Race as a large ,thousand headed snake at once the couch and canopy of God Vishnu and the upholder of the world!], the form of Shiva told that it was necessary to take out The Himvan

Mountain from the covering of water to create the universe of living beings which is full of the holding and preserving power of Vishnu Form!! The Varah [Pig] form of Vishnu made the movement in the water -lake with the help of Shesha and Himvan peeped out of water!!

The Himavan, Himalaya appeared like the Highest Mountain-Meru among thousands of lines of mountain flowers with its specialty and difference! Brahmdev named him as "Meru Parvat"[Meru Mountain]. Prakriti and Purusha - Shiv Parvati constructed Kailas on this mountain. Meru continued to grow!! Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh were also attracted to Himalaya ,covered with the snow! The Sun and moon also started circumambulation around this mountain which was the form of the Divine Supreme power by looking at its bright splendor!! Extreme joy and happiness rose in the Brahmloka!! Brahm form got the sensation,the feeling to praise God Vishnu! As a result, he had made an establishment of Brahmarsi Narada and Goddess Saraswati who plays Veena! [Stringed Musical Instrument]! From this play of Brahma, The Shabdabrahm [The universe of words], Nadbrahm [the universe of sound] and [the Universe of the Flame of Prana the life force] Pranjiyotirbrahm got created!! They started the praise of the constructor of Kailas Shiv Prakruti along with the Vishnu form!!...

In spite of this happening, Brahmdeva was restless! He had discussed with Vishnu, Shiva and Maya [The Illusion Power] once more again!! He told Prakriti to produce, to create the Mental Formed Universe [Manah Swaroop Srushti] with the help of Purusha. Himavan offered his daughter who was the form of the nature to God Shiva.and Prakruti Purusha gave the message to Brahmdev to do the creation of mental sons. Brahmdev organized a sacrifice by himself and sang The Surya Sukta, Shiva Mahadev had taken the foetus form [Ling Form] with Prakriti and Purusha, Prakruti had taken

the form of Yoni [Vagina] and Brahmdev made the stimulating motivation of the self -Principle [AtmTatva], the form of Kaivalya along with The Vishnu Tatva. As a result, the man was created who was the facsimile of Kaivalya and the form of Brahma! The word "Aham Brahmah Asmi!" 'अहं ब्रह्मास्मि' resounded in the Avakash [space] from the side of Himavan! The sacrifice organized by Brahmdev became fruitful and successful!! First of all sons expressed the desire to become the form of Parabrahm,- the Highest Origin,the divine power. They refused the life of the universe along with its experience of consumption of joy and suffering. They neglected the subjects. They created some progeny with the help of Keval [Purity], Sankalp [Resolution], Sparsh [Touch]and Yadnya [Sacrifice]. But it was a waste! Brahmdeva performed the sacrifice once again! By invoking the Parabrahma,he had done the mental creation of Prajapati the form of Vishnu and the form of Shiva. From the result of the mental sacrifice that he himself had done, he had created Gods and Ascetics! But the sacrifice could not take place for the continuous automatic production of the progeny. Once again Prakruti and Purusha gave the blessing , the boon of the creation [production, the result] of manifestations of the powers that are the forms of Brahma from the sex intercourse of Yoni and Linga! [The Vulva and male sex-the penis]!! Prajapati offered daughters to Rishis [ascetics, hermits]and told them to create the progeny. As a result, the race of the human being which was the facsimile form of Brahma started increasing. The liquid production had happened in the intercourse and different kinds of progeny was created from many daughters. Human beings [Manav], Demons [danav], Gandharv, Yaksha, Ghosts and Devils etc of the images of God were created and formed among them! The disorders like passions, emotions and Ahamkar were created among them! All regions of earth

started on all earth right from the central Merumani! Kingdoms, society, traditions, families, lineages and the worship of deities started! Yet, in different types of human beings the quarrels and fights started on account of woman, land, and wealth. The empire of the Divine world of gods had gone to the King of Heaven Indra!! Brahmdeva presented to God Indra the kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of Gods!! Many demons, Rakshasas, Human beings, Yaksha, Gandharvas and Ascetics started making efforts to snatch this post of Indra. Indra gave the messages and commands to destroy his enemies from his royal seat. He had made use of passions of lust and sex and the feeling of sex intercourse to break the ascetic penance and austerity of the Rishis [ascetics] to prevent them from taking the Indra post on the strength of their severe ascetic penance!! Indra had started making use of imperishable and everlasting young men and extremely beautiful daughters of the universe, damsels [Apsaras] for this purpose!!....

Since Indra was the donor of food of all the universe and the Rain directly he was dear and agreeable to Three Gods for the creation of the universe and the ascetics and sages for the welfare of people! So, many battles were fought for his protection! As a result, the play which was expected to Kaivalya or The Parabrahma [The Supreme and absolute Original Divine Power] started taking place on the earthly world and the entire cosmos in the Solar System.....!

Agastya started the work of Re-Establishment in the South by making the entire earthly region full of water [Sujal]!! Agastya had already accepted the Post of Kulguru and the religious priest of Pandya region at the last point of the South. He had established the ashram which was useful for the spiritual aspirants in Shri Lanka and Pandya nation and as the rest place while going to Shri Lanka! He had handed over the responsibility of the management of the ashram on

Pandya kings! He had started the training of Archery, Khadga Vidya [the knowledge of fighting with the weapon like Khadga, Ayurveda along with knowledge of Khala, Anjan, Gutika etc., Yadnya Sanstha [Organisation of sacrifices], Sessions of Somyaga [Somyag Satra]. Knowledge of Atharvan was given the special priority! The teaching of Atharvan vidya, Mayavidya which was received from Pashupatinath in Nepal and Vang had also started in these ashrams. The knowledge of all these vidyas was imparted in the highly advanced manner here with severe austerity of Agastya. Many Southerners like Kratu, Pulahand Pulastya started receiving these Vidyas from these ashrams like Pandya! Agastya had made the use of the Folk Language, traditions of the North and the Folk language of the South to teach the Agastya Vidya in these ashrams. He was already well versed in "Chaturmukhi Bhasha---[Languages spoken by four mouths of Brahmdev] with blessings of Prabrahma and Brahmdev directly in person before this!! With the grace and blessings of Chaturmukhi God [Brahmdev]. Agastya's speech power had become very pure and sacred! Whereas, his wanderings and circulations from the ocean to the peaks of mountains and all directions had become "Shivaspad" [auspicious like Shiva] to him due to the acquisition of parts of Indra, Marut, Agni [fire] and Varun [Water]!! The Southern people of South had the fortune of the direct accompaniment of this dearest and favorable sage [Lokbhavan] like Agastya! Agastya himself had started these traditions!!

He had established the ashram at the place named 'Manimati' or Durjaya from the Pandya country and started the Centre of Agastya vidya -knowledge] on Vaidurya Mountain. Agastya had acquired the knowledge of traveling by the sea also!! The Ocean always used to respect him! He had started the knowledge Centres on all islands around the Jambudweep by traveling and wandering himself with refer-

ence of means of Ayurvedya!! He had participated the native people of those regions in his own traditions! He had not excluded [left out] even one single island around.

With the command of Lord Shiva, Agastya had brought and involved all plants, animals, stones, conches, shells from the sea shores and the sea of these foreign nations in his Agastya Chapters! He was constantly traveling and wandering by making the constant additions in ashrams that he had established for the dissemination and propagation of the independent Agastya knowledge [Vidya]!! He had taken the Motto, the slogan of the "Thousand years' Asceticism" and "The tireless, continuous efforts for The Human Welfare" from Brahma- Vishnu and mainly from God Shiva!! He himself used to acquire and accomplish the knowledge [vidya] by keeping Three Gods in the place of Gurus [spiritual masters]. As a result, three Gods used grant all knowledge quite naturally and easily to him! He had focused and concentrated all his attention on regions from Himachal to Shri Lanka and from the regions beyond the Sindhu Basin to Brahmaputra!!! He had special and unique love for the South !!As if all other ascetics and sages had made his appointment as the "Ruler, the Monarch of South"!! He had considered the Ashram erected at Badami in the South as the Central Place! He had connected all places in the south together from there. He had established many places such as, Agastya Sthan near Nerol in Tanjavur, Agastyakoot on The Kalanjar Mountain, Agastyakoot which is the Original place of Tamraparni, Agastyashal, Agastyashrung, Agastyasaras Teerth in the South which was well decorated with East -West Sea shore! But, he had felt that, 'The places such as, Tryambakeshwar, Brahmagiri, Panchvati and Tapovan in the Ganga basin as the central place more important to keep attention and watch on the North and South!! He had special love for the river Amrutvahini which was originated

from the womb of the Sahya Mountain. Therefore, he had settled Agastyanagar in the Shivbhoomi [The land of Lord Shiva] which was in the close vicinity of Amrutvahini. He had settled this city on the bank of Pravara alias Amrutvahini!! He did not establish the Knowledge centre over there but, he had kept his own residential stay over there!! He had kept his residential existence at Gangadwar and Kashi, Prayag and Vang in the North and Agastyanagar [Akole] Badami Agastyakoot and Pandya in the South! Many Agastyas were well prepared in the ashrams of the Chiefs of the South. Each disciple was an extremely great expert in each vidya [knowledge]. Therefore, languages, oral Traditions, Fourteen Vidyas and sixty four Kala [Arts] came together in Agastya's personality unanimously !!...

"O Brahmarshri Sage Narada, how did Agastya receive the medical knowledge of surgery and diagnosis and Chemical diagnosis? From whom did he receive this knowledge? Kindly tell us all about it! Our curiosity had increased to know about the surgical treatment of Vishpala!!"

"O Ramchandra, you are going to know all about this gradually. But, it is more beneficial to know about the Ayurveda Tradition acquired by Agastya.

"O sage, we feel that you can only tell us about it in the proper manner. So, we want to hear it from your mouth only!!"

"O Shriramchandra, it is quite true that three Gods gifted the Ayurvedya to Agastya! But, Agastya is the son of Light. So, he is self-illuminated with many Vidyas [Knowledge]! Yoga vidya has been acquired by him with his own self-illumination!"

"O God, this knowledge [vidya] can be achieved by

the ascetic austerity!"

"What you told is quite true! But, remember that, Yogi Shiva is manifested in Agastya directly in actuality with his Yogic power! Brahma has appeared with his power of the knowledge of Agriculture and God Vishnu has been manifested with the form of the tendency to do the Human Welfare! Therefore, although Agastya is Mitra and Varun, he is the Chief Son of Shiva and self- splendour of Brahma Vishnu!! Agastya's personality had happened, shaped and moulded by the self- stimulation and self -motivation of The Parabrahma! Therefore Agastya Vidya is existing as 'the Closely united Principle', ['Vyamishra or Sanshlishhta tatva']. As a result, Three Gods have come forward for his noble mission of the human Welfare!!"

"O sage, our curiosity has increased more with your explanation of this kind!"

"O Ram, Vaidehi and Laxamna, my story dares to explain again and again because I have got listeners like you! O Ramchandra, eight aspects of Aurvidya are described like the Shalya [pin, peg ,a spike or thorn that pierces the body], Shalakya [Examiner,physician that examinesby piercing the body by using the above mentioned things] with], Kayachikitsya [the Diagnosis of the body], Bhootvidya [knowledge of ghosts], Koumarbhrutya [The period including childhood], Agadtantra [], Rasayan Tantra [Technique of the of use Chemicals], Vajikaran Vidya Tantra [Excitement of amorous desires by medicine, charms!! Making like a horse, Raising the physical power] . Yet Agastya was exceptionally a great expert in the Shalya,[The splint or fragment remaining the flesh, a dead foetus remaining in the womb] Shalakya [Physician], Bhootvidya [Knowledge of five elements],and Agad tantra []. Not only that, but due to his great and unfathomable knowledges, one tree had received Agastya's name such as " Agastya or Hadaga"! Flowers of

this tree are like sage Agastya! Yet, they are very effective and good for the Agastya Vidya!"

"O sage, please tell us how did Agastya achieve this?"

Narada started telling further,"O Ramchandra,once Agastya was sitting for his ascetic penance. Suddenly he felt the sensation that some bright crawling animal had stung him on his right calf. His austerity was broken and his body started burning. Illumined Agastya had a doubt that he was poisoned. When he felt that he would be able to destroy that poison with the power of his words, he commanded that animal to suck back his poison. That insect was not an ordinary one! That poisonous virus belonged to the Shesha lineage [The Snake family of Shesh ,the King of the serpants]! He had come to take the auspicious Darshan of Agastya, When he saw that he was not getting Agastya's Darshan because he was deeply engrossed in his ascetic meditation, that Shesha stung to the right calf of Agastya as per his natural instinct! He had realized that Agastya's austerity was broken! He was scared and terrified!

"O great Sage, Agastya, kindly forgive me. I surrender to you! You destroy the ego of Gods including Indra also. So, it is not difficult for you destroy my poison. O Agastya, you only destroy my poison. Although it is quite true that you have commanded me, it is just impossible for me to obey your command!"

" I have commanded you! It will not go a waste or become futile. So, you only come forward to suck this poison! Otherwise I will give you a curse that the poison of all your crawling animals will be destroyed!!"

"O Maharshi, poison is our life. We can move on the earth and in hell with the help of it! Due to that poison only the world of living beings are afraid of us.As a result, we remain safe!! So, I will drink back my own poison! But, O Maharshi, I have a doubt, is it proper to suck the thing back

that has been emitted or discharged !!Or will that poison will become the reason of my own death?"

"O Shesha, you become more active to do the act of sucking poison without taking unreasonable doubts. If you do not do it, your death is unavoidable! That poison will not afflict you or harm you at all!"

"But, O Scholar [vidvan]....."

"O Bearer of the Shesh State, you had come to take my Darshan up to here, Your intention to bite was pure! Therefore, if you do this act as the punishment, the desire of your mind will be fulfilled and accomplished! For that purpose I utter the Mantra,

"Om Brahma Vishnu Shivayei Namah!"

Vishshankavan Agastah prabraveet!"

‘ॐ ब्रह्मविष्णुशिवायैनः विषशङ्कावान अगस्त्यः प्राब्रवीत’

Agastya uttered the Mantra and the entire surrounding was resounded and trembled! Agastya went on uttering the Mantra again and again! The Mantra Chanting continued peacefully! The burning sensation of Agastya's body had stopped. That cobra, Shesh had sucked all poison. When he had sucked it completely, suddenly he got slackness [looseness].

"O Agastya Narayana, I feel that I am dying! Only you can save me!"

"O Shesha, this is the effect of your poisoning act !! Very soon you will be all right!" That Shesh really regained his previous state! He became as he was before! Agastya could be able to control over the affliction of the poison. But, without stopping there he had done an invocation to God Vishnu. He also prayed that God Vishnu should give him Darshan while assisting with Brahma and Shiva!! Three Gods became pleased with Agastya as per his prayer!!

"Why did you call us O Agastya?" asked God Vishnu!

"O God, You have created creatures in the different

manner. But, you have made their life interdependent! While doing this, O Creator of the universe, some sins were done on your part! You can only suggest the remedies [solutions] to purify, and to cleanse them!"

"Sin? And Brahmdeva did the sin? O Agastya, did you, who are the destroyer of the pride not get affected with pride?" questioned Lord Shiva angrily!

"Forgive me God! Forgive me! Is it not the sin to have the intellect to use the poison which is created in the animals as a weapon? Truly speaking, the origin of poison is done with an intention that it will do the work of destroying the diseases by working in the human body as a medicine ! Is it not?"

"Yes! But what is wrong to gain the prey with our own poisoning?"

"O God, all forms in the universe are your forms. Then is it proper to make use of the particular principle created by you to take the life of other living being by one living being?"

"O Agastya, there are original principles known as Generation, organization and destruction at the root level of the creation of this universe! For that purpose the physical body, the Dhatu and the liquid are created in side the physical body. [the semen virile or the principle or humor of the body such as, phlegm, wind, bile, or the constituent part of the body of which seven are enumerated such as, blood, marrow, fat, flesh, bones, medullary substance and semen are known as Dhatu] You understand this very well. The essence of life of the animals is in accordance with that liquid and Dhatu. Therefore, there is no sin in the creation of Brahma. But, the question that you have asked is, for the human welfare! Therefore, if the Mantra Chanting about the poisoning act is done by remembering us and you, that poison can be destroyed or removed!"

"O God, I have really troubled you with the selfish

intention! I am ready to take any punishment given to me. Please command me!"

O Agastya, your inspiration and motivation is made for the protection of the animals and human beings on the earth. So, ask for any Boon [Blessing] for the human Welfare that you want!" Shri Vishnu told Agastya.

"O Bhagavan, if the innocent person is affected with the poisonous sting, let it be destroyed and disappeared by this mantra that has been perfected now!! Similarly, the poisonous creatures should not be granted the permission to bite without your command!!"

"O Agastya the Benedictory of the welfare of the people, your demand is extremely full of love and affection!! Therefore, the affliction of the poison from creatures to the innocent person will be destroyed with the remedy of this mantra!! Let auspicious should be done with you!" By giving this assurance to Agastya, Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh had left from the

Since then Agastya had done the construction of this Mantra at a large scale and made this Vidya famous by calling it as 'Madhu -Vidya' instead of 'Visha- Vidya'.

The affliction and distress of poison gets completely eradicated with the remedy of Madhuvidya. According to the setting order of Madhuvidya the use of animals, birds, germs and water taken with specific resolution [sankalp] is done on the poisoning distress in the Agastya ashram. Not only that, but by chanting the mantra "Om Agastyai Namah ||" also, one can be released from the distress of poisoning. The skill of Agastya's setting order of this Vidya is such that, he had discovered the technique of making the use of the poison of the enemy of the poisonous creature for the destruction of poison as per the rule and the formula, "Jeevo Jeevasya jeevanam" instead of making an invocation to deities!

"O great sage, we have realized that there is the attitude of the inclusion of the advantage and benefit of the animal life in each action of Agastya. You have also said that, "Agastya Vidya had given the solutions to eradicate the states of mental disorders in the deceptive illusions [maya] and mental patients". How is that?"

"O God, Agastya's knowledge and work in the field of Medicine [Vaidyak], magic and Sorcery is really very vast and outstanding! He had acquired the Mekhala [Griddle around the waist] which was created from asceticism of Brahmdev.

"What was the reason behind this acquisition of the griddle?" asked Shreeram!

Narada answered this question of God Ram, "O God, Agastya was famous for arranging the sessions of sacrifices. His sessions of sacrifices were going on along with Shatarchin. For the human welfare, his dialogue used to take place with the help of these sessions with Indra, Varun, Lokapal, and other troops of gods!

Once, on the occasion of long termed Som-Yag, some secret powers started drinking 'the Somras' which was specially prepared by the hermits with extreme efforts. Agastya realized with his intuitive knowledge that, 'these powers were the human passions and they were abducting [high jacking] the Soma. They were trying to get liberation by fulfilling their passions with help of Soma Liquid. He knew by birth, originally that, it is possible to make many magic and miracles to accomplish many illusive powers with Yoga and austerity in the human birth. He was quite sure and convinced that he would be able to fasten these powers with the help of Yogic strength of Atharvan! The experience such as, "the human passions can come to satisfy their passions by taking the forms of snakes, crows, and four legged animals" was quite new to him. He had also found out that

these forms mean souls of the dead in the mid- air!!The times such as, Midnight, Afternoon and Sunset are useful to accept the passion forms!...

With the help of his ascetic power and the strength of Yoga, he had prevented all this! He had also taken the knowledge from the illustrations of seven ascetics [Saptarshis] that, the devils and demons trouble in the most wild and predatory manner at the time of the sacrifice sessions of different sages and they can be prevented by taking the help of suitable Kashatriyas born in the royal family of the brave warriors, endowed with divine powers. Yet, the dissatisfied souls in the human life abduct the useful things in the sacrifice sessions with passion forms. They take away the Part of Somaras also! So ,Agasty thought "With what intensity these passion forms can trouble the living people ?"As a result, the desire rose in his mind to know and receive this whole knowledge from Pashupatinath ! Agastya knew it very well that the Kal -Form of Shivshankar has this knowledge! He also knew that Shiva smears the Ashes of the funeral pyre and keeps the troops of ghosts under his control with the help of that ash!!Therefore, he went to Shiva!"

"O Great Sage, did Shiva grant the Bhoot -Vidya [Knowledge of ghosts] to Agastya?"

"This did not happen immediately!! Agastya had to do a severe austerity for that!!"

"What was the reason?"

"O God, Agastya is divine! He is not an ordinary mortal human being! The knowledge of evil spirits and demons [Bhootvidya] is in relation to the mortals and the troops of Shiva only! The life of the human being is fastened and afflicted with these powers! He is tightly fastened with the noose or the snare around him! It was necessary for Agastya to study all this very well!"

" O Great Sage, which solution did Agastya use for

all this?"

"O Ramchandra, Agastya travelled to the Shiv shrines in Vang, Nepal, Bhootan, Tibet and Asam, He found many Shiv devotees that had acquired different types of Tantra-techniques.[Vidyas.] These followers of the Tantra Shastra were taking great care of Parvati in the Kali form and Shiva in the Kalbhairav form! They were found making use of many plants, the flesh of the human beings and animals and bones for the Tantric experiments. He had seen different types of mental patients. Agastya decided to ask Shiva- Parvati about this and he straightway came on the Kailasa!

Agastya started severe and strong ascetic austerity at the North direction of Muniagastygram by making the establishment of the Deity Bhootnath. The entire Himalaya mountain vibrated with Agastya's chanting of Japa "Om Bhootnathay Namah!!"The peaks of snow started receiving the severe shocking blows. Agastya had started the Somayag for Kalbhairav and Kali! This insistence and stubbornness of Mitra- Varuni was not simple and ordinary. He wanted to do the circulation ,circumambulation on the Earth for the welfare and betterment of the people. Agastya realized that the Knowledge of the spirits and ghosts was essential for that. For the dreadful and heinous knowledge, dreadful and the horrible austerity was essential. Agastya started giving the offerings of different plants and animals and birds in the sessions of sacrifices! [Yadnyasatras] He had started receiving their dead bodies directly in his own stomach from the sacrifices! Brahmdeva started fearing that due to the dreadful and heinous austerity of Agastya, the form of Fire [Agni], the creation of the universe created by Brahma will be burnt to ashes! As if, this son of Kal had started the Tandava of the Kal just within a few thousand years after taking birth! Bhagavan Vasishtha tried to stop Agastya! But in vain!! Devendra and Marut and Mitra Varun also tried to

console him. But the unequalled and matchless treasure of the Cosmic -Power was accumulated and collected in Agastya! He was not ready to listen to anybody! Having seen that Bhootnath, Kalbhairav and Kalimata were not feeling pleased, Agastya had manifested the mammoth colossal form of Fire {Agni} and made an invocation of the offering [Swahakar] of all earthly beings in the sacrifice!!! Earth Circle was shaken and rocked!! Himalaya, Ocean, Wind [Vayu] Gods and Human beings started requesting Agastya! It was felt as if the great deluge was approaching very fast! Different shapes started taking place to pervade the Solar system directly. Brahmdeva came to God Vishnu and Shiva. Bhairavnath was engrossed completely in the inscrutable[unfathomable] Yoga posture with Mahakali smilingly!! The troops of Bhootas tried to convey the news of the arrival of God Brahma and Vishnu in person to Shiva! Kalbhairav and Kalimata manifested with their fierce and dreadful form!!

"O Mahakalinath [husband of Kali] Kalbhairav, the entire cosmos had surrendered to you! Your son Mitra-Varuni is doing a strong dreadful austerity! Are you not aware of it?" asked Brahmdeva!

"O Brahmdeva, you have created the Brahmand-the Universe by connecting [linking] the genesis [origin, birth] of your self- formed human being with the life of the universe and connecting the relationship of the entire universal life with the power of Black Magic[Yatu Shakti] with the covering [envelopment] of Maya- The illusion in this whole universe in all directions is constructed by you!! With this connection you had made it very difficult to follow the path of Immortality! It is quite true that, you are trying to do innumerable solutions and remedies to sustain and conserve the sorrowful and painful mortal life which was created by you only! But, the Superior Original Divine Power [The Parabrahma] had entrusted and handed over the responsi-

bility of the dreadful and fierce act of making it absorbed in the deluge by making it flow in the womb of the Kal- The Time[kalodar]!! As a result the dreadful and horrible acts or yogas are bound to take place while doing the work of that arrangement!! My son Agastya is the part of that action or work only! I was totally engrossed in the Yoga Samadhee along with Mahakali for the successful achievement and accomplishment of my son's Vidya! We were just remembering you and here you are!!!!

"O Kalbhairava, it seems that, as if this Agastya who is created for the Welfare of the human beings has started a very strong and dreadful war only!! Can it be called as, 'Stubbornness or Asceticism'? asked God Vishnu!!

"O God Vishnu, the balance of this cosmos cannot be maintained unless we three come together! Man's mind does the chief work of maintaining the balance !! Man understands the existence of the soul by the mind only!! It is quite true that our job is to fasten that mind with people but, if it does not become possible to bring the mortal human beings on the path of liberation [moksha], the soul who is the image, the form of the supreme Original divine power {The Parabrahma} has to live by wandering and by going through Eighty Four Lakhs States in the mortal manner!! This cycle of birth and death gets affected and afflicted with passions of the physical body. If passions are not fulfilled with the physical body which is the form of passions, the air form of passions come to our troops for the shelter and support by floating in the air like the waves of wind ! These Ganas want the support and shelter of the Astral body [Body of passions]. You have the knowledge [you know it very well] that the Bhootvidya or the Science of the spirits knows and captures the gross body and the relationship of passions accomplished or achieved from the power of Black Magic!! In spite of this, the excessive states in the divine states [Atiyoni

in the Dev Koti] can not perform this function. As a result, this work has to be done by the charmer who is in the physical body and who has the knowledge of black magic. The use of the entire living [life] universe has to be made as the mean form for this purpose. This state of the air-form floating body gets the stable support and shelter of the astral body of passions. [vasana Deha]. Then, like the bubbles on water and the mirage, many illusive mortal forms are created and formed out of it. For the management, control of the state and liberation from the state of air form, it is very essential for the ascetics and sages to know the Atharvan Vidya [knowledge of Black magic- bhoot Vidya] and Ayurvedya! But for the acquisition of that knowledge, the griddle which is the form of Brahmdev [Brahmrupini Mekhala] is extremely essential! O Brahmdeva, to get the acquisition and accomplishment of that Mekhala and to know the secret of it to Agastya, his severe and strong austerity is going on! The time of its completion and the end has come close now!. Therefore we will console Agastya along with Mahakali!"

Three Gods manifested on Himalayas along with Mahakali on the peak of the Bhoot Shikhar! [summit] of the Bhoot mountain. The peak of Bhoot mountain became very bright and illumined. The swahakar [ritual of giving the offering to the fire] was quieted! The flames of fire were also ceased and became quiet! The flames of fire also had disappeared. Agastya's eyes could not hold the tears of joy !! He bowed to the feet of Bhootnath and Mahakali with great speed and held their feet very tightly!

"O Mother, O father, O Brahman, O Mahavishnu, I am really a great offender of you all hundred times!! I felt that, to know the knowledge of the Bhoot Vidya [Spirit Science] and Aurvidya was my prime duty.. Therefore I had started this sacrifice with great insistence!!! have surren-

dered to you! I pray you that I should get the divine knowledge of Bhoot Vidya and Aurvidya!" The blessings of Bhairavnath got manifested on the Bhoot shikhar in front of all as the witness!!.....

"O dear Son, we have become very much pleased with your severe austerity. The knowledge of Spirit science [Bhoot Vidya] is really essential for the mortal people! You will certainly get it. Aurvidya has manifested in the form of God Vishnu directly on its own with an intention that you should acquire it!! O Agastya, both knowledge [Vidyas] are forms of Shiva, Shakti and Vishnu!! All those powers are manifested in you exactly from this present moment right now!! Your divine eye sight will get the darshan of all streams of rivers, the human forms of the mountains, the inscrutable divine powers in trees and creepers., passions of the people and air-forms of the astral souls. As a result, you will be able to achieve the welfare of the man's body and mind!!"

"You will be able to create human bodies! You will be able to digest the entire universe! Not only that, but you will come to know the super human and illusive forms of the devils, demons and Yakshas also! The valuable wealth which is collected in the earth will be visible to your eyes. O Agastya, all types of living beings will help you for that purpose! You will get the acquisition of Indra's Indra water- power and the Vayu's tendency to move and wander in the universe! But, for this purpose, you must establish Shiva, Shakti and Vishnu and their village form with the Atharvan Vidya!! God Brahmdev has brought "The Atharvan Mekhala" which was created with the power of his own asceticism in person to you for that purpose !! South is the direction of the mortality! Therefore, you start your mission of the upliftment of people from the South direction!"

"O Creator of the universe God Brahmdeva, I pray you to adorn me with this Mekhala [Griddle] by narrating and

explaining its secret and the mystery to me !!"

"O dear Son Agastya, this griddle [mekhala] is prepared from the grass known as "Munj" This grass is made up of the most complicated roots right from the creation of this Cosmos! That is the witness of all mortals born in this world. At the time of any experiment of the Bhoot- Vidya, this griddle should be fastened around the waist of the charmer who performs the black magic at least in the partial form! So that, he will perceive or know the souls of ventricle forms of passion, illusive or deceptive forms, the previous birth, past, present and the future predictions and mortal forms! His black magic rites [actions] become successful and get the successful fruition of the Tantra like the fruition of the Yadnya, The sacrifice."

"This griddle [Mekhala] was created [sprang] from the ascetic austerity that had started for the construction of the universe at the beginning of the universal creation. This griddle or Mekhala is the daughter of the Human Belief and Devotion! Therefore, she can only fasten and control the mind! This Mekhala is the sister of me and the troops of ascetics who are the creators of the earthly world and the living beings. Therefore, this Mekhala is very useful for the rites of sacrifice! It helps to the sacrificial acts. The existence of this griddle [mekhala] prevents the passions of the human creatures! This Mekhala gives us the power of Shiva, Shakti, intellect, Imagination, Miracles, strangeness, genius or talent and the magic !!

"This universe is the Illusion or Maya ! Her divine darshan is obtained by this Mekhala! So I grant you, donate you such powerful griddle, the Mekhala which is created by Brahm!"

" O Brahmdeva, I have become really very blessed! Now I will be ready and well prepared for the protection of the man as per your command! But, O Bhagavan Vishnu,

Mortal being, human being [man] and other animals are full of Vat ,cough and Pitta [Blood bile.. etc] and three aspects such as "Satva; Raj and Tam [Pure, sacred, passion anger and ignorance]. They are fastened and bounded in the body and the soul. For the qualitative balance of these mortals they require the strong and healthy body and the pleasantness of mind! Therefore I request you to grant me the donation of the Ayurvedya!"

"O dear Son Agastya, This is really an admirable matter that you are making an expectation of the powers that are full of all means before you start your work as a sage who works for the human welfare! Therefore, O Agastya, no sooner did you touch the nerve of the human body than you will be able to make the diagnosis! You will remake the divine organs of the mortals. The power to make the dead person alive will also enter in you! Not only that, but, the plants, animals, various metals, and juices [essence] will be helpful to you in the medicinal form. You will be able to create divine food with the help of this knowledge [vidya]! You will be able to create the medicinal holy water with the help of this knowledge! This is my blessing to you!!"

God Vishnu gave Ayurvedya to Agastya. While receiving this great boon for the mortal people on the earth from three Gods, The expression of tremendous happiness was reflected on Agastya's face!

"O Father, Highly venerable and most respected Guru, and the great Spiritual Master [Sadguru] , Mahadeva, and Mother Kali, which other Vidya should be acquired by me to get successful achievement in my human welfare oriented work?" O Dear Son Agastya, you are the son of Shiva! It is really a rare matter to get the advice and counsel from the great Saguru like Shiva directly in person! You have obtained the Knowledge of Spirits [Bhoot- Vidya] and Ayurvedya from Shiva only! But, remember that, God Shiva is the Creator of

the deluge and destruction also!! If Lord Shiva himself starts "the Frantic Dancing [Tandav- Nrutya]" ,nothing will remain in this universe!! Myself, Kali the form of the Prakruti[Primordial female Power] God Vishnu and other troops of Gods had acquired the knowledge of War [Yudhavidya] from Lord Shiva only! The occasion of war is the cause factor of the Kal -the Time-destruction!! Therefore, O Agastya, you should become an expert in the War Science-[Yuddha Vidya!!]",told Mahakali to Agastya!

"O Mother , What kind of ascetic penance should I observe for that?"

"O Agasya, You acquire the Literature and Music from Kartikeya, Ganesh and Brahmdeva's daughter Sharada! The dancing, playing the musical instrument, singing and drama are included in these arts! By practicing and worshipping them you please the Shiva Principle [Shiva Tatva] with the grave and flagrant practice. Then only you will get the knowledge of the Yudha Vidya!!.. (Knowledge of War)

"The causative factor or the doer of the weapon such as the Missiles and weapons, Lord Shiva is the Bearer of the Trident [Trishool]! The Trident is the weapon of Shiva that gives the knowledge of The Brahmdnyan [The Eternal Truth], Arts [Kala] and The Time [Kal]! Those who only worship and do the practice of Kal without acquiring the Brahmdnyan and Kala [The Eternal real truth and arts] among these receive the demon or the evil form! Those who only worship and do the spiritual practice of the Tatva or the Principle, get the accomplishment of the Eternal Liberation! Those who only worship and do the worship of arts reach to the Gandharva state! [Gandharva----1] A celestial Chorister. These are the class of demigods. They inhabit Swarga-the heaven and form the orchestra of the principle deities. 2] An extraordinary vocalist or musician] but, those who acquire all these three aspects and do the severe practice of

them, become the form and image of Shiva and perform the great work of the Mortal and Immortal , visible and invisible Human Welfare !! That is the real Shiva- Tatva, Brahmataiva and Vishnu Tatva and The ParabrahmTatva which is the form of Omkar!! Therefore, O Agastya, first you acquire all this knowledge and then only wander or move in the universe for the work of the human Welfare!!" told mother Kali to Agastya with the motherly feeling of affection!

" Mother, I will immediately start my spiritual practice by acquiring the Blessings of Shri Ganesh, Kartikeya and Brahmavadini Mother Sharada"! Uttering these words, Agastya offered his obeisance to three gods and mother Kali and had started going towards the direction of Shri Ganesh!!

"O Goddess Kali, the form of the mother,I think that you have blocked Agastya's path of the human welfare by giving your guidance!!" God Vishnu expressed his doubt.

" O Manager of the world . bounded by the people,you have the responsibility of fulfilling the dream of the parabrahma. In that fulfillment of the dream we are just instruments and pretexts only! Knowledge, Arts and Time are forms of the Parabrahma only! These three states exist in Three Gods also! Due to that reason, they reach to the masses of people as well as the states of God, Demons and human state of the man! This fact is known to you! Then this act of the fulfillment of the dream which we want to achieve directly through the power medium of our children such as, ascetics, sages, hermits philosophers, scientists, genius people should also get the accomplishment of all powerful state! As an example or illustration of this, I have commanded Agastya to do this Sadhana-the spiritual practice!" explained Mother Kali in details!!

"O Mother, we have become really blessed. The reason for which we had awaken you from the profound Yoga Samadhi had reached to the perfection and became mean-

ingful!" Brahma Vishnu took the auspicious Darshan of Uma-Maheshvar and went back to their respective worlds[with pleasing minds and became engrossed in their meditations!!

Agastya came in the Shiviloka. He took Shri Ganesha's auspicious darshan. He had surrendered to Shri Ganesh with all his heart and prayed him, "O Image of Shiva, The incarnation of Shri Vishnu, the Dean of all knowledge [vidya], the Supreme spiritual Master, [Paratpar Guru], I have surrendered to you! You are the son of Lord Shiva. You are the form of my elder brother only! I request you to give me knowledge of all arts and vidyas and guide me properly in accordance with that!!

"O Agastya, You are our brother! Goddess Mahakali had only inspired you to come to us So, it is my duty to guide you in arts like literature, music, plays, sports and other knowledge Vidyas]. We will take the advice and opinion of Kartikeya also!" said Shri Ganesh to Agastya.

Shri Ganesh went to Kartikeya along with Agastya. Kartikeya greeted Shri Ganesh and Agastya properly and accepted Agastya's request to take the position of the Guru! Then those three went to Shri Sharada Saraswati for the counsel. Goddess Sharada, the Veena player became very pleased to see these three sons of lord Shiva. Shri Saraswati accepted Mother Kali's plan!

So, Agastya's practice [sadhana] of literature, dancing, playing the instrumental music, singing and drama started in the company of Lord Shiva with mother Kali as the witness on Kailas! Agastya started his Sadhana with all his strength with yogic power and severe austerity. Shiv Parvati were watching Agastya's Sadhana with great admiration. Very soon Agastya became an expert in all arts! He

was endowed with highest imagination and talent with the grace and blessings of Shri Sharada. After performing the worship of Shiva with this austerity for one thousand years, the time to receive and acquire the Knowledge Of Kal [Kal Vidya] came close and very near!

Agastya arranged the sessions of Soma -Sacrifice with blessings of Shri Ganesh, Kartikeya, and Shri Sharada directly in person with troops of Shiva as the witness. Preparing the Soma, he had invited all Gods including Indra. He gave invitation to the senior and great Rishis in the Rishi Mandala. He had invited The Agni[fire], Dikpal [Chief of the directions], lokpal [The Cherisher and providers of people] planets, stars, constellations, Kaivalya- The Supreme Divine Power and Kal [time]!! The sessions started. All gods and goddesses were pleased with offerings. The news of these sessions had reached to the knowledgeable and egoistic humans who call themselves as the demons [danavas] from Bhootnatha's ganas [troops]! As a result, they became ready to create obstacles and problems in the sacrifice thinking that, "If Agastya had performed such sacrifice, he will conquer the entire universe and the destruction and deluge of Danavas will take place!"

Now it became well known to all that Agastya is the form of Shiva who had received the knowledge of spirits [Bhootvidya] and the incarnation of Lord Vishnu's the bright light form created out of fire!! It was also realized that, Agastya has obtained all types of vidya [knowledge] and power of intuition because he has got the help of Varun! Therefore ventricle illusive powers decided to bring obstacles in the soma sacrifice.

Soma Sessions were in full swing. But, within a short time the shower of illusive wind, rain, the weapon of snakes, weapons of fire started falling on the place of sacrifice. This entire event was taking place with the blessing of Lord Shiva

directly in person. Many black magicians were trying to create obstacles by using the techniques [tantras], mantras and yantra of mother Kali!!

Agastya was not disturbed and perturbed at all! The calm and quiet face of shri Ganesh gave him tremendous power and strength. Agastya had got the most powerful support due to Kartikeya's state of devotion and promise [pledge]! Then he started the austerity of dance, playing the music, and singing after the sessions of Soma-Yag! Mother Saraswati was inspiring and motivating him. The Brahm Mekhala-the griddle was giving him the powerful strength to protest the obstacles. [vikshep]. Highly splendourous, extremely ascetic great sage Agastya started the performance of three things such as dance, playing the Musical instrument and singing together at the same time with great skill! The entire Kailas was hypnotized and thrilled with his facial gestures, [AAIap], and rhythm!! The thick crowd of gods and goddesses gathered in the space. Even the crowd of ghosts, spirits, Shiva troops and obstacle creators like danavas [demons] were also lost in the delight with Agastya's great performance of artistic creation. The whole universe was delighted with the expression of his artistic skill. Kaivalya, the supreme divine power was moved! The Kal -Time had stopped! Parabrahma's eyes were full of tears!!

After that, Agastya started his "Tandav dance! After the display of some expressions of his foot work only, he had started dancing with tremendous force as if there was a great surge of circulation of the Cosmic vibrancy, Mother Kali who is the symbol and image of the cosmic energy and the form of power and Shiva tatva in his body!! God Sun started shining and manifesting with his thousands of rays to illumine with thousand times like the Sun [aditya] of the deluge, the catastrophe to see the Agastya's Tandav dance of the great deluge!! Eyes of all living and non -living beings

in the whole universe were dazzled with that thrilling dancing of Agastya!! That Music Sadhana of Agastya was really unfathomable and incomprehensible and superb!! Because it was happening with unity and oneness with playing the musical instrument, singing and dancing together at one and the same time!! The tune of words had received the strength of the power of Mantras! The facial and bodily gestures, movements of hands and feet had got the power of the machine! This Supreme state was experienced by Mahakali in Mahadev only! Mahakali became extremely happy and delighted and joined in Agastya's sacrifice of manifestation and expression of arts! She had also started dancing! And Lo!! To the surprise of all Shri Ganesh, Kartikeya and troops of Shiva also started dancing fully engrossed and had lost themselves in the dance!! Brahmdeva looked at all directions everywhere! To his surprise, the directions were also dancing with their respective Chief controllers! It was felt as if the entire Shiva Lok was fully engrossed in the Tandav dance of the great deluge and catastrophe! The entire universe became anxious and distressed. The Universe started oscillating and rocking! Oceans in the world rose high!! The entire attention of all universe was concentrated on Kailas form of the Shiva Lok!!

And then!!.....One still moment had come in such a way that the entire Avakash, the space, was trembled and quivered! The huge and horrible Shivayogi that pervades the entire universe and destroy the whole universe in his swallow [swakakar] had awakened from the sleep and manifested quite naturally and easily in the gestures of dancing expressions before Agastya! Kailasnath Shiva manifested directly in person as if the real vibrancy and brightness manifest before with the concentrated fireballs coming together! The entire sky was dazzled with that brightness! Parabrahma, the original Divine supreme power himself was

astonished to see his own incomprehensible manifestation!! Brahma and Vishnu were dissolved and merged in Shiva!!! But, Agastya's Sadhana [Practice] was going on continuously without getting distracted or perturbed with this splendour also!

"O Highly splendourous Son, Your new birth had occurred today! We are very pleased! You will shine in the clear sky quite prominently, boldly as" A Self -illuminated, extremely bright, and shining more brightly as the Shiva Star [Shiva Tara]" till the end of this universe!! Not only in the South but, in the whole universe, people will worship you as Shiva!! Not only that, but you have acquired all war knowledge now!! Without making the direct war you will destroy the enemy just with the expression of your dancing!! Due to the blessings of Shri Ganesh, Kartikeya and Deee Saraswati you have received all Vidyas that exist in me very easily and naturally! Now people will experience my entire powerful strength in you!! The Welfare Oriented work of three gods will continuously be performed by you for many ages after ages!!!" Lord Shiva uttered his Divine words of blessings!

Agastya was moved and became highly emotional with the divine blessings of Shiva!! Kailas had become quiet! Shri Ganesh, Kartikeya and Goddess Saraswati became very pleased. Agastya offered his obeisance to Mahakali! Mahakali also embraced him by holding him close to her heart! God Shiva himself felt very much moved to see this motherly expression! His heart was also moved. Lord Shiva known as Chandramoulisvar [The one that holds the Moon in his platted hair] has made the path of service to humanity more large and broad in the form of an ascetic and sage to Agastya by assimilating him in his own Shiva power!! He had given him an immortal place in the Star Constellations and made him the Guide of the Universe!!

By becoming an expert in all Vidyas and taking the

leave of all, Agastya came to Gangadwar. He had decided to complete his mission by establishing an ashram in the vicinity of KashiVishweshvar from there!! Now the whole world came to know about the supreme and divine personality of Agastya. As a result, many kings and royal families came to him and joined him. The big queues of followers were formed to become experts in the knowledge of Agastya. Agastya erected Gurukulas [Residential Centres to impart knowledge and skills] at Prayag and Vang with the support of Mother Ganga! He himself had started the experiments of Atharvan in both Gurukulas. His disciples and followers started receiving the practical knowledge and demonstration of Archery and Ayurvedya from Agastya! The families in the South such as, Kratu, Pullah, Pulastya, and Pandya became "Agastya' coming in Vang only! Many human hoards joined Agastya. As if, a big competition to establish Agastya's Gurukulas in the south had started everywhere.

Once Agastya was sitting in his Ashram at Vang, in a relaxed manner, some groups of birds [Dwij] came in the ashram. They made an obeisance to Agastya.

"O Sage Agastya, we have come to surrender to you."

"Be free from fear! What is your expectation from me?"

"O sage, many demons, evil giants, monsters and magicians who are accomplished with the illusive knowledge and power of black magic, make our use for the establishment of soul, to do the poisoning and to make the future predications. Not only that but in the black magic of troubling and killing they use us as the victim or pray also!! In that action, the destruction of the people happens instead of the welfare of the people!! As a result, we do not get the release or liberation from the state of birds. We feel that our use should be made for the welfare of the whole world! Therefore, we pray to find a solution on this problem! "

"O troops of Birds, you all are messengers of God Brahmdeva!! You are the witness of many human indications. You are the sons of wind [Vayu Putra] and you are accomplished with the art of flying. Did you tell about your complaint to Brahmdev and Vayu?"

"Yes O Great sage! Vayu has only sent us to you!"

"All right! You are the vehicles of many deities. Yet, it is very important on your part to tell the Garudraj, Eagle-the King of Birds!!"

"O Great sage, we have come to you with Garuda's counsel [advice] only!!"

"O Groups of birds, [Dwijganas], you had come to surrender me. So, I will definitely help you! Gods, human beings and demons will be able to use your power for the constructive and positive work only! I am creating the Agastyakund for you! You should take bath every year in this pond minimum once !! So that, your power will not be afflicted and if some evil or killer is making your use for the bad purpose, that attempt will be unsuccessful!! I give you this assurance. Yet, I am also making one request to you. You have got the power to give indications of the Seasonal cycle and future predictions for the welfare of the world !! You should always make use of that power constantly for the betterment of the world!!"

"O Great Sage, we feel really blessed and fortunate from the point of view of the Human welfare. We will definitely use our power in the honest manner!"

"O Dwija Ganas, you please tell me or the inhabitants of my ashram the news of evil deeds from time to time in advance!! So, I will be able to prevent and destroy those evil deeds as per your previous intimation.

Agastya's confidence grew more with this meeting with troops of birds. He felt extremely happy with the fact that Lord Shiva had given him the Shiva- Form directly in

person!! Mother Paravti had made his inspirational motivation to make the path of knowledge more broad and spacious by breaking the mountains of darkness of ignorance!! He felt moved with emotion for this mother form of the universe! He had decided to do the Soma sacrifice on the bank of river Ganga at the holy place of Kashi to make the path of the Universal welfare broad and spacious and to celebrate the joyful achievement of the acquisition of the knowledge of different Vidyas!! Agastya started to make the preparation of his work!

The place of sacrifice-Yadnyashala was established to perform the Soma sacrifice [Yag] in the ashram. The arrangement was made to bring the excellent and fresh Soma creeper regularly from the Himalaya and around its vicinity. The troops of ascetics and disciples who make the ultimate efforts to prepare the Soma! The proper things such as "The Chamu, Kalash, Chamas, Kosh, Paan, Dronas, Shukra, Manthee, Pavitra, Amatra, Bru, Som Mapan, Khari were collected for the production and consumption of Soma! They were purified. The material such as the wheat flour, water, honey, golden granules, clarified butter [Ghrut], Milk, and Curd was also brought along with these things. The management was made to prepare the Soma with the help of the materials such as Thavasheer, Gavasheer, Dadhyasheer, Trayansheer, Madhumat, Madhu and Peeyush!!

When the perfect and complete preparation was done, Agastya made the resolution for the welfare of all living beings. God Agninarayan [Fire] became present in the sacrifice. Soma was prepared! The Soma drinking had started. The offerings were well prepared. The offerings were offered with the chanting of hymns [suktas]. Gods and goddesses started receiving the offerings from the mouth of Agni-The fire!! The luster had spread on Agastya's face. The blessings of all gods and goddesses started resound-

ing in the sky! Goddess Soma was pleased!

"O Agastya, the intentions of all sacrifices that were performed before were totally different. For the first time this sacrifice is taking place for the animate and inanimate in the universe. Therefore I am really pleased for that! Participate me in your mission of the Human Welfare!!"

"O Goddess Soma, you are the complimentary goddess, the Dean of our Sacrifice organization. The sacrifice cannot be perfected without you. Therefore, you are already included in our work!!"

"O Great sage, kindly tell me how the welfare of the beings will happen when the sacrifice is performed?"

"O Goddess Soma, when the sacrifice is performed successfully, Indra, Marut, Varun and other Gods become pleased. As a result, the shower of rains occurs. With the rain shower the food gets produced for the creatures. Due to this food, the creatures get nourishment. They are nurtured. Therefore, the creatures must perform the sacrifices!"

"O Sage, it is quite true that, the rain is received by performing the sacrifice on the sacrifice pyre and the food gets produced with the rain! But, when the ascetics that establish the Sacrifice Organization were not existent, how did this happen?"

O Goddess Soma, you have asked a very subtle and wise question to me! The event of the Cosmic or universal Creation is also a kind of sacrifice only! The sacrifice goes on continuously with the act of Sun God!! Therefore, Soorya Narayan [Sun God] is the deity of the work of Knowledge! The Motto of this organization is such that, the living creature should always remain conscious and awakened to do the act of finding food! That means, all creatures must work to find the food! Although the human being is different than other animals and lives with the shelter of nature, yet, he is a creature that lives by using the nature! He had invented

the Agricultural act by studying the seasonal cycle for the search of his food. "The Agricultural work of the hermits" is the most miraculous event with the divine power which is done by the man in the nature!! Agricultural act is the real duty of the man! That is the real sacrifice!!"

"O Great sage, in that case, what is the use of the Yadnya Sanstha [organisation of sacrifice]?"

"O Goddess Soma, The Organisation of Sacrifice gives knowledge. The knowledgeable people contemplate on various deities and express their gratitude to them. The Gods and Goddesses of sacrifice are beneficial deities to the creatures. "The man must make use of these deities with proper planning in the grateful manner." This is the message of this organization of sacrifice! All paths of knowledge, health and Act [Karma] go through the organization of sacrifice. [Yadnya Sanstha] Therefore, the organization of sacrifice is the organization that forms the basis of the human life."

"O great sage, I am really satisfied with your knowledgeable speech! My use should be always done to prove the sacrifice organization!"

"O goddess, I pray you that you should be always pleased with us!"

"The desires of your mind will be fulfilled!" said, Goddess Soma.

All sages, people, kings, animals and birds and the troops of Gods were present for the soma sacrifice were astonished to hear Agastya's commentary on agriculture!!

"O Sun of knowledge, [Dnyangabhasti], in what manner you are going to start the mission of the human welfare? What is the nature of that?" questioned Sage Vasishtha who was present in the sacrifice!

"O Vasishtha, the preliminary nature of my mission is to establish the Ashram management and establish the

Gurukulas in those ashrams and give the knowledge ,of arts, literature,language and knowledge of war with the blessings of ShivShakti and the schools [pathshala] of the agricultural work and the water management for the stability of life!! "The movement of establishing Gurukuls along with the ashrams in the whole universe 'is " the movement of The Human-welfare!!" The Agastya tradition is going to work for, making efforts to bring the harmony and understanding with knowledge, to guide the agricultural farmers properly and continuously, help Gods and human beings to destroy the evils!!" Sage Vasishtha felt very happy to hear about Agastya's policy!!

Agastya's mind was delighted and absorbed in the ashram that was situated on the bank of Amrutvahini Pravara in Agastyapur. Since a long time the desire of his mind to stay in the extreme seclusion for many years was becoming fulfilled. In the south, the proper propagation of the Agastya Knowledge [vidya] and The Organization of sacrifice [Yadnya Sanstha] had taken place! The region of Panchganga along with South Ganga was enchanted and captivated with the Shiva principle [shiva tatva]. Brahma Vishnu had manifested in the physical image as the Vishnu Principle form. Agastya had established Brahma Vishnu Mahesh by bringing together the worshippers of Shiva and the worshippers of Sun properly. He had also attracted the demons, giants, Vanaras, Danavas and innumerable farmers that were staying in the wild manner with the hypnotic influence of Agastya Vidya in this great work. Agastya had inculcated [ingrained] God Vishnu in the form of fire [agni] with the propagation of the sacrifice organization, the Vishnu Principle through the propagation of Ayurvedya and the coordinatory [synthesis oriented] devotion or loyalty to the work with Agastya vidya [knowledge]. Due to Agastya's Atharvan and the devotional work oriented austerity with the Sacrifi-

cial acts along with Soma- Yaga, God Indra , Varun, Agni, Marut, Akash Soorya and other deities got the honourable place in the South. The propagation of Agastya -Vidya [knowledge] had started from the Agastya ashram. The disciples started receiving lessons of language, science, agriculture, arth [wealth] and philosophy. The propaganda of the Yoga vidya and Science of War had taken place along with the ascetic penance. When all this was happening , Agastya's son Igmawaha came in the South with Lopamudra's motivation. He met his father Agastya. Agastya was astonished with his own self , when he saw that his son was fully grown and perfectly developed! He felt as if he was looking at his own image in person!!

Detached Agastya remembered Lopamudra unknowingly. He remembered his own marriage ceremony with Lopamudra. He recollected the experience of the happiness of the intercourse meditation. He embraced Ighmavaha and enquired about the Northern Ashrams, Agastyamunigram and the ascetic austerity of Lopamudra. . Ighmavaha had done independent sessions of Soma Yagas under the guidance of Lopamudra. He had invited Indra, Marut, Mitra, Varun, Agni, Vishnu, Dikpal, Brahm, Ganesh, Saraswati and Shiva in person along with goddess Bhagavati and made them feel delighted and cheerful. Agastya felt very happy to know that Ighmavah came in South by taking a pledge to devote himself to his father's great mission of the Human Welfare!.

"Father, Indra Marut had invited you in the North. God SuryNarayan , Shiva Parvati are going through a big calamity along with Himalaya. All of them expressed their opinion that, Agastya must come to the North to make them free from this great calamity!! " informed Ighmavah to Agastya.

"O Son, how far is it possible on my part to go to North by leaving the welfare work of the people in the South as the halfway through?"

"Father, God Brahmadeva had advised me that I should take care and responsibility of your work in the South. If you command me, I am ready to continue this work!"

"O son, I am making a preparation for a Soma -Yag for 'the Shanti Tushti Siddhi'[The accomplishment of peace and fulfillment' on the bank of river Amrutvahini! But, this sacrifice is different and exceptional in comparison to the regular method in the Sacrifice Organization. I am only going to take the responsibility of the religious priest and the host also. I am going to invite all Gods and goddesses also on the occasion of this small sacrifice!" They will be present here. Since you had come, I will make a little change in my original plan by calling all Kulgurus [Chiefs] of Agastya ashram and representatives of the Agastya families.. By taking their advice, we will proceed further."

Agastya completed the preparation of The Soma -Yag for the Shanti Tushti Siddhi". Agastya's Soma -Yag had become a regular act now. All Kulgurus, Acharyas [chiefs], Family members and all Gods and Goddesses along with Shiva Parvati were pleased. Agastya felt extremely happy to see Ighmavah's knowledge and work at this occasion. He had explained the importance and value of the Agastya vidya to Ighmavah alias Drudhasyu."

"O son of Agastya, the entire welfare of the human beings can be achieved with the help of Ayurveda, Atharvan, Krushi Vidya [Agriculture], Bhasha vidya [Languages], and Yadnya Vidya [Knowledge of sacrifice]! This is 'the Agastya Vidya'!! This Vidya considers the bad vice such as 'An Ego or Pride' as the worst evil demon! When the Ego is destroyed and disappears, the holiness, virtuousness, purity ,understanding ,politeness and kindness arrive! They are exhibited naturally. That is really essential for the Human Welfare! For the absence of conflict also conflict has to be done! The Knowledge [vidya] of conflict means, "Action ori-

ented knowledge"[Karmavan Dnyan]. This is the Essence, the Core of Agastya Vidya,. Since you have achieved this knowledge, all great sages, Devendra, God Shiva in person and the Agastya Gotra [lineage\ family members have a desire to appoint you as "the Chief Executive of my work"! So, I give my permission to that!!"

" O Father,I have become really fortunate and blessed because you have appointed me as you Chief Executive!! I will take forward your work as per your desire.

"O Dear Son, We desire that you should act as the Kulguru [Chancellor] of Pandya Naresha's Gurukul also!"

"Just as you command!"

Agastya started to set on his journey to the North once again by making the suitable arrangement of the Agastya ashram was situated on the bank of Amrut vahini Pravara river that existed in the heart of Sahyadri as a place in the heart of the central position at the North , South and East West direction by creating the Agastya Kund and making an establishment of the Vishnu Temple and receiving the Auspicious darshan of Godavari river !!

Agastya came straight way from Nasik Panchavati to his ashram at the holy place of Kashi. He stayed at the holy place of Kashi for a few days. He visited to his ashrams at Parayag and Vang and then came to Gangadwar!!

The news of the arrival of Agastya had already reached to Gangadwar beforehand only. Lopamudra was patiently waiting for Agastya's arrival. Such grand preparation of the welcome ceremony of Agastya had never taken place before. The hanging pitchers of holy water of Manas,Man, pushkar, Ganga , Sindhu, Saraswati, Kshipra and prayag, kashi and Sagarteertha had already reached to Gangadwar. A coronation was going to take place on Agastya with this holy water. Various kinds of plants and flowers with nice fragrance were brought. The whole ashram was decorated with

flower garlands. Fetunes were fastened every where. After the management in the south and marriage with Kaveri, Agastya was coming to his original place for the first time. A great spirit of joy was vibrating in the entire ashram!

Sages like Vasishtha and others from the North had done the special planning for the sessions of the Soma sacrifice. The invitation was given to all, such as Indra, Varun, Mitra, and Three Gods! Troops of Kailasnath [Shiv] were going to come with Shri Ganesh and Kartikeya at Gangadwar!! A glorious and comfortable arrangement was made for all guests in the ashram!

Agastya came in his Ashram at Gangadwar after taking the auspicious bath in Ganga river. The young girls in the ashram greeted him by waving the lighted auspicious lamp [Oukshanam]. Lopamudra did the worship of his feet! Birds also enchanted the atmosphere with their sweet sounds along with the auspicious sound of the conch. Agastya sat on his seat. He was confused with the thought whether this was his own Ashram or Indra's royal Court

Sages and ascetics worshipped him by putting flower garlands around his neck. Troops of Gods showered flowers on him, The Damsels of Indra's court presented the beautiful dance. Mother Parvati gave a special cordial enquiry of Agastya. Agastya offered his obeisance to all. Lopamudra was witnessing the admirable greeting given to Agastya with the feeling of joy in her eyes!

"Narayan! Narayan..... O Great Sage Agastya, my obeisance to you! You have done the most auspicious and glorious work by destroying the troubles and pain in the South! O Maharsi, I have become truly blessed by your holy Darshan!"

"O Brahmarshi, the great Sage of Brahmins, you are the son of Brahmdev and the most ancient ascetic, the sage that is the the omni scient sage of everything. I am doing

this whole work with your blessings and guidance only! I bow to you with great respect!"

"O Great Sage, what is the next plan of you and Lopamudra?"

"O Brahmarshi, you only know about this work! Then why did you ask such question?"

"O Great sage, you have become the DakshinBhaskar[Sun of the South], Dakshinadhipati [The Chief of The South and the part of the Star constellation]with your self- inspired and self- motivated work of the welfare of people. Sage Lopamudra is becoming more enlightened and lightened by following you with her own self brightness. Therefore you only tell us all about the path of Self- Illumination to all of us!!"

Just as you wish and command!! The mission, the function of the ascetics and sages is fixed, definite and regular! You know that it is well fared and oriented of people! We both are going to do the same work!! We have experienced that the ascetic power becomes feeble and fragile while doing the work."

"Do you mean to say that,"Your ascetic power had become feeble? Narayna! Narayan....."

"Yes, Narada! While doing the work the new doors of knowledge come before you by becoming open! Just as, the states of Kal [Time], Avakash space]and Kaivalya [The Divine Supreme Power] are endless and eternal, knowledge is also endless. In the orbit of our asceticism, we find very few knowledge grains! But the ego and pride of those knowledge becomes more to us and we feel that, it is our real strength. As a resuly, our ascetic power becomes weak and feeble! Isn't it true?" questioned Agastya!

"What does it mean? I have not understood!"

"O Sage Narada, No other subject exists in this universe which is not known to us! Yet, the big troops of our

disciples have come here in great numbers. Your speech will be really useful to them! Once we realize that we have received very little knowledge, we become ready and well prepared for the next ascetic penance! This is the work of the ascetic and the sage! We both are going to do the same work!....

"O great sage,

What kind of austerity you are going to do?"

"O Bahamarshi, although the matters such as the Universe, Generation, Organisation and extinction are regular, yet the temporary, occasional and irregular changes also happen through the consciousness of Parbrahma, the Highest Supreme Divine power. So, Gods, Demons and human Beings should think about the universal balance by considering these changes. They should not create the disturbance in it with their austerity. For this purpose, it is very essential to remain alert. Sages should develop their own power of asceticism. We are going to do the same work!"

The sessions of sacrifices [Yadnya Satra] are necessary for that purpose. The Soma Sacrifice sessions are organized by collecting different sages for that purpose and intention only!"

"O Agastya, the process of austerity is bound to get a definite standard measure with your extensive and all pervasive attitude." "O Agastya, austerity is the means of self-upliftment!" this is the understanding in the mind of people."

"O Brahman, Not only the human beings but, Gods also become corrupt and defile due to the Tamoguna! [Third aspect of the human being related to six enemies anger, arrogance, egoistic pride etc. and the ignorance]. The tendencies such as the giants, evils and demons are raised from this attitude only! So, the intention of this Sadhana is "The destruction of these tendencies is the chief purpose of this spiritual practice of knowledge!"

"O Sage Agastya, you are the great treasure that grants the great knowledge of the ascetic power. We have become really very fortunate and blessed by your precious guidance!"

All were enchanted and moved with this dialogue that gave eternal and immortal knowledge. When the grand welcome ceremony for Agastya was over in this manner, his regular ascetic spiritual practice had started. Lopamudra was also absorbed in the divine service by following Agastya. Sage Agastya's research was continuously going on different subjects! He had decided to fix new type of ascetic act of behavior in the subjects such as, Bhootvidya, [The knowledge of five elements or the knowledge of the spirit science], Ayurveda, Medicines, The Yudhya Niti [Ethics of war], Tatvadnyan [Philosophy], Krushivikas [Agricultural Development], Rain Management [Parjanya vyavasthapan], and the welfare oriental work of the people through the co-operation and harmonious understanding. The great spirit and vibrancy surged in the Agastya Gurukulas with the decision of Agastya. Various kinds of researches were going on. Agastya was constantly guiding to all of them!

"O Seeta's husband!, O Laxman, thousands of years are over now to this great Southern victory of Agastya! Not only that but, Agastya had travelled twice to south and had done the management during the period of his ascetic austerity. Along with Kaveri and Ighmavah, all Gurukulas are performing the work in languages, Medicine, The War Ethics [Yudhy niti], Philosophy of Agastya's mission. In this stream [movement] the feeling of Ego was created many demons and evil giants in the South!! Agastya had to go to the South again and again to destroy them. Agastya had connected and joined all kingdoms in Jambudweep! all had accepted and respected the importance of Agastya Vidya!"

"O Great Sage, what was the reason for Agastya to pay more attention to the South?"

"O Raghunandan, the son of Raghu, You know it very well that South Direction is the Direction of the immeresion! It is the direction of Yama, God of death! Yama's direction is the Direction of Religion only! The rise of the Tam quality takes place mainly at the South because South is aware of the real fact that "Life is mortal and perishable" !As a result, the tradition to make use of life for the enjoyment was created here. Literature, music, Sculptur, drama and Orthodoxy were created in the south! The attention was also concentrated on the power of Black Magic {Yatu Shakti} from such tradition only! When the attention is focused on the Power of black magic or the deceptive illusory powers, the person has to get himself deprived from the true eternal knowledge.. The rise of the demons or the Anaryas had taken place in the South only! But the struggle and conflicts of the destruction of those evil tendencies had also taken place in the equal manner in the South only. The concepts are created such as," Instead of doing the protection of religion with the ascetic devotion, the observance of karma should be done in the hard and rigorous puritanical manner". Shoorpadma is an excellent example of this aspect.

"O Great sage, please tell me what exactly I am supposed to do to go by the path of Agastya?"

"O Ramchandra, Agastya is staying in the South. It will be better to take his counsel! " ,said Kulguru, the chief of the ashram.

"O Brahmarshi, Narada, the greatness of Agastya's stay in the South is really endless. Yet, you only guide us as regards the path that we should take while going to South."

"O Ramchandra, you should go to the South by crossing Agastya's disciple Vindhya. Start going towards Agastya's direction by offering your obeisance to the mother

Power [Shaktimata] Vindhyvasini."

"O Sage Narada, kindly tell us "How did Vindhya become Agastya's disciple?"

"O Ramchandra, the bank of river Kshipra is sacred with the existence of Brahma Vishnu and Mahesh. So, it is better to ask them only about it. Yet, it is better for you to start as early as possible without making the delay. "

" Just as you command!"

"Narayan.... Narayan! Let everything be done good and auspicious with you!!""Narada blessed Shriram and he had set off.

"O respected brother, let us go to Vindhya now without spending more time!" said Laxman.

"O Laxman, your suggestion is quite proper. Yet will it be proper to go without understanding the story of The Great Guru Vindhya?"

"O husband,your words are quite true! But how can we contact Brahmdeva directly in person!" asked Seeta.

"O Devi, let us meditate on Brahmdeva here only. He will definitely meet us to help us in our work."

Shriram invited Brahmdev by invoking with witness of river Kshipra in the vicinity of Mahankaleshvar to Brahmdev, God of gods.

After waiting for seven days' time Lord Brhamdeva God of four mouths was quite pleased.

He said, "O Shriram, I had to come here and remain present due to your invocation and appeal. Truly speaking, you are the incarnation of the Vishnu Tatava [Principle] Not a single thing does exist on this earth which is not known to you!""

"O God, you are giving me the inspiration and motivation of the further work by narrating my greatness! O Creator of the Universe, give us the entire account such as,"How did Vindhya mountain become the disciple of Sage

Agastya?"

"O Ramchandra, you know it very well that, Agastya is a great visionary, self-illuminated and knower of Atharvan [Science illusory powers of black Magic] and Ayurvedya. Man, Many Mandarya alias Agastya who was born in the Meru Mountain, used to collect various plants, medicinal herbs on the Meru mountain and used them in sessions of sacrifices for the perfect preparation of Soma and Medicines along with Atharvan. Agastya had proved the unique and superhuman quality of many plants, rocks and streams with his own continuous study ! Vindhya used to listen many stories of the greatness of Agastya from Indra Marut that used to flow from South to North. Vindhya came to know that Agastya can destroy all sorts of poison. He can create new physical bodies also. Vindhya thought that, he will also obtain the Supreme status if there was the use of his own existence and plants! He has decided to go to the holy place of Kashi and meet Agastya. He took the form of a very bright young man and came to Agastya.

"O Great Sage, I have come to surrender you! I wish to receive your blessings and offering of the Guru !!", requested that bright young man.

"O bright young man, who are you? For what reason you want my counsel and instruction as the Guru? Tell me all these things in detail,"

"O Great sage, I am Vindhya mountain that exists exactly in the middle of Jambudweep.

"Mother Parvati herself had begetted [reproduced] many types of plants in me . The useful world created by the Divine Mother Nature [Prakriti] with feelings of delight is adorning my body. I request you to make use of the blessings of this world." requested Vindhya mountain. "

O King of the mountain Vindhya, I will certainly make use of your wild wealth.

"O Vindhya, you will have to do some spiritual practice [sadhana] to become my disciple."

"As you command Gurudev!"

"While preventing the South- North winds and when the birds migrate, their seeds fall on you. As a result, different types of plants are created in you. South and North are reverse travelers originally. So, the saving as well as killing powers get generated in those seeds. You bear these seeds and cultivate them together. Help the streams that flow on you to become assimilated in the big streams. I am giving you the retention power [presumption] of Soma creepers in the different form as the auspicious offering [blessing] of Shiva. You cultivate the retention of that Soma creeper also with great efforts. Do the management of the rain for all seasonal cycles in the equal manner and help the ascetics and sages to perform sessions of sacrifices. Direct the cruel wild animals and illusive [deceptive] people on the good and righteous path. "

"Just as you command" said Vindhya and offered his obeisance to sage Agastya.

"O Brahman, how could Vindhya communicate and establish a dialogue with Agastya although he was not mobile?"

"O Ramchandra you have asked a very subtle question! See, animate and inanimate world is created from the vibrancy [life, spirit] of Brahm.! You know that the Visionary sages, ascetics and the great ascetics who perform austerities have this knowledge. Therefore, Agastya had the great power to give a command to Vindhya due to that aspect only!"

Vindhya Mountain started to perform his austerity following the command of Agastya at his own place. As a result, Prakriti- The mother -nature was very much pleased with him! Shiva-Parvati started dwell to taking on Vindhya mountain. The assistants of Shiva started coming and go-

ing!! The sacrificial - acts had started on the mountain. Hermits and sages and ascetics started coming at the shelter of Vindhya to perform their austerity. Agastya himself made an invocation and invitation to all deities along with Indra, marut, Mitra, Varun, Brahma, Ganesh, Vishnu and Shiva to come on the Vindhya mountain by performing sessions of SomaYagas! Indra performed the festivals of entertainment of his Indra Royal court on Vindya Mountain with great praise of Shiva. Many great sages along with Sage Narad started acquiring the strength of powerful austerity of the Kailas-circumambulation by doing the circumambulation around Vindhyaachal.

Plants that were specially complimentary to Agastya's Atharvan Vidya and Ayurvedya became available. Plants were carried to Agastya ashram from Vindhya mountain. In the chemical laboratory of Agastya the chemical production had started. Vindhya made a very good progress in the management of the rain and the water streams also!

"Agastya honoured Vindhya at the time of one Soma Sacrifice session when Brahma Vishnu and Mahesh were present in person! Agastya addressed Vindhya as the Meru Mountain of South!" Vindhya felt extremely happy with this great honour and blessings of Agastya!

"O Brahman, When Vindhya had done such great austerity, it was really essential for him to get Agastya's blessings."

"Yes, my dear son! Blessings were essential! But, Vindhya had forgotten the most ancient and eternal message of Agastya. He had a strong feeling that he was the most intimate and favorite disciple of Agastya!

"Did Maharshi, the great Sage Agastya punish Vindhya?"

"O Ramchandra! Agastya is the incarnation of Shiva only! He was busy in glorifying, honouring and praising the

qualities of his own disciple whom he had developed. Vindhya was becoming useful to the Ayurvedya in the Agastya gurukula. Many disciples were involved in making a research on The Ayurvedya in the company of Vindhya. Ayurvedya was developing rapidly. Vindhya was becoming useful to the Atharvan Vidya of Agastya. Therefore, Vindhya had won the great favour of Agastya. As a result, Vindhya started feeling that he had achieved 'the Status, the place of Meru Mountain'!

"O Brahmdewa, you are the creator of this universe! Then why did you not stop this great celebration on your own?" "If you would have stopped creating all things along with various kinds of plants on Vindhya mountain?"

"O Ramchandra, we have only handed over the responsibility of the human welfare on Agastya. That decision to stop the creation of plants would have obstructed the work of the creation of the Human Welfare!! O Ramchandra, Brahmvidya receives the command of Creation from Kaivalya. How can it be broken? In addition to that, how can the Blessings of Agastya be given to Vindhya mountain disproved as false?"

"O Bhagvan, did Vindhya disobey Agastya?"

"No! That is the real true story!! 'O Brahmdew, I have become very eager to listen to the story of Vindhya mountain. Kindly tell us that story!!"

"O Ramchandra, if you are very persistent to listen to the story of Vindhya mountain, I will certainly satisfy your insistence and desire! Myself, God Vishnu and Shiva do the control of the world [universe] with the command of that Supreme Original Divine Power known as the Parabrahma! Of course! this work is always performed by the ascetics [Rishis] on our behalf. The role, the work of the ascetics, the sages is to make the animate and inanimate and the human beings knowledgeable and show the Path of Liberation by

making the management of the Nature! The ascetics [Rishis] do this work in the total control of three powers that are manifested from the Prabrahma who is formless, without attributes and unique such as, "creation, organization and extinction! It is the natural disposition of the animate and inanimate in this world "To take birth, to become fully nourished, to create and to dissolve". The whimsical tendency of the animate and inanimate is to behave against this natural disposition! This is the second side of such existence that has produced, or created from the illusion of the supreme Divine Power. In this state, all things in the animate world get carried away by becoming deviated from the natural disposition and become sad and unhappy. Therefore we should become untouched by realizing that, this is an unavoidable state in the creative process and take delight in the universal admiration or the Play of the Kaivalya or the Divine Supreme power! This act means to become knowledgeable or wise or become righteous, good [Arya] and bright [splendourous]!! O Ramchandra, Sage Agastya had done the great work constantly day and night by making all people Good [Arya] by destroying their ignorance of their egoistic pride by taking the role of co-ordination and harmonious understanding and making them as the image of Narayan [God]!!. The destruction of Vindhya's egoistic pride " is also one part of that great work of Agastya! Always remember it very well that those who listen to the story of Vindhya always behave with the balanced intellect and mind and following the rules and restrictions, become holy and virtuous!!"

"O Brahmdeva, we have become pure and sacred by this divine knowledge of the Eternal Truth-"Brahmdnyan"!! Now our eager and interest has increased like the peak of the Meru mountain to listen to the story of Vindhya!" expressed Shriram with great enthusiasm!

"O Ramchandra, I have also become very eager to

tell you this Vindhya's story because I have received a very good perceptive and astute listener like you! Listen now!!"

Agastya disciple Vindhya reached to the state of great perfection as the mountain! He became a perfect mountain that was surrounded by the thick and dense forests, the carrier of the big streams and falls that flow with overflowing water, the donor of health and prosperity, the one that reaches to the sky, controller of the hot sunlight, rain and wind, the caretaker and preserver of innumerable types animate world very easily in his womb like the child's play, inspiratory, the one that has got the close nearness of the inspiratory, holy and bright splendourous sages. He became famous and renowned as the 'Land of sacrifice [Yadnyabhoomi]'!!.....

"Vindhya was praised everywhere in the entire world ! He was respected and counted as 'Vindhya Sage [Vindhya Rishi] prominently everywhere in the entire world! He had received the special importance of inclusion in the great line of mountains such as, Meru, Vindhya, Sahya and Malaya!! Vindhya became famous and popular as the Chief Jewel-Meru Mani 'among the disciples of Sage Agastya! Once, mother Parvati said to Agastya as he was discussing about the mystery of the world with Shiva Parvati,"

"O Dear Son, Vindhya is your disciple who is enriched with all good qualities. He remains present in your Human Welfare movement as the 'Health Donor' in the priority manner. Due to your insistence only, I stay there in the form of Vindhyavasini by becoming the mother of all beings over there!"

"O Yes Mother! With your blessings and generosity only Vindhya had become useful to my mission. His usefulness has proved to be useful to the South And North in the equal manner."

"Yes! This is quite true. But I have a sensation and a

feeling that Vindhya has been deviated from his loyal and faithful devotion to his Guru a little bit!"

" Yes Mother! If it is like that, then I will take Vindhya's test just now only!"

"My dear son, make an effort to make the doubt of my mind quite futile and false! But, Vindhya should not get the slightest idea of this. Do this work like a kind mother that does the good impressions of refinement on her loving child!"

"O Mother Kali, how is it that the mother who is always keen and alert for the destruction of the ego has become so tender and affectionate regarding the Vindhya mountain?"

O Sage Agastya, the health of the animate and inanimate world is the highest prosperity and richness! With your grace and blessings this power of making the management of this world has been inserted in Vindhya and acquired by him! You know it very well that, the soul and mind must be spotless and healthy for the good health. It is not proper to grow the idea in the mind of Vindhya such as , "I am corrupt and unhealthy and someone is punishing me" !

"O mother, I will act exactly in the same manner in accordance with your desire at that time!! You just feel certain about it and relaxed now!"

Agastya started to set off for Kashipuri for the big Sacrifice [Mahayaga] by keeping in mind words of Mother Paravti .Agastya made a resolution to make the regular establishment of the universe with the Sun, Indra, Marut, Soma, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva and also to perform the sessions of Big sacrifices in relation to the earth and rivers .Since the plan and management of the rain, sun-light and rivers was going to be accomplished and achieved through the sacrifice, Agastya invited all ascetics and sage.

Lopamudra and Agastya gave the post of the host of the sacrifice to Sage Marichi. They gave the post of the

host as co-assistants in various sessions of sacrifices to Kashyap, mitra Varun, Asit, Deval who were at the respected position and place of their father. They handed over the responsibility of the management of the sacrifice sessions on Vasishtha and Arundhati. Sage Shatarchin was given the position of the religious Priest for the performance and completion of the sacrifice! Agastya gave the command to all his groups of disciples to prepare the sessions in their respective ashrams . Ighmavah was going to perform the Yadnya Satras [sessions of sacrifice] in all ashrams in the South. Agastya was going to complete sessions of sacrifices in the ashrams of North in Agastyamunigram. Agastya had requested to me alias Brahma and my daughter Saraswati to chant the hymns at the time of the sacrifice. Sage Narada, Shri Ganesh, Kartik and Nandikeshvar made the prayer to Shri Ganesh with proper invocation to carry out and accomplish the sacrifice sessions without any obstacles along with their Shiva troops. Once the assurance of the accomplishment of the sacrifice sessions without any obstacles was given by shri Gansh, Agastya started to make the preparation of Soma! An appeal and invocation was made for the drinking [consuming] the Soma liquid by singing various hymns of praise. As a result, very bright and splendorous Soma Rasa was accomplished [prepared]!!

All invited Gods and goddesses, ascetics and sages priests and troops of Gods were fully satisfied by drinking the Som- Rasa.and the sessions were started with the singing of praise hymns. The fire [Agni] that becomes pleased with the Agni Sukta started receiving the offerings for all gods with his own fire mouth!!

Seven sessions of this big sacrifice started by Sage Agastya had become extremely successful. The Vedic deities were becoming pleased with Agastya. All accepted the appeal made by Agastya to make the control and manage-

ment of the rain, wind [vayu] and flowing rivers and water streams. Next sessions started for the successful accomplishment of the work. Agstya had offered the offerings to God Sun and Marut with great respect. Even the Moon that controls the day and night with Sun in the equal manner also received offerings. This act was not done before! Meru Mountain was also given the offerings with an invocation. The work of accepting offerings by Vindhya, Malaya and Sahyadri Mountain along with the Meru Mountain was also completed very well,. Agastya felt the deviation of thoughts in the mind of Vindhya Mountain at this time.!

"O Vindhya why, are you looking so distressed on the occasion of this sacrifice when you are my most intimate and loving disciple?' Let me give you the blessing that, "Let your sorrow and unhappiness of your mind be vanished with this sacrifice and let you be happy and delighted!

"O Great Guru, I have become truly blessed and fortunate with your sacred sight-" Darshan' and by the blessings too! You are a great spiritual Master that understands the mind of the disciple. You have got the tremendous power to destroy sorrow of the disciple by fulfilling desires of his mind!"

"Yes My dear son! It is the duty of the spiritual master to destroy the misery of the virtuous disciple that has to face the sorrow although he had accepted the duty with true devotion. So, do not feel worried. Discard and sacrifice your unhappiness!"

"Just as you command O great Sage!"

Vindhya felt very happy in his mind. He thought that Agastya had blessed him by realizing thoughts of his mind! But, Agastya had given him the suggestive message such as, 'Unhappiness and sorrow spring from the Ego and Pride. So, remove that pride"!

Vindhya started thinking in his mind, "I am very help-

ful to all projects, work and sacrifice sessions of my Guru! Yet, Agastya also gave the prominent first honour of worship to Meru mountain alias Himalaya only! This behavior of my Guru is really unjust. Everyone must try and make efforts to get justice as per his own ability and caliber. This is the real loyalty and devotion to truth!"

"The competition with Meru mountain started in the mind of Vindhya unknowingly! The feeling of jealousy had captured his mind. Vindhya felt that, time had arrived to prove that he is more powerful and great than Meru Mountain. He thought that, "I am a disciple of Agastya. Agastya tells everything with mature understanding and harmony at the beginning. It would be proper on my part to follow the same path." So, he started his efforts on that line. First, he prayed the Guru form of Agastya, Lord Shiva directly in person. He explained the importance of his greatness repeatedly and also told Shiva that "His [Shiva's] abode is on the Vindhya also like Meru Mountain. He told Shiva that he was always given the secondary importance. Then he had done the One Lakh chanting of the Mantra as, "Om Namaha Shiv Parvatyei Namah|" and made an invocation to Shiva! Shiv Paravti were delighted with his austerity and blessed him to get success in the fulfillment of desires of his mind. They had also explained Vindhya that he should do his accepted duty and work with full involvement and interest! But Vindhya felt that he had waited for a long time but, not a single action of his honour was taking place.

His mind became very restless and agitated to see that the Sun and Moon perform the circumambulation around the Meru mountain regularly everyday. Vndhya used to feel that Sun and Moon should perform the circumambulation around him also! So, Vindhya went to the Sun!

"O God Surya Narayan, I bow to you! I have come to express the doubt of my mind! Kindly make me free from

fear. You are omniscient! You are the greatest of all! Yet, you regularly move around the Meru Mountain! Similarly, the Moon that has been produced from you also moves around the Meru Mountain! What is the mystery of this?"

"O Most Powerful Vindhya Meru Mountain is the eternal and infinite witness. Shiva -Parvati reside on the Meru Mountain with his witness and support for the welfare of the human world. Meru Mountain has a great share to make the control of the light, heat or the fire, wind and the rain for the ecological balance of the universe. For that reason only the controller of the world has commanded the Sun and the Moon to perform the circumambulation around the Meru Mountain! Therefore, by the command of the Creator of the universe and Devendra, we are doing this circumambulation around the Meru Mountain."

"O Surya Narayan, I am also eternal, infinite and timeless like Meru Mountain! I also possess the strength to control the powers in the universe. Shiva Paravati directly reside in me also. Meru Mountain controls the North Direction! But, I am exactly at the middle of the earth and control both the North and the South! Even then, you do not give me the honour by moving around me. This is my great insult! Therefore, I desire that both of you should do the circumambulation around me also here after now!" Vindhya requested God Surya Narayan in the arrogant manner with pride!

"O most powerful Vindhya, we all are working as per the command of the Controller of the Universe! So, it is not proper to behave with such stubbornness and obstinacy! On the contrary, we should observe and follow the controlling rules of the World controller!! So, it will be better on your part to give up such stubbornness!"

"O Surya Narayan, you are avoiding to accept my words' although I have come to request you with great insistence to do the just action. By insulting me, you are creating

the big quarrel and disagreement between us!!", said Vindhya very clearly!!

"O Bright and splendid Vindhya Mountain, I have absolutely no intention to insult you! I am just a follower of the command! I have brought this fact at your notice. That's all ! But, you are feeling unhappy because of that! I ask for your forgiveness for that, If the controller of the Universe gives the command, I am ready to move around you also!"

"O Surya Narayan, you only obey the command given by the controller. Till then I will wait for the fulfillment of my desire."

By giving the ultimatum Vindhya returned to his place! He waited for some days and observed that, " No change is taking place in the circumambulation of the sun and the moon ! So, he made a decision in his own mind! Vindhya said to himself in his mind," Come what may!! I will prove that I am great and more victorious than the Meru mountain!!"

As a result, Vindhya started his action as per his decision! 'If the path of circumambulation of the Sun and moon will be obstructed, they will start moving around me The whole attention of the universe will be concentrated on me. I will get the Prominent Status! Vindhya became happy in his own mind with this thought.

Then Vindhya started rising and growing high day after day!! The animate and inanimate world around Vindhya felt very proud of Vindhya's achievement of growing in the beginning. But, Vindhya constantly went on increasing more and more! As a result, the snow fall started on him also like the Meru mountain! But, Vindhya over crossed that state also and leaped towards the sky! Meru Mountain was surprised to see that Vindhya was growing taller than him!

"O Vindhya mountain, why are you leaping towards the sky by accepting the old age so suddenly?" enquired Himalaya.

" I have the command of the Controller of the world and Sage Agastya!"

"Oh! You have a command of the Parabrahma and Agastya? But it has not been declared like that!" said Himalaya,

"Meru, I have been given the command 'to become senior' not to you!! Vindhya ridiculed Himalaya.

Meru became quiet! He had realized that something different was going on in the mind of Vindhya. But, when the names of 'Parabrahma and Agastya were mentioned, what else can be said?" Himalaya decided to keep quiet! Vindhya continued to grow more and more! But there was a constant feeling of pang a constant pang in his mind that he could not obstruct the path of the Sun and Moon yet !! So, he decided to grow more and more excessively. As a result, the earth felt unhappy!! She came to Vindhya.

"O Vindhya Mountain , why are you growing so speedily and rapidly? Due to your high rising, big holes and abysses had started taking place in my entire body! The innumerable liquids in my stomach have become distracted. Oceans are surging high and the sea shores are becoming mutilated, cut in to pieces by the horrible and dangerous waves!! Therefore, O Vindhya Mountain, it is better to stop your rapid growth that is dividing and breaking the womb of this earth!!" said Earth with great urging intensity.

"O Mother Earth, I want become great and senior than the Meru Mountain. If you want to stop my growing and rising high, ask Meru Mountain to become small! Then only your destruction and damage will be compensated!

Meru Mountain had experienced and enjoyed the prosperity of Greatness for all these days. Now I deserve to get that fortune and glory! It must come to me now!! O Mother, you better ask him only about that!" Vindhya replied arrogantly! Earth became speechless realizing that there was

no point in talking to Vindhya!

The movements in the ocean grew tremendously large! The fearful doubt of the deluge and a terrible catastrophe had raised! The sea decided to pray Vindhya .The sea came to Vindhya along with all his aquatic creatures.

"O Vindhya Mountain , we all bow to you!

"O Sea, you are our Guru Brother. Kindly tell me the reason of your arrival here! "

"O Vindhya, the great victorious Mountain, I have the variety of the aquatic creatures, you also have the variety of the wild forest creatures. Their life depends on us.

"O sea, I did not bring or create any trouble or distraction in the life of your aquatic creatures! Why did you feel so anxious and disturbed then?"

"O Vindhya Mountain, you are leaping and rising higher and higher towards the sky. As a result, the tremendous movement of distraction is taking place in my stomach. So, there is a possibility of the death of all those aquatic creatures that had come under my shelter. If you will stop this distraction ,our life will remain safe.So....."

"O Sea, this Vindhya is not responsible for your state like this. The Meru Mountain and the Sun and the Moon that circulate around him by singing the songs of his glory and greatness are responsible for this! So, it will be better on your part to present your complaint before them and get the solution for that! Everything will be fine then!"

The talk of the ocean was cut short! The Sea offered his obeisance to God Sun and narrated the entire account of the whole incident. The ocean became speechless by listening to the counsel given by God sun! He could not be able to understand what to do next.

'The flying birds had stopped their going and heading from South to North completely! They all ran to Vindhya Mountain to take his advice! Vindhya told them also to go to

God Sun [Suryanarayan] and Meru Mountain.

Vindhya mountain's high rising continued ! Vindhya had reached more high than the peaks of Kailas and GouriShankar! Yet he was growing more and more! Ascetics that were fully busy and engrossed in performing the sessions of sacrifices at the holy place of Kashi saw that Vindhya mountain had reached to the sky!All Gods also became worried. God Indra and Marut also started feeling more anxious! But Vindhya could not be able to obstruct the Sun and the Moon yet!!.....

Vindhya was unable to obstruct the way of the Sun and the Moon. Vindhya's head was moving forward fast by keeping the snow covered region down! Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh were also watching this whole situation with a smile on their face! But, the earth had become extremely worried and anxious!

The Sun moved from the East to the North and Vindhya took the greatest high sweep by putting all his austerity at the stake! And then!! Suddenly an astonishing event had happened! Vindhya's mammoth [huge] wall had spread between South to North!! Two sections such as the North and the South were straightway created!! Vindhya went beyond the sky by perforating the sky! A queer situation had taken place such as, 'The total Darkness in the South and the Bright Sun light at the North! While watching that huge wall, Ighmavah and the Kulgurus of the Agastya lineage , kings, citizens, animals and birds at the South were extremely terrified !! Kaveri pacified and consoled the Earth! She gave the assurance that Agastya will not allow the South to be broken! Ighmavah understood the entire situation intuitively!

"Ighmavah alias Drudhsyut started the sacrifice session for the destruction of the calamity. All families such as, Pandya, Poulastya, Pullah, Vanar, kratu joined in the sacri-

fice session with Ighmavah. Since there was no sun Rise, the Image of the sun was prepared to create the Sun Rise.The sacrifice sessions had started! All Gods started receiving the sacrificial offering through the mouth of fire!All Gods including Indra were awakened with a start!. They all felt that Vindhya will destroy the whole Earth! Vindhya continued to grow his size by meditating on Agastya!

Suddenly Man Mandarya Agastya who was busy in sacrifice sessions started becoming slender! His power of austerity and power of sacrifice started waning out! Lopamudra was watching this whole situation with great surprise! She had started her prayer for the successful accomplishment of the sacrifice!

"Narayan, Narayan.....!! I offer my obeisance to God Indra! O God Indra, when your kingdom has spread all over in the universe, Vindhya Mountain is becoming the universe pervade and trying to make the whole world his slave! So, you find out the way and the solution on this situation immediately!"

"O Narad, We are worried on that issue only! You only give us the proper advice!" said God Indra desperately!

"O Gods, let us consult Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh for the advice!" All gods gathered together at the place of Agastya's sacrifice at the holy place of Kashi. Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh were watching Agastya who was totally busy in the sacrifice Sessions with great anxiety! When he saw all Gods along with Indra, they asked,' O Devendra, why did you come here looking so much fearful? Really speaking, you should only remove this calamity of Vindhya!".....

"O three Gods, Kindly forgive us and save the whole universe!"

"Vindhya mountain is doing all this with blessings of Agastya only!"

"O Devendra, what kind of achievement and success has accomplished by Agastya by making you all pleased?" asked Brahmdev!

"Narayan Narayan..... ! This is not the time to think all this! This is not the time to do any action also. All matters are reaching to Agastya. It is essential to surrender him only!"

All gods met Agastya after the complete offering was given in the sacrifice!!! Brahmdeva bowed to Agastya and said, 'O Agastya, we all Gods have surrendered to you It is in your hands only to save this earth now!"

' O Gods, why are you making me feel ashamed by offering your obeisance to me? What is my offence? For what reason, you all have come to surrender me! I beg pardon of you all!"

"O Agastya, your disciple Vindhya had obstructed the path of the Sun, Moon, Stars , Birds and all by dividing this Jambudweep in two parts! No one has got the power to stop him! He is contemplating on your strength and making of your use only for this matter!"

'But, O Spirits of the universe [Brahmchatanya], you have only gifted my power!"

" That is your power only! O Gods, many demons are created now who are making use of your power with their egoistic pride. Vindhya has also reached to such demonic state now. His pride must be destroyed now! But, we have to destroy his pride by giving him instructions with affection as per the wish of the Divine mother of the universe! You should tell me what should I do for that! I will perform this act with your will power and blessings!!"

"O Agastya, dissuade or stop Vindhya from growing taller and taller by using any trick! So, the universal cycle will start again!"

"Narayan, Narayan.....!! O Maharshi Agastya, your son Ighmavah is doing the sacrifice sessions for the removal

of this calamity! You go to South to give him blessings! You go by crossing the Vindhya mountain. As a result, he will have to bend down! If this does not happen, there will be no other alternative than to raise the war against Vindhya!"Narada pointed out the gravity of the situation while suggesting the solution!!.....

"O Agastya, my dear Son, you explain and urge this to Vindhya. You will be successful quite definitely!" said mother Parvati!

"As per your command O Mother!" said Agastya to her and started making a move to the South towards the side of Vindhya with Lopamudra in his scrawny [gaunt] condition!

Vindhya mountain saw gaunt Agastya along with Lopamudra.He thought that the Great Sage must have come to console him. He thought in his mind, "Come what may! Unless I get justice, I will not be quiet!" His mind was full of confusion. "Should I go before Agastya and offer my obeisance or not? If I bow to him should I obey his instruction or not? Will he give instruction or command?" When such thoughts were creating confusion in his mind, he had heard Narada's voice! "Narayan....Narayan! "O Vindhya Mountain, all Gods are astonished to see your huge and enormous body! No other mountain is as great and superior than you!"

"Obeisance to you Great Sage!! How is it that you are here at this time?"

"Nothing very special ! But I thought that I should give you an information that your Guru Agastya is coming here in person! He is coming close to your feet! You must not have realized that!"

"Brahmarshi Narada, what you say is quite true! I can not see anything at the feet. There is no expectation to see that and no necessity also of that! Yet.....! Even then!!"

"What does it mean by saying "Even then!". O moun-

tain King Vindhya?"

"It should never happen that, 'My Guru is coming to me And I do not know about that! I have reached to this great Status and Post because of him only!'"

"But, see now! If Maharshi Agastya tells you to come back to your original position ! Then?....."

"If I get the assurance to receive my true honour, I will certainly come back to my original position! I just want the true justice only!"

"But if Agastya tells you to come back to your original state without thinking about the justice ! Then?"

"O Brahmarshi, Agastya will not do anything like that! He will definitely think of my justice only! If it does not happen like that, I will think about myself as the most unfortunate person!"

"But, O Vindhya mountain, all Gods had sent Agastya to stop you! So I think that he will make an effort to stop you only! I feel that you should not have been deprived off your benefit !! That is why I have made a suggestion to you! That's all"

Vindhya became greatly worried to listen to Narada. He was fully aware of Agastya's strength and capacity. He could be able to take such action because of the discipleship of Agastya only! So, he was caught in the difficult situation like an object between the scissor! It is essential to go before Agastya! Yet, he should not make any conflict or dispute and yet his goal, his desire must be accomplished also!" He kept on thinking that 'Agastya will find out some way in that situation!" So, Vindhya came forward by making the preparation of Agastya's Greeting " in his mind!

He paid his obeisance to Agastya and Lopamudra while standing with those thoughts in his mind!

I offer my obeisance to you my Spiritual Master and Mother [" Pranam Gurudev! Pranam Mother!]"said Vindhya!

'O Lopamdra, I think this is Vindhya's voice only! But why can't I see him?"

"Yes Maharshi !, this is Vindhya's voice only! Vindhya had bowed to you by offering his verbal obeisance!"

' O respected Great Guru, you have not recognized me ,this Vindhya.!"

'O Great Disciple, it is not that I did not recognize you. But you must be seen before me ! Isn't it?"

"O great Sage, I am the follower of your command only! But, it is not possible to happen like that in this meeting! If I bow down to you, the Sun, Moon and stars will complete their circumambulation and deviate or spoil my severe austerity and the purposeful goal of my mind! Therefore O Great Sage, you only tell me what should I do?"

Now Agastya was caught in the trap! He was driven into the corner. He remembered Mother Parvati's words again!

"O my most beloved ,affectionate heart felt disciple Vindhya, we both are really surprised and stunned to see this big challenge of you ! You have become truly perfect and fully accomplished to call yourself as "my Disciple!" But O Excellent of all disciples Vindhya, I have no strength to see your victorious and successful face and your mother Lopamudra is also with me here! So, it is not possible for me to reach to the Space [Avakash] upto your face.....! In addition to that, I have to remain present in sacrifice sessions arranged by my son and your brother Ighmavah alias Drudhsyut! So, how can I go by crossing over to you? You only tell me about this! I really feel that you should rise higher and higher and be greater than Meru Mountain ! Not only that, but you should defeat me also because my true success and victory lies in that only! But, the physical condition of my body is not proper to bear and tolerate all that now! I must explain all this to you! At the same time, I cannot dis-

suade you from your aim, your goal also! The reason is that, the Guru must give the constant encouragement and inspiration to the disciple to become greatly powerful !! So, I narrated you about my present condition! My son is waiting for me in the South! But, if you do not give me your permission and desire, I am helpless and I can not do anything! Lopamudra also says the same thing! You only tell us what to do now?" Agastya had put forwards the tie, the trap before Vindhya!"

"Now Vindhya was caught in the utter confusion and trap by listening to words of his great Spiritual Master [Sadguru]!! If he disobeys the command of his Sadguru, his ascetic austerity and penance goes to waste and become unsuccessful! If he follows the command of his master, the challenge that he had given to the world becomes a waste and unsuccessful! What to do now?" While thinking about "What do now? , a thought rose in Vindhya's mind such as," I can obtain and accomplish the enormous and mammoth state at any time!! The power to bend the entire universe as per my opinion and mind had come in me because of my Sadguru Agastya will in me!! I am the most excellent and best of all his disciples!! If I can do it now on the basis of the power of his strength, I can do it in the future also!! In addition to that, I can make my exhibition of the glorification of the greatness of my Guru before the universe and increase the greatness of the disciple also! As a result, everything will happen as per my desire automatically!" So, Vindhya said to Agastya with this thought in his mind," O Great Sage, My Guru, I have a desire to perform the worship of your sacred feet and receive your 'holy Darshan'! I am convinced that my ascetic austerity will not be broken with your blessings! Kindly move forward by giving me your blessings only!"

" Tathastu.....!! so Be It!" When Guru Agastya said "Tathastu', Vindhya became polite! He had bent forward,

took the auspicious Darshan of Agastya and Lopamudra and performed the worship of their holy feet!

"Omniscient Master, I have done a great offence and a great crime by coming in your way and obstructing to you. I am prepared to take any punishment that you give me! You understand my mind and my thoughts very well! I had come back to my original state by surrendering to you and mother Lopamudra. I have released your South Path ! You should certainly go from that path to South and make me feel meaningful with perfection!! Vindhya held the auspicious feet of Agastya and Lopamudra.

"O Greatest of all disciples, Vindhya, I have become truly blessed and happy with your devotion to Guru! I am proud of you!!"

"No slightest touch of egoistic pride has remained in you now! I have become very happy to see this! Now your use will take place for the human welfare with more speed and hundred times more! The entire world will keep on remembering you as "The Brother Protector of North and South " While making the pilgrimage travel of the North-south, the life and journey will not be successful! As a result, you will get the most important and central status than the Meru mountain! The permanent existence and abode of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh will remain on you!!" I give such great blessing to you!"

" O Mahrashi, I have become truly blessed now!"

"O Vindhya Mountain, I have to make you only one request now!"

"Command me My Master!"

"Myself and Lopamudra are going to stay in South and for the sacrifice of Ighmavah. While returning back, we will meet you, stay here and then go ahead! Till then never think of the idea to obstruct the path of the South and The North again!!.....

As per Your command my Gurudev!!

Agastya and Lopamudra went forward and came at Panchavati with a heavy heart by taking the leave of Vindhya!! Vindhya had become introvert [introspective]! He had realized and become aware that a grave and bitter sin was taking place by him! He was inviting the destruction of all the universe along with his own Guru by his arrogant persistence! One has to achieve The state of the union with Parabrahma in the state given by Brahma!! [Oneness and union with Divine Spiritual and Original power] the path of this austerity is always of the]'Welfare of the Humanity and people!! I have incurred and invited the anger of all the universe with my action! Not only that, but I had become deviated from the pure and holy path by taking the shelter of the egoistic pride! This was a kind of great corruption and defile! [pollution]. My Saguru had really saved me from this great corruptive down-fall! Therefore it is always beneficial and auspicious to spend my life for the growth of Agastya Vidya in the animate and inanimate by singing the greatness and glory of the Guru!!".....

Vindhya had cleared the path free!! The natural cycle of the universe started regularly well! Agastya and Vindhya had bestowed a great favour on the whole world! Vindhya Mountain had spread the empire of darkness on the South with his egoistic pride again ! The great division was formed such as, " Chandra Vanshi Vishva [The Universe of the moon] and The Surya Vansh Vishva [Universe of the Sun]. Agastya had honoured all with great affection by destroying the pride of Vindhya and making the words of the Divine mother true !! Yet, the bitterness and resentment for the Vindhya mountain always remained and lingered in the mind of all!! It was not removed by the wanderings of Agastya also! But, O Ramchandra, it will be vanished and go away with your arrival now

" Therefore, you do the Vindhya Circumambulation for that purpose only!!"

God Brahmdeva himself told how the egoistic pride causes the destruction of all by telling the Vindhya Story to Ramchandra. The one that reads this story, becomes polite by discarding one's pride and always becomes happy!!" This utterance of God Brahmdeva constantly lingered in the heart of Ramchandra! Brahmdeva took leave of Ramchandra and God Ramchandra had set off for his further journey to Vindhya by taking the leave of Kshipra river!!.....

God Ramchandra's heart moved at the feet of Vindhya mountain! He had prostrated before the thoughtful, polite and Guru- devoted Vindhya mountain along with Vaidehi! Laxman asked him," Brother, tears in your eyes?"

' O Laxman, this Vindhya mountain by whose remembrance only, ego can be destroyed, has surrendered himself at the feet of his Sadguru by sacrificing his own existence for the benefaction ! " Have you forgotten that Vindhya mountain is an incarnation of Brahmdev told by Narada? " There is the abode of Uma Maheshvar on this Vindhya Mountain! Due to the existence and residence of Vindhya Vasini, each one gets the inspiration and motivation to do the destruction of egoistic, wicked and crafty [dishonest] demons! "The person who has become remorseful and regretful is really purified in the true sense!! We are watching the direct example of this fact here! Vindhya Mountain is well known as the Successor of Sage Agastya's Ayurvedya! Vindhya is the Rest House for the residents of the North and South to come together for the meeting! It is the sheer grace of Sage Agastya on us to listen to the sacred story from Brahmdeva! It is the highest fortune of Vindhya Mountain

that, Man ,Manya, Mandarya Agastya had given the instruction of the Benediction or the play of Parabrahma to his dearest disciple for the eternal truth! " Shriram tried to make the satisfaction of Laxman!

"But, O respected Brother, how can the act of sage Agastya become sacred and virtuous to fasten and restrict Vindhya Mountain in to the promise to prevent him from becoming ambitious again with the acceptance of other deities?" asked Laxman .

"O Laxman, if a particular thing is enforced on some one for the welfare and benefit of the people and humanity is even through it is felt 'as unjust to him always 'just' even through it is felt unjust to him" !! The reason is that the justice always thinks about the welfare of the human society. Therefore, O Laxman, the Mountain King Vindhya had also removed his obstruction and opposition for the cosmic cycle by keeping the honour of sage Agastya in the thoughtful manner! I pay my obeisance to his noble work three times more!

Shriramchandra was talking in the enchanting manner! Seeta and Laxman were collecting words uttered by the mouth of Shriram with concentration deep in their minds! Vindhya was listening to his words silently with a smile!

"O God Ramchandra that has been inspired and motivated by Agastya's work and prepared to follow the path of Agastya's work of the human welfare, mother Seeta , the auspicious and devoted wife of the husband Ram, and Laxman who has received the great fortune to stay quite close at God Shriram like his shadow, I welcome you in Vindhyachal! O God, I am waiting for your arrival for many ages after ages here! Today, I have become really fulfilled with your blessings and fortunately meaningful! You stay here now and then start your further journey!!" Shriram felt extremely happy to listen to this polite speech of Vindhya!

Three of them paid their obeisance to Vindhya and took the auspicious blessings of Vindhya !!

They stayed and took rest in the womb of Vindhya for some days observing and contemplating on the Agastya-Vidya. Vaidehi also became delighted along with God Shriram while watching the beautiful natural sites in the surrounding atmosphere of Vindhya. They made themselves more healthy and fresh by taking the bath in the places of holy water in the Vindhya mountain. They decided to go forward by discussing with Vindhya . They came near mother Vindhyavasini to take the leave of Vindhya. Vindhya offered the blessing offering of goddess Vindhyavasini to Shriram and enquired about their welfare! Vindhya gave them different kinds of plants also with an intention to remove the pain very easily while travelling!!

"O Sadguru, mountain king Vindhya, we have come to you to take your guidance to meet Man Manya Mandarya Agastya. God Brahmdev along with Narad and members of Agastya lineage along with Shiva had advised us to not to proceed ahead without taking your counsel!

'O God,Agastya stayed in the close company of Narmada and then started going further towards the direction of Godavari. There are many ashrams of Agastya on the bank of Godavari river. But, Agastya had made an establishment of a monastery for the permanent abode on the bank of Amrutvahini river with great efforts for the ascetic austerity apart from the Gurukulas. His abode is there only! Agastya's disciple, the great ascetic named Sage Sutikshana will carry you there. O Ramchandra, Agastya is staying on the bank of Amrutvahini in the South. This is a secluded place because it is prepared for his ascetic austerity. He goes for his regular bath from that place only. There is tremendous importance to Godavari, Panchvati, Tryambakeshvar and Agastya's monastery from the point of

view of Agastya's Southern Communication Movement. The entire animate world such as Birds, Vanaras as well as the snakes and wild animals have joined themselves in The Agastya Tradition. Therefore this region has got more importance in the Agastya tradition than Kashi, Prayag, Manas Lake, Gangadwar and Pushkar! You will come to know about all these things from Suteekshana!!" informed Vindhya Mountain.

"O Mountain King, Vindhya, our path of South had become really easy with your advice! Not only that, but this information will be more useful to get the guidance to carry forward the responsibility of Agastya's work! With your blessings we will be certainly successful in our movement [project] in the forest!!" told Shriram with gratitude.

Shriramchandra, Maithili and Laxman started the Narmada Circumambulation from Vindhya in the enchanted manner with feelings of gratitude!

Dharma had started the journey with an intention of residing in the forest, giving visits to the holy places, meeting the ascetics [rishis] and visiting ashrams and becoming enriched with the virtuous experience and taking the penance [punishment] of playing the gamble along with Bheem, Arjun, Nakul, Sahadev and Droupadi! They all stayed in the Agastya Ashram situated at the Agastyamunigram in Gangadwar. The Kulguru of the Agastya family honoured them in the proper manner. Pandav became grave and serious while taking bath in the holy place! There was the feeling of regret in their mind! While standing in the pure water of river Ganga and offering an oblation to the Sun [Arghya] Mother Ganga manifested directly in person!! Pandav offered their obeisance to Ganga along with Yudhishtir!

"O Yudhishtir, Vyas, the constructor of Vedas had also stayed in this Agastyamunigram. He had received the inspiration of Shrimadbhagvata here only!! Vyas told the Shrimad Bhagvat Puran with an intention such as, "There will be the welfare of the Universe by the establishment of Bhagvadharma, an experience or the proof of the assimilation of the Divine Universal Power [Kaivalya] in the animate and the inanimate world and thinking that, this world, this universe that has been constructed by the Divine supreme power [Kaivalya] through the medium of three Gods will get the vision of Kaivalya and forms of egoistic pride such as the devils, demons and evils will be destroyed and the Kingdom of true religion known as The Vishnu principle [tatva] will be established!! He had made this work happen through Sage Shukmuni Vyasa!! That constructor and doer of Shri Madbhagavat received the help and assistance of Sage Agastya! Therefore, Vyasa who was born in the Kuru Kul [lineage] and Shukmuni who was one part of Vyasa only continued their mission with the inspiration and motivation of sage Agastya!! Vyasa received the benefit of the path of the human welfare due to the great sage Maharshi Agastya only! "Therefore, O King of the Earth, Dharmraj, it is really proper on your part to stay in Agastyamunigram that is standing with the witness of Gangadwar!! Now, devote yourself to the mission of the Human Welfare by sacrificing the path of the enjoyment of the royal entertainment and pleasure.

"Make an attempt and efforts to make this entire universe full of righteousness [goodness] and enriched with the knowledge!!" said mother Ganga to him!

"O Mother, we are residing in Agastyamunigram! But we have very little information about them! Who is this Agastya? Kindly tell us about his relationship with Maharshi Vyas. How did this contact get established? We will like to

go on the path of the human Welfare! We have decided to come in Agastyamunigram with the advice of Shrikrishna only!!'

"O Pandav, I was quite sure that you will definitely think about the thought of following the path of the human welfare! I have become extremely happy! O dear Sons, Agastya is the son of Ganga or Shiva only! Therefore, Agastya is the brother of Ganga's son Bheeshma! As a result, Agastya is naturally related to the Kuru Kula [Kuru Lineage]!!"

"How can it be like that? O Mother, kindly tell us all about this in details!

"O Pandav, his divine birth had taken place with the touch of Lord Shiva and part of Shiva through the semen of Mitravarun in the Lotus formed Man Kumbha [vessel] which is also known as Manas and Man ! The beautiful damsel,[Apsara] Urvashi became his symbolic mother because she was responsible and motivating for Agastya's birth! With the grace and mercy of Marut, the semen of Mitravarun had fallen in the Mankumbh [vessel]and Agastya was born from the Mankumbh! He becomes the son of Marut also from this view point! If we decide to accept Agastya as the son of Urvashi, then Indra should be accepted as his father! From that point of view it can be said that,"Agastya's tradition is narrated as belonging to Marich Ascetic [Rishi]. That means, Agastya belongs to the Marich lineage also! The point is, O Yudhishtir, when the Epoch making Men [Yugpurush] that are honoured and respected as the creators of such traditions in the ages after ages, that liberated soul has to go through such great ordeal to mount on the post of the great Sage [the rishi]. This Agastya had given the donation of assurance to Gods, the responsibility of their protection also had come on Agastya's shoulders!!"

"O Mother, how did Agastya did this work of protec-

tion? Kindly tell us about that."

"O Yudhishtir, Agastya is a very severe ascetic! He had decided to do the Work of Welfare of the people in accordance with the situations that exist in the days .Whenever, Indra and other Gods were in the calamity, Agastya had practically put all his strength of ascetic austerity at the stake for the destruction of that calamity and released Gods and human beings free from the calamity!", said Mother Ganga.

"O Mother, You only tell us about this great heroic victory of Agastya!"

"O Yudhishtir, You take the pledge of the human Welfare and ask Agastya in the Agastya ashram. I became present here with an intention to make you alert and conscious as well as to see that you get the proper picture and vision!"

"O Mother, we had become truly blessed and fortunate!" said Dharmaraj!

Mother Ganga disappeared by creating curiosity about Agastya in the mind of all Pandavas!

"O Acharya, Mother Ganga told us that the construction of Shri Madbhagavat had been done by blessings of sage Agastya! Kindly tell us about that story!"

"O Yudhishtir, "The listening of this story of Shukmuni Vyasa" is done to get the release from the Curse! You will also get the benefit of this story! O Yudhishtir, Shukmuni Vyas was an extremely scholarly, knowledgeable and ascetic priest! He had the traditional authority to perform the religious rites of the Kuru- Kula [lineage] as a priest. He was also doing the ascetic austerity in the equal manner with Agastya. Like Agastya, Shukamuni also had the interest and love for the welfare of people. Shukmuni could be able to fly and wander everywhere in the form of the bird!! He had great interest in conveying his experiences received

at different places and myths everywhere! Shukmuni used to perform the sessions of sacrifices in various ways for the prosperity of gods and the destruction of demons. Therefore, demons had made a decision to teach the lesson to this all moving [wandering] Shukmuni!! The demon Vajradranshtra was appointed to do this work! He used to move in Shukmuni's ashram by taking the form of his disciple. So it was impossible for anyone to suspect about him and his evil intentions. But, he used to trouble and torture other good disciples by taking different forms with the help of his illusive and deceptive power as per his demonic tendency! He used to take delight in making fun of them and spread bad reputation about them. But, he never allowed them to know about the forms that he used to take! He used to take form of every different disciple in the ashram by taking the different opportunity. He used to enjoy the great fun of spilling and spreading the material at the time of The Soma Sacrifice by creating disturbance in the form of the bird! Shukmuni's concentration was always centered at performing the sacrifice sessions, teaching the disciples and doing the welfare work of people! But the responsibility that was handed over to Vajradranshtra was not becoming successful in the earliest manner. So, all demons were feeling angry and displeased with him. Vajradranshtra was waiting for the proper opportunity with great eager!!

Shukmuni's work was really very adorable. Agastya used to like his presence and intimate company like sage Shatarchin. Once, Agastya decided to pay a visit to Shukmuni's ashrams. Agastya used to give a stress on the concept such as, "Progress in the research can be made more by keeping contacts with ascetics! Shukmuni received

the news of Agastya's arrival to his ashram. He has made a good preparation to welcome Agastya in the respectful manner. Shuka greeted Sage Agastya most respectfully like the welcome given to the Senior Ascetic by the other ascetics. Vajradranshtra saw that this was an excellent chance for him! Shuka gave an invitation of lunch to Agastya. The preparation of the lunch was done in the excellent manner. Agastya used to take his lunch after the bath only!

"O sage Shuka, I have become quite pleased with your greeting. You have invited me for the lunch also! So, we will take our food when I come back after taking my bath.

"Just as you command!" said Shukmuni. He has made the preparation for Agastya's bath. He had sent the group of his disciples to the lake. But, he was surprised to see that Agastya had returned back!

He said to Agastya, "You had gone for the bath!"

"Yes, but one suggestion regarding the food was remained. So, I had returned!" Vajradranshtra had come by taking the form of Agastya. Due to the respectful feeling, Shuka did not understand that and recognize Vajradranshtra.

"Command O sage!"

"See, I have a desire to eat the flesh of the sheep in the lunch today!"

"Yes! It can be done as per you desire! Shuka saw that Agastya had gone back by giving the command! Then he commanded to prepare the sheep for the lunch. In the meantime, Vajradranshtra had changed one disciple of Shuka as an excellent sheep and brought him before Shuka! Later on, his flesh was cooked and prepared as food!

"When the flesh was cooked, Shukmuni's wife realized that it was the flesh of the human being! She thought that, this flesh should not be served to sage Agastya! Otherwise, a great disaster will take place! So, she took two disciples to help her to prepare the flesh of the ship and se-

cretly went to the proper place for cooking.

"In the meantime Agastya came back after taking his bath. Shukmuni made the preparation of lunch! Vajradranshtra took the form of Shukmuni's wife and served the cooked flesh of the human being in Agastya's plate and had left immediately! As Agastya was about to start eating, he realized that it was the flesh of the human being! He became extremely wild with anger! He had uttered the severe grave cursing words.....

"O Shuka, You have served the flesh of the human being in my plate! Those who eat the flesh of the human beings are the cannibals, the dreadful and monstrous man-eater devils! You have done a heinous crime !. So, you will also take birth as a demon and a devil! All of your asceticism will be destroyed and you will be extremely miserable!"

Shukmuni could not be able to understand why did Sage Agastya become so angry suddenly! He tried his best to explain Agastya again and again!

"O great sage, I have prepared this flesh of the sheep as per your command only!"

"Hey Shukmuni, Your intellect has become corrupt and deviated ! Don't you understand the difference between the ram and the man?" Agastya got up in great anger and started leaving by discarding his plate of food. In the meantime, Shuka's wife came there. She has brought the prepared and cooked flesh of the sheep. She understood what must have happened in between. She had surrendered to Agastya and said,"

O Great Sage, Maharshi Agastya, when I prepared food, I came to know that it was the flesh of the human being. So, I kept it aside and went to bring the flesh of the sheep! In the meantime ,who had served the flesh of the human being?"

"O wife of the Sage, you yourself had served this food

to me!"

"How can it be possible?"

When this argument was going on, Agastya came to know about the illusive power of Atharvan. Agastya realized that Vajradanta's trick had become successful! Suddenly he became quiet!" When Agastya became so quiet suddenly, the terrified Shukmuni became more confused! Agastya realized that Shukmuni was really innocent! Agastya felt very unhappy to utter the cursing words for Shukmuni! He made an effort to pacify and comfort Shukmuni.

"O Shukmuni, although you are not at any fault, the evil demons had made an effort to trouble you and the sacrifice organization with the power of an illusive trick. Truly speaking ,Vajradranshtra demon had cooked the flesh of your disciple by killing him and giving him the form of a sheep. Your good disciple had lost his life! Your wife had recognized it. So, she had gone to bring the sheep- flesh again! She had brought it also! But, Vajradranshtra had taken the form of Rishi's wife and served the human flesh before that! As a result, your dream of serving good food to the guest had become incomplete! You or your wife had not done any fault in this! But, my curse will not be also unsuccessful and false! It is imperative on your part to take birth with the demon form! It is true that you have done this act unknowingly with ignorance! But, I am also helpless against it now! So, even if you are taking the birth as a demon, I will give you a boon of release from that curse also!"

When you will be born as a demon, you will be involved in the work of a messenger at a great scholarly demon named Ravan who had received the state of the demon. While doing the work of a messenger, you will get the auspicious Darshan of the incarnation of Vishnu, God Shriram. As a result ,your demon form will disappear and you will regain your Brahmapad [State of the Brhma]!"

Shukmuni had really received the form of the demon in the future and got the opportunity to help Shriram! Due to this opportunity, he got his original state of Brahma back again! O Dharmaraj, always remember that History should not be repeated again!" said Kulguru!

"O Agastya Kulguru, You have presented the greatness of Sage Agastya also by telling us the story of Shukmuni. We feel really blessed and fortunate! But, you only tell us the part of the story regarding the Agastya's guidance to Shriramchandra!". requested Dharmraj.

"Yudhishtir, you go by the path of Agastya and stay on the bank of river Godavari. You will hear more stories of Agastya there only. Then you go the ashram situated at Panchavati. The Kulguru of Agastya family lineage will make you hear the stories of Ram and Agastya."

Dharma, Bheem, Arjun, Nakul, Sahadev came in the Agastya ashram at the holy place Kashi from Gangadwar along with Droupadi. They asked for the Agastya story there also with curiosity. Agastya of that Ashram told them the stories of Agastya's drinking of the sea, Destruction of Vindhya's pride etc. He told the story of Lopamudra's marriage also. Pandav were really astonished to listen to the story of Kaveri! They thought in their mind to carry forward the great work and started their further journey.

From Kashi they came to receive the auspicious Darshan of Goddess Vindhyavasini by making their stay in the forest! Dharma felt a little bit down for a moment to see Vindhya's politeness.

"O Vindhya mountain, we are eager to go by the path of Sage Agastya. Mother Ganga had commanded us to go by this path!"

"O Yudhishtir, the path of Agastya is not easy. You will do this service with pure mind and without keeping any expectation. So, do the work by keeping these impor-

tant facts in your mind!

"O Vindhya Mountain, we will carry forward this work by maintaining it like the Great vow. You guide us!!....."

"O Pandav, Sage Agastya is expert and well-versed in the knowledge [vidya] such as, Ayurveda, Atharvan, Agriculture, Somayag Sacrifice Vidya, War Vidya. In addition to that he is extremely skillful and expert in the management of the Rain and Wind [Marut]. He had the construction of his Gurukulas in the whole universe by himself and Shivshankar is his Guru in person! He has very good and intimate relations from North to South, and with important gods such as, Brahma, Vishnu, Mahesh, Indra, Marut and Surya [The Sun] as well as all ascetics, sages and those who do the constant austerity. Therefore, O Pandav, the important Northern and Southern lineages had joined in the Agastya tradition. Sage Agastya is respected as God in all Southern lineages in Karnatak, Andhra, Tamilnadu, Kerala and Sri Lanka. Due to that reason only God Ram could be able to make friends and defeat Danavas! O Pandava, Agastya himself guided Shriramchandra to how to go to the South!"

"O Vindhya mountain, kindly narrate to us and describe the incident of the meeting of Agastya and God Ram!

"O Pandav, God Ramchandra had left for Panchavati by crossing Vindhya mountain and performing the Narmada Circumambulation. He was going forward by crossing the mountains, hills, plateaus and jungles that came in the way, destroying the evils in them, making a dialogue with the common people, establishing the friendly relations and strengthening the contacts and relationships! He was travelling further and more further by staying in the vicinity of delightful rivers and enjoying the delight of wanderings in the forests.

He saw birds like Saras, ducks and others. He found many lakes! He found wild animals such as the groups of antelopes, wild pigs, tigers, lions and elephants also. Many types of monkeys and Vanaras were accompanying Ram, Laxman and Seeta!

They felt very happy to see a beautiful lake on the way! Lotus-eyed Seeta was enchanted to see beautiful lotus flowers that reminded her of the lakes of Pushkarterth and Manas. Birds like Saras, Swans and Kadamb trees [Mustard Seed plant- A Tree] had made a big crowd in that lake. The wonderful and attractive sound of singing and playing music was also coming out from that lake. Nobody was seen around! But there was an ashram close by. Those three felt relaxed to see that ashram. They came close to the ashram that belonged to Sage Dharmbhrut! He was engrossed in the Shiva Devotional Worship. One disciple gave him the news of the arrival of God Ramchandra. Dharmbhrut felt extremely happy to learn that The King of Ayodhya Shriram, the incarnation of Vishnu, and Seeta had come along with Laxman, the Shesh Nag [snake]. He came forward and greeted them all by taking them in the ashram. He enquired about their welfare and comfort! Shriramchandra was feeling great curiosity about the sound that was coming from the lake. He could not suppress that curiosity anymore! So, he asked Dharmbhrut about it!

"O Great Sage, we are feeling very curious to hear this strange and beautiful song and musical notes. Kindly fulfill our curiosity to know about the music, its original place and why it is coming from here?"

When Shriram asked this question, the Sage Dharmbhrut started telling the story of the lake!

"The name of this lake is, 'Panchaspara! The water stays in this lake permanently all the time! This lake is created by Sage Mandavakarni with the power of his great as-

cetic austerity. Sage Mandavakarni stayed in this lake for ten thousand years and performed his rigorous ascetic austerity by consuming wind only! All gods were extremely perturbed with his severe austerity. God Indra felt Mandavakarni as his rival and a competitor! All Gods narrated their complaint to Lord Brahmdev under the leadership of Agni [fire] who was the mouth of all gods."Mandavakarni wants the post of Indra. He is keeping an eye on that post only. The purpose of his ascetic penance is like demons! So, it is necessary to prevent and stop such things at the right place and at the right time! Brahmdeva narrated the trick of creating the break and disturbance in Mandavakarni's ascetic penance in the usual manner. Devendra also liked the idea of the trick immediately! He had made an appointment of five important damsels [Apsaras] from Heaven for this purpose!

"The knower of three times [Trikaldnyani] Sage Mandavakarni was deeply involved in his spiritual practice! "The work of removing the anxiety and worry of Gods by deviating Mandavakarni from his severe austerity 'was handed over to those damsels! Those damsels captured Sage Mandavakarni in the trap of the attraction with their erotic lustful and passionate play of more lustful passions. As a result, the sexual and sensational feeling of Cupid's lust was awakened in the mind of Sage Mandavakarni. Those damsels [Apsaras] accepted the role of wives of the Sage! A secret house was built on this lake for their sexual play! These Apsaras used to stay in this secret house according to their desire, increase the fire of lustful passion of Mandavakarni and entertain him by distracting and deviating him from his ascetic Yoga Practice! This is the sound of their play of dancing and singing only!!" narrated Dharmbhruta the story of that lake!!.....

Lord Rama and Laxman felt very surprised to hear the story of Mandavakarni's Tapoyoga! Shriram felt a great

curiosity to see the Ashram and the secret house of Mandavkarni! He had decided to go to that Ashram along with Seeta. His curiosity was fulfilled when he went in to the ashram. Mandavakarni greeted him and honoured him in the proper manner. He consoled Shriram by telling him that, these things must be accepted to maintain balance although he knew about Devendra's trick! He told Ram to go to Stutikshana's ashram!

"Shriramchandra stayed at some places by strolling here and there and finally came to Stutikshana's ashram. Stutikshana expected that. He greeted Shriram in the excellent manner. After taking rest for some days, Shriram asked him about Agastya's ashram. Feeling very delighted, Stutikshana told Ram, the son of King Dasharath, "O Ram, I was also going to suggest you to go to Agastya! But you have expressed the desire of your mind before that! It is really a very good sign! O Ramchandra, I will tell you now about the whereabouts of Man, Many, Mandarya Agastya. The beautiful ashram of Agastya Lineage family members is situated at the South after going Four Yojans [A measure of distance equal to four Kosh which at four thousand yards each will amount to nine miles] from this ashram. The Pipla grove is looking beautiful in the area which is surrounded by the thick forest. There are lots of trees, flowers and fruits! Different types of groups of birds are flying happily and freely here and there. Sage Agastya's ashram is situated there only! There are groves of Ketaki flower trees around this ashram. There are many ponds full of Lotus flowers. The peacock flocks also exist there. The crystal clear babbling water stream of Godavari flows near the ashram. The lakes have become beautiful and decorative with birds and swans. The ducks had added more to the beauty of the natural beautiful scenery. Stay at night in the ashram Agastya's Family members and then go for one Yojan away to the South from

six mountains' side towards South of the grove. You will see Agastya's ashram over there. This ashram is not very far from Panchavati. But it is not situated on the bank of Godavari river. Amrutvahini Pravara river flows near this ashram. Agastya had selected this place for his permanent abode and ascetic austerity. He always stays there with Lopamudra. There exists the Self -Existent Shivlingam of Shri Siddheshvar on the bank of Pravara river. There are many beautiful places around this ashram that describe the greatness of Lord Shiva! God Vishnu's worship is performed in this ashram. Agastya always performs regular sacrifices, Havan [Oblation by fire to the deity] and sessions of Soma Sacrifices here. Your mind will be really delighted and absorbed in happiness! Sage Agastya will definitely make an arrangement of your stay in the forest and give you guidance also!!

"By giving so much counsel, Suteekshana showed Shriram the path to go to Agastya."O Ramchandra, Stutikshana is constantly engrossed in Agastya's work and constantly contemplates on the path of Agastya and Agastya knowledge staying in my [Vindhya's] vicinity." Vindhya told Pandav. So, Yudhishtir decided to go to Panchavati at Nashik and then to go to Agastya ashram and offer his obeisance to him!

While travelling, Pandav saw the beautiful places and then came to Panchavati! While taking the bath in the Ramkund in river Godavari, they remembered the story of Ram once again. Shri Rama's hut was at some distance away from Agastya ashram in Panchavati. Pandav felt extremely happy and blessed with the thought of entering in to the sacred land when they heard about this. They also build their own hut in Panchavati and started staying there. But, the heroic exploits of Agastya and the curiosity for the work of Shriram was not allowing them to sit quiet. In addition to

that they became very eager to know about the origin of Goda river and the fountainhead of Pravara river also. So they decided to go the near Agastya ashram and fulfil their curiosity.

A grand welcome was given to Pandav in Agastya ashram. Enchanted with that unique welcome, Yudhishtir asked a question to Kulguru Agastya, "O Kulguru, I am really enchanted and moved with your grand welcome! I have come to you to know about the meeting of Sage Agastya and Shriram!! Lomesh and Vaishampayan told us many stories of Agastya on the way!"

"O Yamdharma [God of Death], you are asking all this with great devotion . So I will also narrate it with the feeling of great devotion to you! O Pandav, when Sutikshana told Shriram about the path of Agastya, Shriramchandra proceeded forward by offering his obeisance to Sutikshana.

"They saw different types of forests, jet-black coloured rock mountains, lakes, rivers on the way! They went forward by crossing them over. They realized that Agastya's family members' ashram had come close. The trees loaded with flowers and fruits, the sweet smell coming along with the breeze of wind, the heaps of dry sticks of the branches of trees, the plucked grass that looked like the Vaidurya jewels were the signs that suggested that they had come quite close to ashram . The smokes of fire were rising up from the middle of the fire like black coloured clouds from the ashram. On the other side, Brahmins were preparing the offerings of fruits and flowers after taking bath in the holy place. Pandav thought that, this was the same ashram described by Sutikshana

Agastya's benevolent brother constructed the ashram by controlling the death on his strength and deciding the south direction as quite proper for the shelter with an intention to achieve the welfare of the people. In the olden days the great demons like Vatapi and Ilvala used to stay here. Agastya

had destroyed them. When Ram and Laxman were conversing with each other, "This ashram of Agastya's brothers is looking beautiful with lakes and forests", the evening came. Shriramchandra offered his obeisance to the setting sun and performed the evening worship and then entered the ashram. He bowed to ascetics! Sages greeted Shriram properly. Shriram stayed there at night by eating fruits and roots, When the sun rose in the early morning they took the leave of Agastya's brothers,

'Bhagvan, I bow to you. I had received very peaceful and good sleep at night. Now, receiving your Darshan, we are going to your elder brother and guru Sage Agastya. Give us your blessings!"

All right! Go ahead now!' He showed the way to Agastya's ashram. After walking hundred feet with God Rmchandra, Agastya's brother took his leave!

He started going on the path showed by Agastya's brother. Ram saw hundreds of forest trees such as Neevar, Jack fruit, Sal, Sadada, Ashok, Dhavada, Chiribilva, Moha, Bel, Shisav fully blossomed and looking decorative with creepers with flowers at the end. The forests were crowded and filled with the noise of Vanaras [monkeys] and the troops of intoxicated birds!

"O Laxman, Vanaras, deers, birds and flocks of peacocks are seen enjoying their freedom while flying happily without any fear through the dense forest and flowing water of rivers here! I think that Mandarya's ashram must be somewhere near by !"

"O Brother, see those groves of Ketaki standing quite long. The atmosphere has become scented with the sweet smell of the intoxicated Kevada flowers! The existence of Shesh Nag is definitely somewhere here only!"

"O Ramchandra, the sound of the flowing water is resounding in the whole atmosphere! I feel like drinking this

water that has been completely assimilated with the colour of the sky!

"O Seeta, See ! This must be Amrutvahini Pravara river! See the thick crowd of the Bunyan trees and Pipal trees also beyond this place. The Mango trees are also seen here at this side! O Vaidehi, there appears the Shiv temple beyond this river!

"Yes, Ramchandra!"

"O Seeta, let us go to that Shiva temple by walking through this river. Is that not Agastyagram which is encircled by thick trees?".....

"Agastya's creation of the village!" 'said Laxman.

Those three entered in the river to drink water. They felt great thrill with the touch of cool water!

O God, this water is really the nectar only!! When I was small God Shiva gave me the Nectar to drink directly . That nectar must be belonging to this place only because there is not the slightest difference in the sweetness of water!"

O Vaidehi, This is Amrutvahini Due to this reason only it is said," Godasnanam and Pravaranam!;[The bath in the river Goda and drinking water of Pravara]!

" But, from where did this flowing nectar come on the earth?"

"O Girija, The worship of the Amrut -Kalash [The pitcher of Nectar] that had come after the sea-churning was performed here near the vicinity of Valmiki Ashram. Even jewels that had come out of the sea were also hidden in this area in one mountain. That mountain got the name as,"Ratnagad"[the Mountain of Jewels]. Kuber had done this work with the command of God Vishnu! Later on when the worship of the Amrut Kalash was performed on this Ratnagad in the honour of Shiv Parvati, Shiva Parvati declared that the unbroken flow of Nectar will flow from here!

Mother Parvati and Shiva will cool down the burning sensation of poison by taking the regular bath in this holy place!! Sheshnag [Shesh Snake] and Shiva's Son Agastya will make the protection of this Nectar water [Amrut Jal]. As a result, this holy nectar water [Amrut Teertha] is constantly flowing down from Ratnagad with blessings of Shiva Parvati !! Shiva had taken this holy water in his mouth and gave back as the form of his graceful blessing. Ratneshvar caused this play at the foot of Ratnagad by taking the self -existent Shiv form.and commanded. Nagaraj in his troop to protect the holy water. Due to this miraculous play of Shiva, mother Parvati's stay had happened here permanently in the part form. She had stopped here looking at Shiva constantly with the name such as," Kalasai or Kalasubai! Lord Shiva called this Amrutvahini river as the timeless river with the purpose of becoming permanently useful to sage Valmiki. Therefore Pravara is continuously flowing! The incarnation of Brahma, Valmiki had got a beautiful place for the austerity here! There is a constant and regular stay of Shiva Parvati here! For this reason only, Agastya , Shiva's Son and bright as the Sun, kind like the cloud of rain selected this place for his ascetic penance! Shiva teaches Atharvan to the ascetics in the form of Siddheshvar here! Agastya is a great Atharvan [The one that had achieved mastery over Atharvan!] Therefore, he had selected this place! O Seeta, we have reached to an extremely auspicious place here! We will drink the nectar first, take the holy Darshan of Siddheshvar and then go to Agastya's ashram.

Laxman was listening to God Rama's speech with great intensity. Seeta was feeling the sense of completeness! She felt as if she had come to her parents' house!! She thought that they should select the same place for their residence in the forest!

Those three came near Siddheshvar.They offered

their obeisance to Siddheshvar by giving an oblation of water in the bowl of their hands. Exactly at the same a voice resounded from the sanctum of the temple, "O Ramchandra, let your welfare take place!!" God Rama accepted the blessing by offering his obeisance three times! Then they started going towards the ashram. Shriram was talking with the feeling of great devotion on the way!"

"This ashram of sage Agastya that had become famous as 'Agastya' among the people with his great work removes pain and exertion!" This forest looks filled with smoke that comes up from fire due to the performance of Havan [Oblation to the Fire]!! The skins of trees seemed to have enveloped around. The flocks of deer are quiet. Birds are making the chirping sound. Agastya had achieved the exact propriety and decorum by creating this ashram at this place of South which was not utilized by the demons with the powerful influence and fear of sage Agastya who had conquered on death with his strength by keeping the desire of the human welfare and made the South direction full of the prosperity of water and fruits by performing the virtuous deed! Virtuous Agastya achieved the ownership in the South. Since then the demons and evils had come to the sacred purity by discarding their evil and wicked tendencies! The south direction had become auspicious and sacred. This beautiful, and graceful ashram of the long lived Agastya who does the famous acts of human welfare is full of the existence of the non-violent animals! One feels the genuine delight while looking at it! This Agastya is the saintly person who is respected by the people. He is constantly engaged in the work of the human welfare. If we go to him he will engage us in the welfare activity. I will divert the mind of this great sage Agastya by praying him! The period of our stay in the forest will be utilized in the meaningful manner. Gods, Gandharvas, Siddha, Great Sages always stay in the

service of Agastya with proper diet. The liar, crafty, vicious, heartless and sinful person will not stay alive here. Gods, Yaksha, Snakes and birds stay here with the powerful impact of this great sage with an intention to make the spiritual practice of religion by maintaining the control over their food. The Siddhas and Maharshi leaves their bodies here and take the new physical bodies by becoming sacred and purified by Agastya's Ayurvedya and become splendid like the Sun. When living beings worship in the ashram, Gods grant them prosperity. O Laxman, we have come in this ashram. You go ahead and give the news to ascetics that, "Dasharathi Ram [Dasharatha's Son Ram] has come along with Seeta!" told Shriram to Laxman!.

Laxman entered in the Ashram's compound and caught one disciple of Agastya and said to him, "The elder son of king Dasharath Shriram has come to take the auspicious Darshan of the great Sage along with his wife Seeta and brother Laxman!! We all are wandering in this horrible and dangerous forest by the command of our father! We all want to take god Agastya's Darshan! Please tell him like this!" That disciple heard Laxmana's words, said, "Yes!" and went in to the Agnishala [place of sacrifice]. He went hurriedly inside and stated the great lustrous Sage by folding his hands with respect, "Shriram has come along with his wife. They desire to receive your Darshan! So, kindly give me your command!"

When Agastya heard the news of Shrirama's arrival from the disciple, he said, "Since a long time I had a desire to meet him! I have become very happy. Go quickly, greet them and bring them here!"

When the righteous great sage Agastya said like this,

that disciple came out running and announced," Shriram should come inside to meet sage Agastya! Laxman showed the disciple pointing at Shriram and Mother seeta standing at the door! The disciple gave an account of Agastya's words with modesty. He escorted them in and greeted them properly with honour. Then, he brought those three in the main Ashram. Shriram went forward observing that big ashram full of many deers. He saw the holy places of Brahma, Vishnu, Mahendra, Surya, Chandra, Shiva, and Kuber. There were the places of Dhata, Vidhata [The Maker], vayu [Air], and Varun [water, rain], Gayatri, Ashtavas, Nagraj, Kartikeya, And Dharma also! As Shriram was about to reach the Ashram, Sage Agastya himself came out to receive him! The splendid Shriram said to Lakmana while looking at extremely lustrous Agastya walking ahead," O Laman, Sage Agastya is coming out. He appears to be the magnificent abode of ascetic austerity to me!!"

Uttering the words of genuine admiration and respect about Sage Agastya who was looking extremely splendid like the Sun, Shriram moved further and bowed to the feet of Sage Agastya! They offered their obeisance to Agastya and stood respectfully with folding their hands before him! Agastya embraced Shriram with great happiness! He could not control and hold back his tears of joy while holding Shriram quite close to him! Agastya made Shriram sit on the seat with Vaidehi and Laxman and performed the worship of their feet by himself!!.....

"O God, You are moving in the human form. This is your greatness. Really speaking you yourself are the Great Divine Supreme Power [Kaivalya]. This universal form is your image only. You are honouring your own self! O Vaidehi, you are the Vibrancy, the life itself in person! You are the energy, the power! I offer my obeisance to you both and The Cobra alias Laxman who constantly protects you three

times!"

Then Agastya greeted Shriramchandra in accordance with the tradition of the Vanprasthashram, [Fourth order of the human life]! After the meals, Agastya said to Shriram, "O Shriram, you have accepted our greeting!

We feel really blessed and fortunate! The great King that behaves according to the religion is respectable and venerable to all people! You have come here as my dearest guest. So, kindly make us satisfied and perfect by accepting these fruits and flowers. O Shriram, God Shiva had selected you to carry forward our work further! Therefore, I must hand over my powers to you for my great work! O Shriram, the Tiger among the men, this is the divine great bow which is decorated with different types of jewels. It is created by Vishvakarma! This excellent arrow which is bright and splendid like the sun, will never go to waste or become unsuccessful, is given by Mahendra to me. This arrow is given by God Brahmdev in person to Mahendra. I am giving you these two quivers. They are everlasting and eternal! They are sparkling and dazzling like the burning fire that never ceases! Similarly, this is the magnificent and greatly victorious Khadga [the weapon] which is decorated in gold and kept in the golden scabbard.' O Shriram, I had used all these weapons to destroy and kill the evil and wicked people for the human welfare! O Shriram, you will pull and drag your Royal Goddess Laxmi with this bow just as Lord Vishnu had protected the royal goddess Laxmi of their kingdom by destroying the demons in great war with this bow. So, O greatly respected one, accept this bow and sword [Khadg] just as Devendra who accepts the Vajra [Powerful weapon] and continues the tradition of my mission further!! Sage Agastya gifted these weapons to Shriram!

"O Maharshi Agastya, I will not be able to place even one single foot also further without your guidance with ac-

tion!" So, you narrate me about the manner in which I should spend the further passage of time."

"O Shriram, The place Panchavati is situated on the bank of Goda river. You should stay in the hut which is suitable for the stay in the forest. O Shriramchandra, this place is full of the eternal Banyan trees and it will become extremely sacred with your stay! This is Dandkaranya! This Tapovan is the part of this Dandkaranya.

"It is essential for all ascetics, sages and anchorites[hermits] of Jambudweep to spend some time in this Tapovan. Otherwise, their ascetic austerity does not become successful! Let your hut also exist in this Tapovan!"

Accepting the advice of Sage Agastya, Ram started spending the remaining period in the forest by staying in Panchavati! He continued the venture [activity] of meeting Sage Agastya from time to time and receiving his advice! During that time he had heard the stories of Agastya's curse and release from those curses in relation to Jatayu, Marich, Sund, Tataka, Kushanya, Vayu etc. He came to know about Agastya's heroic exploits in relation to Hanuman, Ravana and Bibhishan! Agastya gave this whole account to Yudhishtira! So Yudhishtira started asking with great curiosity, "O Agastya, kindly narrate us this whole story in details!"

So, Agastya started telling, "O Pandava, Agastya killed Sund with his arrow. So, Marich rushed forward on Agastya with the revengeful attitude! As a result, Agastya gave him a curse that he will be a demon later on!"

"But, O Agastya, why should Agastya kill Sund? Why should Marich feel angry about it?"

"Truly speaking, Sund and Marich are Shiva's assistants in the State of Yaksha! [A class of demigods or minor deities. They are employed especially in the care of gardens and treasures of Kubera.] they had love for Shiva's devotional worship. They felt proud with the thought such as,"

No other devotee is as superior than them! Sund developed the hobby of creating disturbance in the Sacrificial act by asking difficult and challenging questions to the religious priests and the spiritual aspirants that had participated in the sacrifice! Sund, the son of Jambh became more arrogant later on.

"There was a great Yaksha named as Suketu! Although he was very strong and powerful, he had no child [issue]. So that good behaved Yaksha performed a very strong and severe austerity. Lord Brahma was very much pleased with his austerity! But, instead of giving a son to Suketu, he gave him a very beautiful daughter! Her name was Tataka! When she became young, she had started looking beautiful like a damsel [apsara]! Jambha's son Sund was very much attracted to her! Suketu performed her marriage with Sund!! Sunda's strength and power grew more! He started creating more obstructions and distractions in the sacrificial organizations of hermits!!

So, sage Agastya said to him, "O Sund, you behave in the devilish and demonic manner although you belong to the state of Yaksha! Therefore, although the Yaksha [the demi god] is immortal, you will be killed with my extremely bright arrow which is as splendid like Brahma! So, you stop these actions! " When Agastya pronounced these cursing words, Sunda's wife Tataka pacified and consoled him! Some years had passed away in the peaceful manner. But, Sund started his crafty actions again! Not only that but, he had condemned and ridiculed the weapons of Sage Agastya also!!...

Sund made an egoistic and arrogant speech in which he said, "Ascetics and Sages should do the sacrifices and not fight wars!" When it had reached to Agastya's ears, Agastya became very angry! He used his bright arrow which was lustrous like Brahma on Sund and Sund was killed !!

When Sunda's wife Tataka came to know that her husband was killed she had rushed forward to swallow Agastya along with her son Marich! When Agastya saw this he cursed both of them " You both will be utterly grave and horrible devils and your luster of Yaksha will be vanished!!" As a result, Tataka and Marich had become the demons in the Ravan Tradition in future!! Tataka and Marich who had got the monstrous and heinous form of the devil with sage Agastya's curse, finally surrendered to Agastya! They surrendered to him with extreme politeness. Then Agastya said to them " O Yaksha Mother and the son,"this curse that you have received due to your evil behavior and pride will not fail! It will definitely come true! But, your pride had fallen down! Therefore I give you the release from the curse. When you will come in contact with God Ramchandra, you both will be released and uplifted! Till then, you will have to wait for hundred years to meet Shriram ,the incarnation of Vishnu! You will help Ravan in his crafty and malicious act! As a result, you will meet Shriram and obtain the good state later on!!"

Agastya's curse and the release from the curse had also proved to be true in the Biography of Shriram! [Ramcharitra]. Therefore, O Yudhishtir, Sage Agastya is such a Sage who is the knower of three times and can give a curse and gives the release from that curse [Shapadapi Sharadapi] So, you surrender to him! As a result your lineage will be uplifted!!

"O Kulguru, Kindly tell us in details about the moral instruction that Agastya gave to Jatayu and Hanuman and how did they become helpful to Shriram?"

'O Pandav, There exists the kingdom of the King of Earth in the Bird State, known as Jatayu in this Dandkaranya! forest Jatayu was a very good friend of king Dasharath. His troop of birds insisted that Agastya should find out the place of his residence in this Dandkaranya! Agastya had predicted

that about Shrirama's existence in the forest to Jatayu beforehand only! Agastya had given him the information of his future prediction as regards, the kidnapping event of Seeta in which Jatayu would be helpful! But Jatayu would be helpless by Ravan the member of the family lineage of Agastya was also mentioned in this future prediction. When Ram was going to Panchavati, Jatayu obstructed Rama's path with the advice of Agastya, and enquired whether he had taken Agastya's counsel or not! When God Ram narrated him the information of his meeting with Agastya, he warned Shriram to become alert in relation to his position as a senior person!.....

"Jatayu told Shriram that he was the friend of King Dasharath. He did not have his own progeny. He had ample family members that are born in his family lineage! But God Ram should give him the good state after his death and make him drink the nectar [Amrut]. Since Agastya caused the meeting of Jatayu and Shriram, Jatayu helped Shriram! At the time of the abduction of Seeta, Shriram created the holly water like nectar with the arrow given by Agastya and later on which became famous as Ramban [Rama's powerful arrow] and made him drink that holy nectar water at the time of his death!" Pandav felt very much inspired and motivated to know about the role of Agastya as the guide and the punisher to punish his arrogant family members also born in his own lineage!!"

' O Agastya, we have become blessed to listen to this information about Jatayu! We had come to know about the war between Jatayu and Ravana from the Jatayu mountain before! Our minds are really moved with great respect and pride for Sage Agastya. Now kindly tell us about story of the meeting of God Ram and Hanumant caused by Sage Agastya!"

"O Pandav, the story of Hanumant is really a very

sacred story ! The one that listens to this story with great devotion becomes a powerful, speaker of truth and effort oriented! The calamities are removed and get destroyed in his life!! Agastya made the introduction of the topic!!

"O Agastya, we have become very eager to listen to that story! So please tell us that story!" said Yudhishtir!!

"O Pandav, "The Narration of Agastya's story is the religion of this Ashram! We feel very happy in doing this work! So, I will tell you that story now!"

"O Pandav, those who listen to this story of Hanumant , receive the obtainment of the son with blessings of Agastya. Two damsels [apsaras] named Anjana and Adrika had to take birth in the Vanar community as per the suggestion of Devendra. The marriage of these two beautiful female Vanaris had taken place with the chief of the Vanar community named Kesari. Kesari was the incarnation of Vayu alias Marut. When they were in the Damsel state [Apsara], they came in Agastya's ashram! They performed the worship of Agastya to get the son. Agastya felt very much pleased and said to them" O Apsaras [damsels], you will not be able to get the obtainment of the son without the permission of Devendra. He will give you permission and then you will get the son. But, you both will have to come to the earthly world for that purpose. You both will get an admission in the Vanar state. You will marry the chief of the Vanar community, named Kesari! But, you will not get progeny from Kesari!1 You will get the child from two different powers of two tendencies of Kesari! But, your sons will be famous as Kesarinandan!!.

Anjani will get the obtainment of the son from the part of 'the Payas' [A dish made of rice, milk and Sugar] blessing offering granted to King Dasharath with the help of Vayu . His name will be Hanumant. He will be famous as the brother of Shriram and the staunch devotee of Shriram!

Adrika will get the son from the chief of the Ghosts named Niruti' his name will be Ardra! He will also become the king of Ghosts and do the devotional worship of Lord Shiva. Even then he will become famous as the son of Kesari! Ardra will also help Shriram" Agastya's boon proved to be exactly true later on!! They both got 'Kesarinandan" at the time of Ramayan. Both sons that were born from the miraculous power, helped Shri Ramchandra in the war with Ravan and increased the name and fame of sage Agastya in the world!! O Pandav, do you know that Agastya had created such great powers at the back of Shriram? " asked kulguru Agastya.

"O Kulguru, we will be really blessed if you will tell us this story!"

"O Pandav, You know that Sage Agastya was very famous for his great knowledge and skill of Archery. Agastya is the supreme Master [Param Guru] of our Master [Guru] Drona. Agastya is the guru of Rishi Swami Agnivesh also! Agastya taught the great skill of archery to Agnivesha. Agnivesha taught the same Vidya to his favourite disciple Dronacharya according to the tradition of Agastya! Dronacharya did not teach this Vidya to Kourav and Pandav but, Ashvathama, Eklavya and Karna are also blessed in the strange and miraculous manner with Agastya's blessings. So, Agastya is our Supreme Master [Paratpar Guru] in the knowledges of Archery."

Pandav felt extremely happy to listen all these things. They made a resolution to go on the ashram and take Agastya's Darshan and counsel.

'O Agastya, an intense desire of Agastya's darshan had rose in our mind! Kindly fulfil that desire!' ,requested Dharmraj.

"O Pandav, you are going to receive Agastya's Darshan.Sage Agastya had given those indications to disciples of his various Ashrams in the South also!"

"O Agastya, is there a continuous stay of Sage Agastya on the bank of Amrutvahini river Pravara?"

"O Pandav, we have no authority to reveal this secret! But, there is no objection to tell this secret to Pandavas as per the indications given by Agastya. Yes! Agastya does have a constant stay on the bank of Amrutvahini But, he stays in various Ashrams in the South for most of the time during the day and give motivation to those ashrams!! He meets all of us in the astral manner like the speed of mind and gives the commands and suggestions for his welfare work ,research, thinking and contemplation! Various sessions of sacrifices are going on in these Ashrams. Mandarya had suggested that your meeting will take place at the suitable time. Therefore, although you are eager, do not become impatient !!"

After listening to the message of Kulgury Agastya , Pandav felt a little bit quiet! But their strong urge to listen to the stories of Agastya could not become less! They questioned Kulguru Agastya once again!

"kindly tell us about the other great persons to whom Agastya had given his instructions and guidance?"

"O Pandav,, Jamadagni's Son, Parashuram is the direct son of Prakriti and Purush in person ! He is the real incarnation of God Vishnu! He fought one hundred wars with the proud Kshatriyas! He made an effort to give a good turn to the welfare of folk life of ordinary common people who were caught in the clutches of the conventions by destroying the Kshatriyas. But, while doing this, the rivers of blood started flowing. Parashuram felt a feeling of repentance in his mind to see the 'Human Slaughter [Destruction]!. So, he decided to take the punishment, the penance for that. At that time, he came to Sage Agastya who is the benefactor of the human welfare, quiet, with the synthesis and co-ordination oriented intellect, and the constant protector of the human

and divine tendencies and said,"O Bhagavan Agastya, I have come to surrender you! You are born to protect the human welfare and the life of the world by becoming the Bridge !" I had done the same work with the path of violence by becoming very angry. I am feeling repentant for it. Let the punishment, the penance be given to me !!"

Man, Manya , Mandarya was moved in his heart by listening to this speech of Parashuram which was full of repentance! He had removed the feeling of guilt that had been raised in the mind of Parashuram from the root completely! He said,' O'leader of the people, Bhagavan Parashurama, what you did was quite proper. Even the feeling of sorrow and pain that had caused to your mind due to slaughter is also quite proper! The divine quality of wealth lies in this sincere feeling of repentance to the generous and kind hearted individual! Therefore, I am giving you the solution, and the remedy to this problem to destroy this feeling of sorrow and repentance. Do the Sacrifice of Peace [Shanti Yadnya] by performing sessions of Soma sacrifice [Soma Yag]! Give the donation of the land, cow and wealth to Brahmins, poor and down trodden people and farmers. Give the abundant help to ashrams. When all this would be done, Knowledge, Human Welfare and Renunciation will be achieved!!!"

"O Extra Ordinary,unique and Supreme Guru[Paratpar Guru], you are the Guru of Bhargava also! So, your command is the command of my Supreme Master! I will obey and follow it in the exact and precise manner."

Parashuram performed" the Shanti Yadnya" by performing the sessions of Som- Yaga along with it, gave the proper donations and threw his own self in the Agastya Traditions!"

After explaining about Agastya's contact ,established with Parashuram, Agastya Ashrama's Kulguru said further,"

O Dharmraj, South Direction belongs to Yamdharma, God Of Death! It is the direction of annihilation or extinction [destruction]. Yamdharma alias god of death expects the annihilation of the evil tendencies such as, ego, attachment, lustful passion, anger, attraction, arrogance and jealousy! The creation and production of Hell had occurred from such evil tendencies only! O Devotee of Truth, Yamdharma, God of Death who is the Ruler of the rules and regulations and the protector of directions take those living beings whose evil tendencies do not get vanished and destroyed to the hell by the command of Shiva Principle! He destroys these evil tendencies there! Then only the living being gets the release, the liberation in the good and pure Heavenly world! O Superior Authority of religion, those Sages who perform such work with the strength of their ascetic austerity and power in the earthly mortal world, or who are appointed by the Parabrahma in the Earthly world those sages surmount on the eternal post of the self-illuminated Stars and guide the mortal world again and again! With the inspiration and command of Shiva, Yamdharma, The God of Death had also made an establishment of Seven Rishis [Saptarshi]. He had made an appointment and establishment of Amuch, Vimuch, Swastyatreya, Pramuch, Agastya PutrAa Ighmavah, Drudhvat, and Man Agastya as the South Seven Rishis [Daxin Saptarshi]!! The Position and Status of Agastya is really the Supreme and Great in the South!!

When Kulguru Agastya narrated such account of Seven Rishis, Dharmaraj remembered the great war between Ram and Ravan that had occurred in the South!

He asked, "O Agastya Kulguru, the war between Ravan and Ram in the South is quite well known! Kindly tell about the connection between Agastya and Ravana."

"O Dharmraj, The Taponidhi [Authorities] of the Tapovan have very good knowledge of this great war! How-

ever, I will tell you about this war with the sense of duty!" Ravan was the son from Pulastya Lineage! He was a great devotee of Lord Shiva! Pulastya had accepted Agastya family lineage [Gotra]. Sage Agastya had the excellent knowledge of the management of Atharvan, War, Ayurvedya, Yagnya-Yag [sacrifice], Sessions of Som[soma satras], Knowledge of Music, Rain, Wind and the knowledge of Agriculture! Agastya had brought five elemental deities under his control and command by doing the benedictions on them with the strength of his austerity and self-motivation. Agastya who was a supreme Rishi and the Sage who was an equal authority in poison, nectar and Soma, was great scholar who knew the Real Truth, the Brahman, Knower of three tenses and Very active in the construction along with very Brahmdeva! Dashanan [Ten headed Ravan] had also achieved a great strength and power as equal as Agastya!.....

Ravan also had a great boon of vast strength and longevity. As a Devotee of Shiva, Ravan was also the son of Shiva. Although Ravan was behaving in the devilish manner by discarding the Vow of goodness due to his pride of ascetic penance, he used to think that "Only he can do the work of Parabrahma [the supreme divine power] with his justful talent!!" The whole South had already surrendered to his superhuman strength! Ravan was considered as the Counter Agastya!! Ravana's worship was felt as the worship of Parabrahma! As a result, a great sense of egoistic pride was created in his mind. In spite of this, Ravan had respected the greatness and the status position of Agastya as the great spiritual master! Ravan was also the devotee of Agastya like Lord Shiva. The superhuman victorious Ravan who had conquered the victory on demons many at occasions, used to recognize and acknowledge Agastya as the Self-Illuminated fund [treasure] of Splendor! But Ravan had

a deep pang in his mind such as ,that he receives the secondary position in comparison to Agastya unknowingly! Similarly, Ravan was displeased to see that all Godly world keep a direct contact with Agastya !

Yet, by creating the ruling power of Pulastya on the entire South and ruling over all royal families such as, Van, Krut, Pullah, Pandya Ravan used to move to the West and East also through the path of the sea. But, where ever he used to reach ,he used to get the experience and proof that, "Agastya had already reached there with his extra ordinary super human power and had created the Shiva tradition or Agastya tradition"!! Not only that but, Agstya had created the righteous good Arya Tendency also over there! Therefore, an idea came in Ravana's mind to get the boon from Shiva and subjugate Agastya and gain mastery over him! So, Ravan decided to take the meeting with Agastya at Agastyakoot or Agastyamail, Podiyal or Betigo mountain! Agastya used to meet Shiva Shankar on the Himalaya mountain. Ravan also used to meet Shiva in the same manner. Ravan had made the preparation to meet Agastya in the same manner. But, Agastya understood the purpose and intention of Ravan. Agasya had the feeling of pride for Pulastya in his mind as 'the great victorious member of the Agastya Family lineage as well as about Ravana as the son of Pulastya !" Agastya used to feel that," If Ravan will be useful to the Management of Rain, Agriculture, Vayu [wind] Ayu [longevity of life],and the establishment of arts, human welfare will happen very easily!"

When Agastya came to know that, Ravan was coming, Agastya decided to perform the great sacrifice by starting Maha Somayag in his ashram at Podiyil mountain and please God Surya [the sun], God Indra,and God Vayu [wind]! But Ravan felt a little of angry to see that Agastya had become engrossed and busy in the preparation of this work!!

He realized that Agastya was avoiding him!

But, he had started the great ceremony of music to please Agastya with the realization that the supreme spiritual master of his lineage was as great as Shiva!! Ravan had no other competitor and rival in music in all three worlds! Agastya had acquired the entire knowledge of music from Lord Shiva in person! Ravan also started the Big Music Festival on those lines!

When Agastya's complete offering was given in the sacrifice, he had observed that the South direction had become very bright and was dazzling with the Music Festival of Ravana, Agastya became very pleased with Ravan!!

He said to Ravan," O Dashanan, the supreme spiritual aspirant in three worlds, the son of my lineage, I am very much pleased with you. Tell me what do you expect from me!"

"O Supreme Master, Great Guru, I am your son. I have dragged more wealth than Kuber, more knowledge than Bruhaspati and more power of the creative construction of three Gods in the South by performing the welfare work of your tradition !! Not only that, but, due to this power of great strength, your projects had received the great contribution and all vidyas [knowledge] are mastered and digested! So," the importance that is applicable to the Post of God should be granted to me!" Therefore, grant me such supreme strength and power that I will never be defeated by any God here after now!!"

"O Dashanana, Lord Shiva had already granted you this great extra ordinary power! Yet, I give you the blessing that everything will happen as per your desire! For that purpose, you should go to Shrilanka and establish the cities with the help of which you will be able to rule over the earth and the sea and rule over the kingdom with great prosperity and grandeur !! But, never create and develop the feeling of

egoistic pride in your heart! You will never be defeated by God!!" I give you this blessing!!" Agastya assured Ravana with great love and affection!!"

"Ravan went on Shri Lanka island and established the golden city with the abode of Agastya and started ruling the Kingdom of fourteen Choukadyas on the ocean and the land!! [Choukadyas----A period comprising the four ages, viz, Krut, Tret, Dwapar, and Kali. Fourteen of these [Chouda Choukadya] of these constitute Ravana's period and seventy two, to the period of the sway of Indra in heaven and of Manu on the earth]

Dashanan became extremely valiant [heroic] because both powers of Agastya and Ravan got united in him! He had ended the greatness of Gods! He captivated all Gods with his pervasive power. He had started the exploitation of all societies and created his terror from Asindhu Sindhu-Himalaya to the Indian Ocean!! But, he had continued the regular spiritual practice, the Sadhana of the Shiv power and Agastya power also!! The ashrams and Gurukulas of Agastya tradition had got the immense importance which was not received so greatly before or will not be received in future!![Na Bhooto na bhavishyati].The honourable places of The Arya Splendor, Arya Culture and Sessions of Sacrifice and Havan[Oblation to the Deity by the mouth of fire] were created!! The Folk Language and Samgayan [singing of Sam Veda] received great importance! Agastya Vidya started spreading in the folk languages from Agastya Ashrams.The Oral Traditions of the folk got the strength of the Scientific [Shastriya] Mantras!!

The greatness of Agastya knowledge had spread in the Western islands also! Agastya felt happy! But, Ravan became arrogant due to these things! He had started giving no respect to Shiva and Agastya's power! Ravan had used his Aryatva--- Virtuosity and righteousness for the false and

bad use of Atharvan and other vidyas! As a result, all gods and the subject of people became extremely dreadful! Agastya became very anxious and greatly worried! The great splendor that he himself had admired was setting down and drowning in the darkness of the egoistic pride!!

So , Agastya made a decision in his mind and decided to take the counsel of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh! Those three Gods told him about the Ram- Incarnation and Agastya felt relaxed, free from his great worry and anxiety! He had achieved great success to make the South splendorous with goodness and righteous [Arya teljasvi] which was trying to become Anarya , demonic, by taking Bibhishan [Ravana's good brother] in to his confidence and guiding Shriramchandra in all ways!! All people who were cursed and those who were free from the curse as well as all South-erners such as, Pishachch [ghosts], Vanar [Monkeys], Krut, Pulah, Pulastya and Pandya etc, also joined in the movement which was planned by Agastya! The credit of changing the region that had reached to the Anarya state [demonic and devilish] in to the good and virtuous quality region had gone to Sage Agastya and God shri Ramchandra! Sage Agastya made all family members of his lineage, and traditions of his plans, projects and knowledge, immortal by honouring Ravan also in the human history!! Having seen this equally balanced act [work] of Agastya , both streams such as the Agastya tradition and other traditions without Agastya also felt great gratitude for sage Agastya!!

Pandava's heart was filled with great respect and joy for sage Agastya after listening to the great and powerful narration of Kulguru Agastya!!

"O Kulguru, we are really curious to know about the destruction of any other person's ego also by Agastya! You are telling us about the greatness of sage Agastaya! So, we are constantly realizing the splendor, brightness and aus-

terity of Agastya that had consumed the entire sea in one oblation of water, the one that had made a compromise and friendship between Indra and Marut again, and to make egoistic Vindhya bow down with politeness!! We are really enchanted and moved with the great victory of Agastya who is the direct image of Parabrahma only!!" said Yudhishtir.

"O Pandav, sage Agastya had destroyed many evils, demons, devils and monsters! They all were not demons originally! But, when the use of our divine wealth starts towards doing the evil actions and exploitation due to extreme selfishness, the demonic, evil and bad power or the negative energy gets created. The Aryatva or the splendor of goodness and knowledge vanishes and the traditions become corrupt and deviate! Many times Gods come to Agastya due to the trouble of demons and ask for his help! Agastya burns thousands of demons, giants and monsters by giving them curses with the power of his spiritual austerity.

Agastya destroys the demonic tendencies! But ,Agastya does not destroy them completely by pursuing them up to the point of annihilation or destruction to the South direction! The reason is, that he feels like preserving and protecting the importance of his strength and power of austerity! Therefore, Agastya gives the release from the curse also along with the curse!!

" Now see here! Due to Agastya's curse Bhamini ,the daughter of the Gandharva originally, had to take birth as the daughter of a king named Vishal by taking the human form! Once Agastya had come, this Bhamini who was in the state of her childhood played on continuously! As a result, she did not pay attention to him! So Agastya had cursed her. Later on when Gandharv requested him, Agastya had taken back his curse again!

"O Bhima, listen to the story of Agastya's curse given

in relation to your context now! Once Agastya was doing the severe penance on the bank of Yamuna river, Kubera's friend, the demon Manimat spitted on Agastya's head , Agastya cursed him that" Manimata's complete destruction will happen by Bhim among Pandavas! So, you have destroyed him! But, Agastya said that Kuber will also have to bear the consequences who had come to you as a mediator! Remember this? It was quite true! Agastya had given him the release from that curse that, Kubera's trouble will be ended with your Darshan! As a result, Kuber was escaped from that curse. O Pandav, Agastya does not only release from his own curse to the repented people but, release the person from the curse given by other persons also because, Agastya had received that divine power to do so!!

"Once, Shambuk was engrossed in observing his ascetic penance, his son was neglected by him and the death of his son had occurred! Shriram killed this Shambuk and came in Agastya's ashram. Agastya insisted him to stay for one night in his ashram. Agastya greeted Shriram and gave him an extra- ordinary ornament as a gift! Shriram was surprised to see that ornament. He had never seen such unique ornament before! He felt curious to know about it. So, Agastya told him the story of Shveta to Shriram with his own mouth!

"Agastya had selected a deserted forest for the observance of his ascetic penance in the deserted forest in the Treta Yug! His daily routine and ascetic penance started regularly. During the leisure time he used to wander in the forest. He found a beautiful lake in this forest. He had decided to go to that lake on the next day for his bath. When he had reached there on the next day, he found a dead body on the surface of the lake. He was surprised to see that dead body. Then he had received more strange and hair- raising

thrilling experience! A divine power came down from the sky in the airplane and started eating the flesh of that dead body! Agastya felt extremely curious to see that sight. So he enquired to that divine power about his strange action like this! That heavenly power started narrating his history.

"Vidarbha's king Sudev had one son. His name was Shvet. After Sudev, he was coronated as the king! He ruled the kingdom for many years. Then he had decided to observe the ascetic penance. He had done a severe and strong ascetic penance. His penance became successful and he had received a place in the heaven. But, after going in the Brahmloka, the passions and deformities of Shvet as a living being did not come to an end! His thirst and greed did not stop! So, he went to Brahmdeva and explained about his problem and requested Brahmdev to give him proper food! When he was doing the austerity in the olden days, he was more attentive to the nurture and nourishment of his body. Due to this wrong behavior in the observance of the austerity, his passions and deformities remained the same! According to the account that he had given to Brahmdeva, God Brahmdeva told him that he will have to eat his own flesh ! But Brahmdev gave him a release from that curse also!" He said to Shveta, " your pathetic condition will be removed by the auspicious Darshan of Agastya because Agastya is a Brahmarshi! He has obtained the powerful strength of Lord Shiva! Agastya has the power to save even gods also!!" With Agastya's Darshan Shveta's upliftment had occurred! He worshipped Agastya and gave him that heavenly ornament with proper rites! Agastya accepted that ornament with an intention of his welfare. As a result, Shveta's human form vanished and he had obtained the attainment of heaven! With the help of this ornament, the false action or the sin is destroyed when one observes the vow! There is great virtue in giving the donation of "the donation", Agastya

gave that heavenly ornament to Shriram from this point of view! He also gave the assurance to Shriram that no obstacle will come in the way of Shrirama's behavior while observing any vow by listening to this story! God Ramchandra showed the readiness of his mind to go to any place where Agastya's disciple will go!"

"O Agastya, what a significant and symbolic this story is, to get the freedom from the curse! We are in the forest! I feel that there must have been such hidden reasons behind that! This is really so great that Agastya was moving very freely and naturally in Heaven, Earth [Mortal world], Hell, Rasatal, Talatal, Vital, Indralok, Chandra lok, and Surya lok and performing the noble work of release and freedom from the curse and human welfare also!! Really great!!"

"O Pandav, Agastya is the inspiration and motivation of the active action! It is a stimulation and feeling of the sense of Duty!.....

Agastya's birth had happened from light and Ardrata [Humidity] for the purpose of the safety without any disturbance and continuity of this earthly world as well as the universe which is created by the Parabrahma from his mind by making an end in the conflict and the quarrel between the good and bad [Sat and Asat]!!. The direct Image of knowledge and compassion means Sage Agastya ! This is the ultimate result, the effect and message of Agastya vidya!!.....

"Kindly tell us about some more glorious and human welfare oriented heroic achievements of Sage Agastya and oblige us !! requested Pandav!

"O Pandav, how many and which heroic achievements should I narrate you about that person who had spent each and every moment of his life for the universal welfare!! So that, we will feel fully satisfied!! After the creation of the universe five basic natural elements created great sages

such as Agastya and Valmiki with the blessings of Parabrahma and command of Three Gods to establish the proper state and discipline of the social life! These great Rishis who used to help the incarnated great men who were the forms of Parabrahm, the great divine and original supreme power, used to perform the outstanding work only! O Pandav, having observed your pure and righteous tendency and devotion to truth, the great Sages and Goplakrishna are helping you only in the quarrel between the brothers of the same lineage!! Therefore, O Great Men, you are also going to follow the path of Sage Agastya only! So, Agastya will help you also!"

"O respected Agastya, was this entire action [Karma] of Shriram was preplanned, previous form of the play of the Creator of the universe? "questioned Panadav!!

"O Pandav, in this Dandakarnya , the people that belong to the Dongar koli or Mahadev Koli community. Lord Shiv gave the command to these troops of Shiva to cultivate the mountain, and hills and protect water that trickles down on them! Many water streams were created with the touch of Shiva, by the grace of Vayu and Indra before the sun as the eye witness! These water streams used to spring only in the rainy season. Their water used to flow to unite with the sea! Lord Shiva himself had created the the river Amrutvahini as the form of his blessings from Ratnagad after the sea Churning! Parvati also gave an assurance to stay in various forms in the womb of Sahya in Dandkaranya! Lord Shiva commanded Sage Agastya whom he had given the motivation to do the regular work of the human welfare by subjugating the Rain, light and Vayu [the wind] to stay here ! Agastya who constantly performs the most beautiful management of South Jambudweep felt this land as perfect and suitable of the Land of Ascetic austerity [tapobhoomi] and The Land of Action [karmbhoomi]! He had started stay-

ing here whenever he used to get some relaxed time from his great work in the South! Other communities such as vanar, Jatayu , Koli [fishermen] and others had also entered in his tradition. Many of their troops used to stay in Dandkaranya!

Many ascetics had made use of this Dandkaranya like Himalaya. Important groups of people in the south had come to join in the Agastya tradition. Prosperity had come from the good planning! The strength had increased from the ascetic austerity and egoistic pride ! Among all these proud people, Dashanan Agastya was doing an extremely violent and disastrous work. This Arya, [good person] who was long lived, ascetic and an expert in all knowledge had become 'Anarya, the bad and violent person'! Sage Agastya wanted to make the re-establishment of the egoless tendency and the divine wealth by destroying the pride of this Anarya , the bad demon in the South. He felt extremely happy to know that Shrirama's Kalp [The Kalpa means 'The day and night of Brahma, the creator of the universe. It is a period of 4,320,000,000 solar side real years measuring the duration of the world and the interval betwixtits annihilation and recreation!] of incarnation was created from the stimulation, inspiration and motivation of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh! In the extreme emotional state of joy the future introduction of the noble work of God Ramchandra adorned with his Kodanddhari bow [1] Kodand means rough, violent and rude! 2] From a tale of Ravan's being overpowered and nearly strangled by the bow of Ram which he had raised!] got manifested in the mind of this great sage Agastya, the knower of three tenses before Shri Rama's Birth [Creation]!! He had assured masses of people with his own creation of Ramayan with the help of Samveda for hundred years before the birth of Shriram Chandra! The Story of Ram which made them listen through Agastya started moving in the

masses of people by becoming very popular among people. Sage Agastya had done the propagation of good qualities of Ramtatva such as, Purity and truth, one devotion and the alert sense of duty through the Shriram Principle!!...

Once, when Sage Agastya was sitting for the meditation, Sage Narad manifested suddenly!

"Narayan.....Narayan! O Agastya, Accept my obeisance three times!"

"O Narad, with what intention you have appeared so suddenly? Which previous indication of the future prediction you are going to give now?", questioned Agastya.

"O Brahmarshi Agastya, you have made the propagation of the Ramtatva in the whole South! Even with the utterance of the word 'Ram', the untrue, sinful and illusive people start trembling with fear! What kind of Tatva [Principle] is this? What is the meaning of this Principle? The Story Of Rama described by the mouth of Agastya had become equal to Samveda! What is the secret!" What is so mysterious about it?" questioned Narada.

"O Brahmarshi Narada, all this is known to you quite well! You are just insisting to prove it through my mouth only! Yet, this Ram Tatva that had been sprung and created from the Vishnu Principle, has the place of "The Soul" in the world of living beings! If the abundance of that principle of Vitality [chaitanya] occurs in the human beings, the devotion to truth and alert sense of duty as well as the compassion and tolerance for the entire human beings will be created among them!! Therefore, I told the complete story of Rama to you!

Uttering these words Agastya narrated the Tale of Rama to Narad with his own mouth! Narad felt very happy

to listen to this Tale of Rama that was going to happen in the future!"

"O Agastya, I will narrate this story in three worlds! Give me your permission!"

"O Narada, you have no right and authority to narrate this Story of Rama! Said Agastya!"

"Why not?? What a surprise is this? What are you telling this to me?" asked Narada with curiosity as well as a little displeasure!

"O Great Sage, A Brahmarshi [Sage in the Brahmanical class of society] named, Valmiki was born in the community of fishermen here in Dandkaranya! The strong sense of pride rose in his heart for his ascetic austerity. He started obstructing Indra's army coming from the West with the power of his ascetic strength! He had started stopping the wind also! Therefore, all clouds started becoming empty on the Sahya Mountain only! As a result all living system on the head of the Sahya mountain got carried away!! The crowns of the beautiful natural scenery on the head of Sahya vanished! The mountains became deserted!! He used to laugh like the thunder of clouds while making the display of his power! Once he said to Devendra," "O Devendra, I will rule over the Five Elements with blessings of Brahmddev!! Having listened to his arrogant proud utterance, God Indra called me and handed over the responsibility of destroying the fisherman Valmiki's pride to me!"

"O Brahmarshi, why did Brahmddev cause the birth of my brother Valmiki?"

"O Brahmarshi, your question is really very subtle and remarkable! You have asked a very subtle and human welfare oriented doubt! Lord Brahmddev gave birth to his son of the mind on this sacred land which had been purified and became sacred by the great ascetic power of many ascetics and sages, in the thick green forest of this

Dandkaranya. He granted him the power of making the oral form of the folk language immortal originally by birth only! He had made the establishment of Goddess Brahmavadini Sharada directly on his tongue! He had also handed over the great work of manifesting the ideal image of the lokbandh [Leader of the people] of The Vishnu Principle by enlightening and manifesting with sacred truth and great vibrancy in the human life! It was Brahmdeva's desire that, this supreme and extra-ordinary outstanding treatise in the entire universe should be created before the witness of all sages and ascetics. The witness of the Highest supreme Principle [Paratpar Tatva]! The inspiration and motivation of the ascetic penance was produced and created in Valmiki's mind from the impressions and influence of Sages and ascetics to awaken this power in him!! Valmiki is the great and direct image of Super human intelligence, Excellent brilliant imagination, Extra-Ordinary and outstanding power of vision and the unlimited miraculous and marvelous cleverness of imagination!!! But, this Brahmarshi was obsessed by the ambition! The passions of his physical body controlled his mind to follow the command of those passions. As a result, Valmiki started making the oscillation of the entire universe by causing strange events on the strength of his extra Ordinary super human power!.

"O Maharshi, how did you conquer over him then?"

"O Narada, I met Maharshi Valmiki and presented the idea of performing the sessions of Sacrifices along with sessions of Som-Sacrifices together before him! But, he had insulted me as, "A Conjurer, or juggler, deceptive and untrue person who is a hypocrite, egoistic, the capturer and controller of all Gods, ascetics, kings and human societies with the power of his Atharvan!" So, I could not be able to understand what to do further! Therefore I made the respectful remembrance of the Great father God Brahmdev, paid

my obeisance to him and gave a curse to Valmiki," You will forget all of your ascetic powerful strength, knowledge [vidyas]and the state of an ascetic and become a thief that will rob and loot the people travelling on their path.....!!" When I uttered this curse, Valmiki came back to his senses and became aware of his great mistake! He had accepted his offense and fault and surrendered to me!!

Having seen him in that state of mind and with an intention of the contribution of the successful achievement in Brahmdeva's work, I gave him the boon of release from that curse! I said to him," When he is in the state of a thief and robber, You and Brahmarshi Narada will meet each other and you will remember all those things with the solution that Narada will give it you! An outstanding and supreme treatise will be created by your hands!! But, my curse will also become true!" O Narada, Valmiki ascetic has become 'Valya' now! He is still doing robbery in Dandkaranya! He is surviving his life and food by looting the people even now!! So, you meet Valmiki as per the destiny of Brahma and the power of my words. When you will meet him, his memory will come back and he will become Valmiki again by taking the punishment and doing the penance! Then the story of Rama that I have narrated in the tradition of the oral manner will take place with self -inspiration and as per the desire of three Gods! Later on the incarnation of Shriram will happen in the future! At that time, I will narrate the story of Ram to Valmiki by my own mouth!"

"O Pandav, as per the counsel of sage Agastya, sage Narad met Sage Valmiki. Ramayan was written by him! In addition to that, Shriram received great co- operation from him! Valmiki took care of mother Seeta!

You know all these things very well. Valmiki had established his ashram on the bank of the river Amrutvahini in the vicinity of this community of the fishermen only! Not only

that, but while moving in his ashrams at different places and running his Gurukulas, his mental existence and residence is here only! Valmiki is existent in the form of the mountain absorbed in deep meditation near Ratnagad!" said Kulguru!

"O Agastya, you have increased our curiosity much more by telling us the most unique and extra ordinary tale of Ramayana's Birth!! Therefore, kindly tell us about the context in which Agastya had done the movement of the destruction of the ego!" requested Pandav with the great sense of gratitude!.....

"O Pandav, after listening the story of Agastay, the curiosity and interest of all people increase! Since Agastya's tradition belongs to many thousand years, we do not feel satisfied by listening to as many stories as possible of him!" said Kulguru cheerfully.

"O Kulguru Agastya, we are going for our peregrination [wandering] once again. So these stories are going to be very important and useful to us." explained Yudhishtir.

"All right then! I will tell you the story of Nahush."

"The king named 'Aaus' ruled over his kingdom with extreme morality, in the truthful and welfare of people oriented manner in the Soma lineage on the earth! There was no other thought except the welfare of his subject in his mind! Aayus was a great devotee of Lord Shiva. Although he was an expert in all knowledge [Vidyas], he was not touched by the slightest touch of pride! Although he was a great devotee of Shiva, he used to worship Brahmdeva and Vishnu also! He never used to start the royal work unless he performed the worship of three Gods! His queens were also highly virtuous, expert in the good treatment to guests and like mother to the subject. Aayus had no children, he used to consider his subject as his progeny. With the ascetic penance of Brahmdev, he had got the child, the son! Shiva named the child as 'Nahush!' Shiv gave a blessing to Aayus

that his son will be famous as 'a virtuous and holy great king!' After words Aaus got abundant wealth and children also! Aaus made use of his wealth only for the welfare of the people!

Nahusha's study of Yoga and other Vidyas [knowledge] started as per the desire of his father Aayus! After finishing his study in the Gurukul, he had started his ascetic penance! He had received many Vidyas [branches of knowledge] and Astras [missiles]! He had obtained many powers by pleasing Lord Shiva!! He had pleased God Vishnu also! Nahush, who had reached to 'the supreme State [Brahmpad]' turned to the Royal Duty of the king! He had got the advantage of both, 'The strength of ascetics and The power of the royal religion'! He had started the welfare of the people stepping in the shoes of his father Aayus!! His worship started among people as 'The Virutous, Compassionate Direct Incarnation of Dharma'!! Nahush, the son of the human being who had the direct close contact with Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh became esteemed and respectable in the world of Gods also! In spite of all this, Nahush believed that, he was doing all this with the command of the supreme Divine Power--- The Parabrahm, good impressions of refinement and moulding of his father and blessings of Sadguru! O Yudhishtir, not a slightest element of the egoistic pride was created in his mind! Sage Agastya decided to meet the King Nahush who belonged to Soma-lineage once! King Nahush felt very pleased-

Having seen that, Sage Agastya who is the direct incarnation of Shiva, the son of Agni and compassionate like the cloud is going to visit his place, Nahusha made a grand preparation to greet him.

As soon as Agastya arrived, Nahush came with all his dignified people and kings to welcome sage Agastya. He made him sit in the palanquin and carry it on his shoulders

by himself! He had performed the worship of Sage Agastya's feet, offered his entire kingdom on his feet and expressed the desire, that the great Sage Agastya should become the Great Sage, the Maharshi of the Ashram of his kingdom! Compassionate Agastya was moved to hear Nahusha's desire ! He held him close to his heart and said to Nahush," O King of The Earth [Pruthvipatee], all three worlds know that ,"You Are A Brahmarshi. [Brahmarshi means,Rishi or the divine saint of a particular Brahmanical Order. In the ancient days, this term was applied to Brahmins from their reputed sanctity!] You have direct relationship with Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh and you are driving this Royal Chariot with their grace and blessings only! Due to your sacred and virtuous attitude the entire earth is very much pleased with you and you are well known as 'An ideal king' also! 'The Welfare of People and good Character ' is your Motto Of Life". Therefore, O Nahush, it is my advice, my counsel that, remove the dreams of the Post of the Rishi from your mind, and become the king that deserves the ruling power to become the King of the Trailokya [three worlds] and enjoy your royal state!!" Nahush accepted Sage Agastya's counsel with extreme politeness. Nahusha's personality became more dignified with this meeting with Sage Agastya!" Kulguru explained about 'the Relationship of Nahush and Sage Agastya"!

" O Kulguru Agastay, then why did sage Agastya curse Nahusha in spite of this great relationship between the two? What was his relation with Yudhishtir?" asked Nakul with great curiosity and excitement!" O Pandav, do not get so excited and impatient too! Due to one untoward and astonishing incident, this whole personality of Nahush had changed completely different !!.

It had happened like this.....!!

"Devendra's Twashta was the chief representative

and bearer of Devendra's royal government and rule. Devendra had maintained his kingdom of Indralok through this Twashta. When Twashta's son Trishiras was looking after his duty right from Twashta's lineage tradition, Some unknown evil power that desired for the post of Indra challenged Indra by killing Trishiras. Devendra had experienced the slaughter of Twashta for the first time! As a result, Devendra got scared! Disappointed and sorrowful Indra had decided to hide himself by taking his wife Shachi in to his confidence just to know the nature of the great killing offence! So. Indralok had come in to a great problem due to Indra's action without consulting anybody! A queer situation had taken place such as " "No king for Indra loka!" Shachi knew that Indra was hiding in the Lotus flower in a lake. But , she kept quiet with an intention to keep it as a secret information. Not only that, but she had stated that she had no knowledge of Indra's where -about although she knew the secret!

So, the Earth became panicky and restless! She became very sad and made a statement before all Gods! Naturally, three Gods told that Nahush should take care of Indra's kingdom till he comes back directly in person !!

So, all gods came to Nahush and insisted that Nahush should be seated on the royal post of Indra! Nahush was like an ascetic without any attachment for the kingdom originally. His main interest was 'The Human Welfare!! So, he had refused to accept the royal seat very clearly. But, Gods did not give up their insistence! Finally,Nahusha accepted to become the King of Indralok with the insistence of gods and command of three Gods!

When Nahusha sat on the royal throne, a miracle had taken place! Devendra's qualities adhered Nahusha!! As a result,Nahusha had gone under the control of severe passions due to the richness and prosperity of Indra, the beauty

of heavenly damsels [Apsaras] and their service to the king!! Nahush was obsessed with pride since he had gone under the control of his passions. Not only that, but he saw Indra's wife Shachi and developed a great feeling of attraction for her in his mind. He started thinking constantly of her only!!

Nahush straightway went to Shachi and expressed his desire to enjoy the sexual intercourse with her! Nahush said to her that Indra had disappeared already! So, Shachi should accept Nahush as her husband now and enjoy all pleasures. Shachi was bewildered! But she was very clever and wise originally! So, she had decided to deceive Nahush by making the use of his extreme passions! She made a conspiracy against Nahush by making him deviated from the Principle of Ethics and his Ascetic Penance!

"On the other side, Nahusha who was seated on the seat of Indra's post had started to intervene [interfere] in the Sacrifice Organization also! He had a discussion with sages about the sacrifices, but the differences of opinions arose among them! So, Shachi has decided to make use of this situation only!

Nahusha had acquired many spiritual powers. Those powers became troublesome to ascetics. Nahusha could be able to integrate anybody in his own person that came within his sight! So that person who used to come within his glance used to become helpless and Nahush used to become powerful. Nahush started making use of the powerful strength that he acquired on the strength of his ascetic penance, sacrifice and study to take care of his own ambition and ego. As a result, his ascetic strength had become less but he had never given up his ego! He had started a competition with all other ascetics. A kind of grudge developed in his mind for the ascetics. A kind of demonic tendency [anarya quality] rose in his character, he was completely entangled in the ruling power, wealth, strength, greatness and lustful

passions!!

Gods had established Nahush on the post of Indra but, he had started troubling ascetics who were forms of God and Gods only!!

Shachi has decided to make use of all these things in a very clever and wise manner! She said to Nahusha "O Great King, I have also a very strong desire to get united with you. But, kindly fulfil my one desire. The protection of Indralok had happened on the strength of ascetics and sages. Therefore we had to surrender to that ascetic only by taking care of the thought that," no other ascetic or sage will snatch [confiscate] the post of Indra!! You are a Brahmarshi and an outstanding King also! You have been asked to mount on the Indra Post with great insistence by three Gods directly in person! So, make all ascetics and sages under the control of Gods to obey their command! That will be really helpful for Devendra to enjoy the kingdom of the Dev-Loka!! O Devendra, truly speaking, my desire is the feeling of your heart only!"

Nahusha was enchanted by this talk of Shachi. His ego was more fondled by this talk. He commanded one thousand ascetics [Rishis] to carry his palanquin. All respected this command of Nahusha! Yet, Shachi was not satisfied. Nahusha's negligence started taking place towards the observance of daily offerings to Gods as he was caught in the snare of temptation of Shachi. As a result, his ascetic power had started decreasing. Nahusha had become very arrogant by the blessings received by Brahmdeva. He had invited to the respected rishis and sages that had reached to the supreme stage of Brahmarshi and Maharshi to carry his palanquin! Nahusha did not become aware and conscious about the respect of these great ascetics and sages as he was highly intoxicated with arrogance!! Nahush did not care and become conscious of those rishis' and sages'

austerity, Japa, thinking, contemplation and scholarliness also! The sages had to obey the command of Nahusha that was given so arrogantly to them! As he was the King of Gods, they had no other alternative also! So, all rishis and sages had started coming to carry the palanquin in the alternative manner! Maharshi Agastya was also included in that! Agastya had praised and honoured Nahusha! Nahusha had worshipped him as the incarnation Of Shiva. Agastya had to face the situation to become the carrier of the palanquin of Nahusha!

'Here Bhṛugu Rishi had come to Agastya. He had a discussion with Agastya. Bhṛugu said that it is necessary to carry the palanquin without coming in the glance of Nahusha! Otherwise, Nahusha will get the power of Bhṛugu Rishi! Sage Agastya was convinced! So, Agastya gave his permission to Bhṛugu Rishi to do the work of carrying the palanquin by entering secretly in his matted hair. Agastya and Narada were the exceptions to the blessing received by Nahusha. Shachi and Agastya both knew it very well that, there will be no effect of Nahusha's glance on them.

Agastya lifted the palanquin by holding sage Bhṛugu in his matted hair! Since Agastya's height was little less, the palanquin slanted at his side! So, Nahusha kicked scornfully and threatened the sage with his words "Sarp Sarp!! Move quickly, walk quickly" by thinking that the sage could not bear his weight! When Nahusha commanded 'Walk quickly', Agastya felt extremely angry and uttered his cursing words as Nahusha had kicked him! That kick had hit his friend sage Bhṛugu who was secretly sitting in matted hair of Agastya. Agastya was scorned by Nahusha! He said to king Nahusha, "O King Nahusha you had become blind with arrogance!! You have lost your sense! You are not aware of anything! You are saying 'Sarp! Sarp' to us! But, you yourself will become 'A Sarp-----!! The snake'!! and fall down

on the earth!" He said further, "O Nahusha, you are in the illusion! Indra's wife Shachi had destroyed your ascetic powerful strength and goodness [Aryatva----- Virtuosity]. Devendra will manifest here now!" Nahusha's eyes were quickly opened by listening to the cursing words of Agastya! He had realized that he had committed a great mistake. He felt that he had lost the entire Goodness of his life!

Nahusha quickly got down from the palanquin and surrendered to Sage Agastya! He held the feet of Agastya and said, "O Great Sage, Kindly forgive me for my offence! I have completely surrendered myself to you! You are compassionate and kind! Kindly forgive me!" After listening to Nahusha's regretful speech, tender hearted Sage Agastya gave him the release from the curse also!! "O Nahusha, Yudhishtir -Dharmraj of your lineage will make your upliftment!!!"

Sage Agastya's curse became true! Due to his curse, Nahusha had become a large serpent, a species of Boa and had fallen down on the earth! This huge large serpent started wandering in the grooves and valleys in the mountains for one thousand years. It is still moving now also! O Pandav, mother Draupadi will find the scented flowers named 'Sougandhikta'. You all will be hypnotized and enchanted with its scented smell! Bheemraj will see this king of snakes. But, O Bheem, you lift him kindly and bring him up to Yudhishtir because he is your ancestor and very virtuous! This much punishment is sufficient to Nahusha that had become arrogant under the spell of his pride!! He will be released from the curse just by the sight and Darshan of Yudhishtir! Agastya has already made a future prediction of you O Yudhishtir thousand years before such as that, "You are also going to be virtuous and good by birth like him"! O Pandav, Agastya had glorified and honoured Nahusha's good qualities but punished him by destroying his pride also

and showed him the virtuous path also! Agastya possesses the tremendous sense of forgiveness!" Kulguru narrated the story!!

"O Agastya, we have become truly blessed to hear the story of our lineage!! We will take care that we will not be touched by the egoistic pride!" assured Panadavas.

"O Agastya, we are receiving the extreme joy of the attainment of the blissful joy of Brahma ,the real truth! We have become very eager to meet Agastya now! Kindly tell us what should we do now?"

"O Pandav, Agastya Maharshi spends his whole day in the ashram at Malay Mountain and comes to stay at night only in the ashram of Agastyapuri. It is not proper to go to meet him at night. So, it is better to all of you to go on the Malay Mountain only!" Kulguru gave the solution.

"O Agastya, Malay Mountain is very far from here! Will it be convenient for us to go there?" asked Nakul

"O Kulguru Agastya, your advice is quite proper. Our dearest friend had gone to the pilgrimage in the South along with his brother Balaram., We will contact him mentally and decide to go on Malaygiri. O Arjun, you contact our friend Krishna and decide about the pilgrimage to Malaygiree. We will also complete our South pilgrimage and come back to Panchavati back from Setubandh. Till then Pandav Caves will be ready and well prepared.

"Just as you command, respected brother!", said Arjuna cheerfully. Although Arjun was experiencing his stay in the forest, he never used to feel relaxed unless he used to meet his dear friend Krishna regularly! When the dear friend Krishna came to know that Pandav were interested in meeting Agasty, he felt very happy. After the incarnation of Parashuram and Ram, Lord Vishnu had not met Agastya in Vishnu's human form. Balaram , the pilgrim traveler of the holy places had become extremely happy by observing the

great work of Agastya in the South! He was very eager to meet Agastya who had created the tradition of preserving and milking the cows.....!

Shrikrishna informed Sage Agastya that he was going to meet Agastya on the Malay Mountain along with Pandavas when he came to know about Arjuna's desire!

Sage Agastya decided to meet Shrikrishna and Pandavas also on the Syamantpanchak Sthan. Agastya felt extremely happy as he was going to meet the complete incarnation of Lord Vishnu in person!

When Agastya had decided to give more importance to 'the maintenance of the cow and make the maximum propagation and management of it', Yadavas in the basin of Yamuna and Ganga and the Nanda families gave great support to this movement of Agastya. Virat had made the propaganda of this concept at the longer distances in Jambudweep. Thousands of years had gone for the creation of such ideas. Ramchandra had honoured and glorified Agastya. As a result, the Cow -Maintenance and preservation had received the acceptance in the North and South also. Agastya's tradition of the Maintenance and preservation of Cows had the tradition of thousand years. Ages had gone and changed. The transformation of the preservation of cows had changed in to the concept the exchange. Agastya taught the method of making the marks on the cow to the organizations such as ashrams, families, royal families and milkmen that give more importance to the cow maintenance . He had created the tradition of recognizing the cows with the marks well known as "Agastya's Vishyakarna Cows, Vasishta's Sthoonakarnya cows, Jamdagni's Karkariranya cows! This Agastya tradition had received the great status of the ex-

change and glorious measurement of the maintenance, protection and nurture. The cows became famous such as Nandini Cow in heaven and Krishna's Kapila cow also!!

Agastya had started the tradition of the consumption of the Panchgavya [Five things derived from the cow-milk, curds, clarified butter, urine and dung] along with the recitation of The Gayatri Mantra! That tradition was running continuously and was maintained by the Vedic Rishis [ascetics] as well as the sages that had received the immortal post or status [Adhalpada]! The lineages of Virat and Nanda were in the forefront of the Cow maintenance. Cows had got special status in the Southern states like Karnatak, Malayalam, Kerala, Madras, Andhra and Orissa in the South. Gods, human beings as well as demons who do the work by accepting the evil tendency also started feeling the importance of cows as an exchange! The cow bears Gods of all types and Rishis in her body. Kashyap presented the concept such as, "The Cow is the direct Form, the image of the world, the universe and her mouth is omnipresent like the fire [Agni]!" But, Agastya made it prevalent in the entire universe! The cow received the chief rank among all animals in the science of Ayurvedya. The barbaric tendency of the cow animal had disappeared!! The cow received the status of the mother. This work had become extremely important from the point of view of the agricultural farmers. The calf of the cow became useful in the agricultural farming. The Agricultural Culture was established. Agastya became venerable to Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh also due to his great work as "the doer of this transformation". When Balaram made the glorification and admiration of Agastya's great work, God Shrikrishna was smiling ! Shrikrishna heard Balarama's utterance with admiration all his heart "To meet Agastya is like meeting your Supreme Spiritual Master!!....."

"O Senior Brother, your words are absolutely true!

Therefore, we will respect and honour Sage Agastya in the most proper manner!' We will worship him and consume the holy water [Teerth] of his Lotus feet! As a result, our religious pilgrimage will be truly successful!' Shrikrishna confirmed the idea of Balaram!

Pandavas reached on the Malay Mountain. Shrikrishna and Balaram also accompanied them. North East Bharatkhand was integrated in the South! All directions were united with Agastya's great accomplishment of work. Agastya made a grand preparation of the welcome ceremony of Pandav and Krishna- Balaram at Syamantpanchak Place. He had decorated ashrams and made an arrangement of the special Shanti Yadnya [sacrifice for Peace]. He had kept the offering of blessing for Pandavas. Agastya and started waiting for the arrival of Pandav and Krishna- Balaram.

"Narayan... Naraya!! Agastya was surprised to see the unexpected and sudden arrival of Narada !!

"Pranam! I bow to you O great Sage!! Narada paid his obeisance to Agastya.

"Pranam! O Brahmarshi, Great Sage Narada, how come you are here?"

'The Supreme and Original Divine power "Parabrahma -Kaivalya" is paying His visit to meet Shiva and to worship him along with its manifested form with attributes, [Saguna Roop] of The Power [Shakti] and Culture [Sanskriti] here on Malaygiri! You are residing along with all rishis here at Syamantakpanchak ! They are coming here for your worship only! So, I have also come to enjoy the benefit of such beautiful and grand ceremony !!"

O Narada, it is really good that you had come here. Pandavas will be able to do some useful projects of work in Bharatvarash! For that purpose only various powers had achieved their own places in them! By making an invocation to those powers, like Shriram and Shrikrishna's guid-

ance I am going to awaken those powers, the tendencies of destroying the evils in them! In addition to that, I have to convince them about the value and importance of Shrikrishna also to them!"

"O Great Sage Agastaya, your purpose is always noble and great ! But, is it not essential on their part to know about the difficulties and obstacles also in their path?"

" You are going to do this work! I know that you had come for that purpose only!"

"O knower of three tenses [Trikaldnya], Agastya, Shrikrishna and Balaram are coming along with Pandavas here only!"

Agastya hurriedly went forward up to the entrance gate along with his assistant rishis ! Shrikrishna and Balaram felt shy and hesitant to see that the Great Supreme spiritual Master himself is coming to receive them personally! They prostrated before all rishis along with Maharshi Agastya, with Pandavas to pay their obeisance !! Agastya brought Shrikrishna and Balaram in the ashram by cholding their hands. Sage Narada paid his obeisance to Shrikrishna. When the respectful greeting was over, Shrikrishna and Yudhishtir said to Maharshi Agastya, "O Great Sage, kindly accept our worship and give us your valuable instructions necessary to us in all ways!"

"Tathastu!!-----So Be It!!", said Agastya and gave his acceptance to them to worship him! Sage Narada was watching that magnanimous grand ceremony with great joy which was like "The Splendour performing the Arati [Song of Devotion to the deity by waving the lighted lamp around the face of the devotee] of the Splendour directly ""!! He had entered in to the state of deep trance !!

Shrikrishna, Balaram, Yudhishtir, Bheem, Arjun, Nakul, Sahadev performed Agastya's worship ceremoniously in the proper manner! Agastya felt very pleased and

satisfied all of them by giving him his blessings to all!" O Bhagavan Sage Agastya, we all have surrendered to you with all our heart! So, give us your moral instruction!" requested Pandav to Sage Agastya!

"Tathastu- So be it! O Pandav, there is no any other religion which is equal to Active action, Truth and Devotion to the principle and The Welfare of Others! It is not proper to follow the path of the violence and craftiness for that purpose. Yet, it is very essential to adopt the attitude and feeling of compassion, kindness and inclusiveness while making the conflict with the principle with principle, weapon with the weapon and the mind with the mind! It is always proper to do our accepted work with the alert sense and understanding of the duty in the given situation. Yet, it is always better and proper to do any work for the welfare and extensive betterment of the people! You are already doing that! But, Lord Brahma had given the curse of ambition, competition and the envy of the brother to your family lineage and O Shrikrishna, to your Yadav Kul [family] !! The sense of forgiveness is very essential to imbibe in you when you conquer over or surmount on that curse! Otherwise, destruction of all is inevitable and unavoidable! Always keep this thought in your mind! O Pandavas, you all are virtuous and you have the sense and intelligence to make use of good qualities also! The good and virtuous quality is the Divine Wealth but, it is also essential to associate the virtuous good quality with the practical dealing! Think from that point of view. Ultimately your victory is bound to take place at the end!! The reason is that, "The Paratatva-The Divine Supreme Principle is behind your back directly in person!"

"O Maharshi Agastya, we will always remember and contemplate on your valuable advice and instructions! We have become extremely blessed and meaningful with your great counsel! Kindly shower your blissful grace of guid-

ance on us! The Agastyas that stay in Panchavati told us many stories about you. But you are the knower and visionary of three times! Kindly tell us about the mode, manner and method of our behavior in different situations and occasions!"

"O Maharshi Sage Agastya, we have also become blessed by listening to the counsel and instructions that you gave to Pandavas. You have not only fulfilled and satisfied our desire to meet you but by accepting our worship of you also!! You have really made us quite fortunate! Kindly give us your proper instructions!", requested Balaram as the elder and senior person!!.

"O Balaram, the Bearer of the plough, you are the great worshipper of the Agricultural Culture! The Agricultural Work is the real true Sacrifice in a real sense! You should make the propagation of this great sacrifice! The Agricultural work means, the regular service of the Cosmic world, the constant observance and maintenance of five elements and the constant worship of five elements! While driving the chariot of ruling the kingdom, it is essential to depend on the Agricultural Dealings. The stability of life is integrated in the agricultural service only! 'Gopalan or the Maintenance and nurture of the cow' is the specific and distinguishable sub-body [sub aspect] of the Agricultural work! The Krushival or the farmer is the donor of food and Complete Food! Therefore, the most excellent and Supreme way of Life is The Agricultural life! In a way, the one that does the Agricultural Work is also "the king Of this Earth"only! You both are constantly active and industrious in this great work!! O Balaram, Lord Shrikrishna is your brother! He is the perfect and complete incarnation of Lord Vishnu! Bhagvan Shrikrishna who is the Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omni witness and Omni Bearer is very much absorbed and active in the great work of the Human Upliftment! The complete and com-

prehensive guidance will be certainly received by all through his mouth!! He should guide the entire universe with the power of the cosmic retention or the presumption along with his dearest friend Arjun. The internal jealousy among the brothers of the same family lineage leads to the total destruction of the same family at the end!! This envy is the reason and responsible for this destruction. The decisive war will take place between the Kourav and Pandav on the battlefield of Kurukshetra from this internal jealousy!! The results and consequences of that war will happen not only on the Jambu Island [dweep] but on seven islands on the Earth!! If we take this in to account, O Krushna, you will only tell the importance of binding the tie of the harmonious relationship of among the people to the whole world to avoid the disastrous effect on the earth in the future!!"

"O Maharshi, Sage Agastya, Your command is extremely respectful to us. Yet, you know that my role is 'secondary [subordinate]' in the practical affairs and dealings!! Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh had decided to play the role of the guide behind the doer who acts with your advice and counsel only even after taking the complete incarnation of Parashuram and Ram by Vishnu with an intention to create the ability to make the destruction of evils! You had only suggested that I should come forward and destroy the powerful great people like Shishupal who were motivated with "the reverse and opposite type of devotion and bearing the bad, unvirtuous attitude"! As a result, I had destroyed Adya, Bak and Kans!! "Kurukul[Kuru Family lineage]' is the royal family that graces the Sovereign Emperor's Post!! This political struggle of the human beings is going to take place for the Human Welfare in the human history! Therefore, your advice is that, "I should not play an important role!! Isn't it? O Most Ancient Brahmarshi, then kindly tell me what is your command to me in this situation?"

"O God, the Research and Collection of all Historical Mythologies and Oral Traditions along with all Vidyas [Knowledge] is continuously going on in the extensive and all pervasive Gurukuls created by Sage Vyas who is born in the Kuru Kul [Kuru family lineage]. Maharshi Vyas was going to write the treatises on the 'Oral Traditions and Sacrifice Organizations preserved by all Rishi Families [Rishi Kula imeages]

Maharshi Vyas and his disciples are taking the survey of Puranas, Upnishads and Darshans. Many oral traditions of the [knowledge of the powers in the universe [Srushti Shaktidnyan], Ayurvedya, Knowledge of Fighting the battle [Yudhavidya], Knowledge of Agriculture [Krushi Vidya], Yogvidya, Athrvan[Science of Black Magic], Knowledge of language [Bhasha Vidya] are continuously going on at innumerable places in Seven Islands [Sapt Dweepas]. They all are engrossed in making the collection of those oral traditions and writing treatises with great contemplation on them!! He is doing the writing of Rigveda, Yajurveda, Sam Veda, and Atharv Veda, with great efforts! Although this is the true fact that this work is going on continuously, he is born in the Kurukul [Kuru Lineage Family]!! So, he himself will write the entire history that is going to happen on the Kurukshetra !! In addition to that, O Krishna, Arjun will also become enchanted and charmed by the snare of worldly entanglements at the most critical and important time! As a result his Aryatva, the righteous quality will be vanished!! So, it will be extremely important to make him active with the Philosophical Glimpses [Tatvadnya Knowledge Darshan]. In this critical situation, you should explain and tell him about the ways of successful achievement of life such as "the Karma Yoga [Important act of action], the Dnyan Yoga [The importance of knowledge] Bhakti Yoga [devotion] etc., and give a concrete and definite shape to the fastening bond of the

human beings !! O Omniscient God, the original Controller of this whole world is giving the donation, the gift of the Knowledge Of Life [Jeevan Vidya] directly by himself through your mouth to the Mortal Earthly World!!.....! That Philosophical knowledge will become extremely renowned and famous in the entire universe and will prove to be extremely important to give a proper turn to the Human Mind! This supreme knowledge will be useful to conquer over the evil and demonic tendencies in the world!! This will be a kind of "The Song Of the Essence of Life!!" This will be 'The Bhagvat Geeta created and expressed through the mouth of God Himself!! The first Listener of this great philosophy will be Arjun!! O God, this big world War is going to achieve the Reconstruction from the total destruction once again through this Great Creation of philosophy! You should oblige the whole world under your benediction by creating and performing this outstanding glorious work!!!!!!..."

'O Maharshi Agastya, I will do this work by your own command only! Of course this work is going to be performed definitely by the hands of Maharshi Vyasa only! As a result, my secondary position also remains permanent as per your planning! O Maharshi, we have become purified and sacred by your valuable advice!" assured God Shrikrishna!

Maharshi Agastya gave many weapons to Pandav also like God Ramchandra. He had also suggested them to make the propagation of Agastya Vidya [knowledge] in the BharatKhanda [India]! Pandav started leaving in the most delightful state of mind by receiving the advice of Agastya! They started visiting and observing many places in the South. They realized that Agastya's guidance was received prominently at all holy places! Pandav saw Agastyashvaram in Tanjavar, Agastyiyampallayi, Manimati, Ramsantu, Vaidurya Parvat, Kunjar Parvat, Badami in the South, Agastyakoot, Agastyasthan!! After that they came to Pothiyal Mountain.

They realized that Agastya's ashram was extremely magnificent and ancient also. When they came in the ashram, Maharshi Ighmavah welcomed them along with his other troops of disciples.

"O Maharshi Ighmavah, we pay our obeisance to you!" said Yudhishtir.

Ighmavah accepted the obeisance of Pandavas and brought them respectfully in the ashram. Pandav narrated the entire account of their meeting with Sage Agastya. They said to Ighmavah, "O Son Of Agastya, we had seen that Kulguru Agastya's worship is going on at all places here. We have also realized that Agastya Vidya [knowledge] is taught in various languages in various ashrams. We are observing the different qualities of each ashram very well! Kindly tell us special stories of Pothiyai Mountain!"

"O Pandav, that is my duty! But I request you to stay in the ashram and accept our Guest treatment! This ashram is going to become holy and sacred with your existence! O Yudhishtir, kindly give us your permission to perform your worship! You are truly Yamdharma [God Of death] in person! South is the direction of Yamdharm Worship!

"Tathastu!---So Be it!!" said Dharmraj hesitantly. 'But, O Kulguru, kindly give us also the opportunity to worship you!" Pandav stayed there by performing the worship of each other mutually and enquiring each other mutually! On the next day, Pandav pursued Agastya's son Ighmavah again!

"O Pandav, the greatness of this mountain is extremely important from the point of view of Agastya Tradition. There is the constant stay of Agastya in the astral body form here! [Sookshma Deha]. Not a single moment exists here without his presence. There is a concrete reason for that. Agastya had done this arrangement with an intention to avoid all evil tendencies [anaryatva] exhibited by Ravan in spite of Agastya's efforts to give a proper and definite

shape to the human life in the South. It is possible to meet Agastya at any time with intuition on this mountain!

"The guidance given to Ravan is the most important and highest work done by Agastya among the outstanding innumerable work that Agastya had done. Ravana had decided to go to Shri Lanka and establish his abode over there as per the suggestion of Sage Agastya. This mountain, which was so close to Setubandh in Pandya vicinity had become very useful to God Ramchandra to defeat King of Shri Lanka Ravan!! This mountain has great importance from the point of view of the South Management! My father had sent me here from that point of view only. O Pandav, it is possible to keep surveillance on many things beyond the sea and on the earthly world also from this mountain. This is the big Centre of Atharvan vidya! Agastya has made all people powerful to fight with the illusive evil powers by spreading and broadcasting innumerable Atharvan Mantras in the folk languages here. The most important special significance of this mountain is, 'The Rise of Tamraparni that had spread all over the world takes place on Agastyakoot or Agastyamail Podiyai Mountain!" I will tell you the interesting and astonishing story of this.

'O Pandav, it so happened that once Agastya was sitting in deep meditation on the Pothiyai mountain, one plant made an adventure to go before Agastya in the form of a woman. She said to Agastya, "O Brahmarshi, you are a great Spiritual Ascetic! I have surrendered to you!

'O Woman, who are you?" Agastya asked doubtfully to her. He came to know that this was an illusionary form!

"O Maharshi, I am an ordinary common woman. But, I want to assist you in your work of the human welfare!"

Maharshi Agastya was curious and eager to listen to her argument. That woman was as beautiful as the damsel [Apsara] in the royal court of Indra. She said further, "God

Brahmdev had created me and commanded me to do the work as per the suggestion of Agastya. Just as you have fulfilled Kaveri's desire, please fulfil my desire also! Just as Kaveri is giving life continuously to people, I have also a desire to do something like that!" Maharshi Agastya became very angry with her because she was not disclosing her real form and trying to attract him by making lustful body gestures and comparing herself to Kaveri!¹ So he said to her,

"O intoxicative heading woman, you are not showing your real appearance to me, the one who has taken the vow of celibacy and is fully engrossed in my work although I am a knower of three times and omniscient! Therefore, you will have to wander on the earth by making people sleepy and drowsy in the intoxicating manner. Although you are a plant, no one will make your use in the real straight manner. They will take you close and when their work is over, they will throw you out by spitting!" When Agastya uttered his cursing words, Tamraparni realized her mistake of not disclosing her real nature to Agastya! She had surrendered herself to Agastya with all her heart!

"O Great Sage, I had taken the illusionary form with an intention to marry you although I am a Brahmakanya [Daughter of Brahma]! But, I have surrendered to you now! My upliftment is in your hands only now! So, kindly uplift me now!". By listening the begging and imploring request of Tamraparni, Agastya felt compassion for her and he gave her the release from the curse.' "O Tamraparni, you do the worship of Shiva and do his ascetic penance. After the ascetic austerity of one thousand years, your upliftment will happen with the Darshan of Shri Balaram who is incarnation of Shesha [The Snake] and who had the attitude of the agricultural farmer! All will keep you close to them as Shiva's offering and blessing!"

Mind of many people will be full of concentration with your consumption and they will be connected to each other. Your use will be made to know the real nature of the unknown strangers by connecting them together. While doing the particular with concentration like Somrasa, many people will get the interest and develop addiction to consume you more and more!

"O Maharshi, I am prepared to perform ascetic austerity. But, you should accept me as your wife!"

'Tathastu!! --- [So Be It-] If you insist on that, you will be recognized as my wife!'

"O Great Sage, I have become truly blessed now! But I have only one more desire now. You have honoured me by giving me the status of your wife! So, kindly give your guidance of the method of the agricultural work in relation to me and give me the happiness of a husband !"

"Tathastu! So Be It! Agastya accepted Amraparni's that demand also!"

"O Pandav, this Tamraparni had become world famous now and her consumption is done as Lord Shiva's blessing.....!!

A dreadful and disastrous famine had fallen on the East Coast of the South Path. All people including demons, devils, Vanar, Jambuvant, Koli [Fishermen] became terrified and pale! They could not understand what to do! Animals, and birds started migrating to other places. Trees and Creepers were singed. Mountains started vomiting heat by getting themselves heated. The earth also started burning with heat! The earth started feeling the trouble with cracks after cracks on her body. By listening to the stories of the ocean that has been spread up to the horizon and rivers that are

running and coming to meet the ocean, the feeling of getting burnt in to the fire became more strong and severe in the mind of people. Each arriving sun was burning the earth surmounting on waves of the ocean and became extremely bright crore times. People prayed and made an appeal to get the mercy of Varun and Indra. Many solutions and remedies for rain that were told by Agastya were tried! Maharshi Agastya and his son Ighmavah became very restless on the Pothiyal and Agastyakoot mountain. They felt that each crack that was breaking the earth was breaking on their bodies also. There was no doubt that the complete offering of the South East was going to fall down in the sacrifice that was enkindled by the Sun only! They all prayed Mandarya Agastya, "O Mandarya, the son of MitraVarun who had strengthened the thick friendly relationship of Indra and Marut, Kaveri's husband, this your son is praying for your mercy and compassion along with innumerable sons." "Kindly protect us!!" Make the regions of Tanjavar and Tamraparni fruitful with the rain showers. You had only done the favour to the mother Earth by giving Mother Ganga to Bhagirath and by bringing her on the earth for the welfare of Sagara's sons in the Shiva Form! You had also released the entire North Direction free from the famine! You had established peace and quietened the region of Central South by destroying the egoistic pride of Shoorpadma!! Now, the mother Earth is suffering from the severe pain and pangs of burning fire to her lotus feet at present! Therefore, O favourite leader of people Agastaya, be pleased !! "Sage Agastya appeared before his son Ighmavah by listening to his call for the human welfare!

"O Agastya's son, you are the image of the great humanity that had reached to the state of the Great Rishi! What is the reason for you to pray for the mercy of your father? O Ighmavah, I have become really pleased with your praise!

With the grace of Lord Shiva and my blessings water streams, seepages will ooze to this mountain that had become the fire due to the flames of the burning Sun. This mountain will create healthy water which is full of the copper metal. O my dear son, you do the worship of Lord Shiva as per the say of this son of MitraVaruni. Make an invocation to Maharudra. Give him oblation through the mouth of the Sun! Lord Shiva will be pleased with your big sacrifice performed with proper invocation and fulfill our desires completely with fruition.

Ighmavah arranged a grand ceremony of meditation, Japa, Yadnya, [Sacrifice] and hymns [Stotras] as per the command of Agastya to please Lord Shiva. He had invited and invoked God Sun-the Sooryanarayan directly in person. Lord Shiva became extremely pleased and happy with this grand ceremony performed by the panicky people under the leadership of Ighmavah!

"O Son of Agstya, I am pleased with this great ceremony that you had started!! Tell me about your desire ! I will certainly fulfill it completely."

"O omniscient God, you know the desires of our mind very well! In fact, you are only the creator and doer of these desires! O God we have become distressed and agitated by the thirst of water! We are burning with the great splendor of Soorynarayan. The Earth has become very much troubled and distressed with hunger with the severe and bitter form of God Sun-- Sooryanarayan. Therefore O God, give us a river that will always make us enthusiastic and make us survive our life! This is our desire!"

"Tathastu-----!! So be It! O Ighmavah, the performer of the human welfare, you are like a self-illuminated star that gives light to all and destroy the sorrow and pain of others! I bless you that auspicious should be done with you!! The river that will constantly give the continuous life to all of

you will rise from this place of your big ceremony. It is full of Copper metal. Her water will be absolutely pure, sacred and medicinal which can be used by sage Agastya in his Ayurveda! This river is the direct form of river Ganga! But please remember that her acceptance should be done with respect like river Kaveri!

"Yes! We will worship this river as the holy Place and worship her like Mother Kaveri. We will keep her honour as our Mother!

'O Ighmavah, the Head jewel of devotees, You meditate mother Kaveri now! The river will originate before you within a moment!! Her copper coloured water is manifesting with the extremely lustrous bright taste of the Tambul [The roll of the Piper betel leaves filled with areca-nut, lime, cardamoms etc]!! With the consumption of her water the thirst of the Earth will be satisfied and birds and animals will also start living in the happy and delightful manner!!!"

They all did the meditation of Kaveri! The river manifested like the thundering sound of clouds!! Lord Shiva had disappeared! And Sage Agastya manifested again!

'O Dear Son, we have received this river as the blessing of Lord Shiva. This river will be recognized as "Tamraparni" Many holy places will be created on this auspicious blessing of Shiva and make people purified and sacred!!

"O Ighmavah, this Tamraparni will become pure and holy with the touch of the auspicious feet of God Ramchandra! Not only that, but when she will meet the ocean, pearls will ripen and grow like conches in your region of meeting! These pearls will be world famous! The path of going to Shri Lanka will go through Tamraparni. Yudhishtir will take the auspicious Darshan of God Ramchandra's lotus feet and this Tamraparni river along

with Pandavas and Droupadi and perform Sacrifice and Havan-[Oblation to the fire] there. This river is extremely holy and sacred like Ganga, Sindhu, Saraswati, Yamuna, Krishna-Venna, Kaveri, and Godavari, Amrutvahini. Saraswati river, created by God Brahmdev in the North, Amrutvahini that had appeared in the Sahya Mountain in the Dandkaranya forest in the Madhya Bharat by Shiva's blessings and Tamraparni river who is the form of lord Shiva's blessings created by Agastya's grace from Agastyamail in the South will be recognized as the highly excellent rivers in the world for water drinking. Due to the drinking water of these rivers, the art of literature will flourish and bloom and blossom! These rivers will be famous for the life prosperity, Prosperity of knowledge, and prosperity of good health!!"

"O Agastya, you had narrated a very glorious and admirable story to us. As a result, we have got the introduction of Sage Agastya's Agricultural Vidya - (knowledge.) Which other stories had taken place in relation to the ashram on this mountain? Kindly tell us about them also!"

"O Pandav, God Shriram had come on this mountain once again to take the counsel of Sage Agastya. Shriram wanted to go to Lanka by crossing over the ocean. Agastya showed him The Path of Setu! This was not impossible to Sage Agastya who wanders in Seven Islands by crossing all oceans and in all worlds[Lokas] He had established an independent ashram near Setusthal to give his support to Shriram and to guide Bibhishan who was born in Agastya Family lineage [Gotra]. -

Agastya told the trick of erecting the bridge to Hanuman and made Bibhishan, the family member of Ravana sit on the royal throne of Shri Lanka which was the most important place in the South after Ravana's death.

'O Maharshi Ighmavah, tell us about the places of Agastya's ashrams in the South. We had seen many places

in the North before coming to the South. Agastya's name is heard in the East and West directions also! Do Agastya's peregrinations [wanderings] occur to these various ashrams also?"

"O Pandav, There is no doubt that you are going to become the Human Welfare Oriented Rulers of Jambudweep! So, it is necessary for you to get this information. Not a single earthly place exists on this earth where there is no existence of Agastya's ashram and place! Ravan moved and visited all places to know about this! Agastya's pervasion and motion is all over in the entire universe because his existence is the form of God Shiva. So, his existence and motion is continuous all the time! In the worldly form he stays in Kashi and Gangadwar in the North, on the bank of Pravara river in Agastyapuri, in Panchavati at the bank of Goda river, and at Badami, Agastyakoot or Pothimil in the South. It is at Pushkar teerth and Prabhas and Rudra prayag in the West, Ramsetu and Agastyakund in the South Agasteshvarteerth and Agastyesh on the Narmada river bank in Gaya, at Mahnadee in the East, Agantiyanpalli in Vang, Agastyavat and Vasishtavat in the Himalayas. In addition to that, there are Agastya Shiv places towards the West on the ocean and on the land after the ocean as well as the West and South land! There are many Agastesh Shiva temples at Brahmavart at East! O Pandav, there are continuous visits and movements of Agastya at these places! Sometimes he moves there in the evening, at night, early morning, at some places he goes there in the afternoon!! But he exists in the form of a star in the sky at midnight! His huge and extensive ashram exists there! Sage Agastya, mother Lopamudra and myself reside in that ashram! There is four months residence of Seven rishis, and three Gods like Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh in this ashram. All these great men reside in the astral form everywhere!!"

"O Maharshi, how would common people come to know about it?", asked Yudhishtir.

"O Virtuous man, you have asked a very good question! Listen to me very well now!! Agastya is the Principle [the Tatva] Many rishis and great minds had interpreted the meaning of the Agastya Principle [Tatva] as per their own mind

The Divine Mother Nature, form of Prakruti [Nature]-Mahamaya-Mahakali, Mahasaraswati, The form of Power, universal divine Goddess Parvati had declared Mandarya as "Agastya"! Universe is a puzzle, a riddle before the controller alias the Parabrahma directly in person. 'Agastya' is the honourable title, the mark of Excellence! It means, 'the Visionary' that shows the way by breaking the rock of ignorance, killing and destroying it. Man Mandarya Agastya who had been born from Mitravarun, Aditi and Kashyap is the most Supreme knowledgeable scholar or a virtuous person [A true Arya]. He is the direct Shiv form in person. Due to the egoistic pride that develops along with six deformities in the mortal world [Earthly world] such as, the lustful passion, anger, attraction, arrogance and jealousy, the Intelligence, virtuous and good qualities [Brahmanya, Aryatva,] Brightness, splendor and the Vibrant Spirit [Chaitanyatva] disappear and ignorance and egoistic pride [ahamkar] is felt as the real strength. A stinking arrogance gets created out of that strength. This is called 'Anaryatva--- the evil and demonic tendency'! Sage Agastya destroys and kills this big mountain, the cloud and the darkness of the evil and demonic tendency, ignorance and false pride and creates the rise of good qualities [Aryatva] such as, Knowledge, non-violence, Politeness, Sweet softness, gentleness, harmonious and proper understanding, the wealth of power, friendly feeling of affection, generosity and peace!! Agastya had done the rise of such virtuous qualities right from his own

rise and will continue to do it till the end of the space! Agastya had accepted this work right from his own rise, his own birth by blessings of God! Although he is able to do this great work by becoming all pervasive yet, it is not fare from the worldly point of view! Therefore, he had established ashrams and Gurukuls and done the propagation of Agastya Vidya [knowledge] through them! Similarly, there are constant efforts going on in the fields such as, "The usefulness of the gross vibrancy, the spirit that exists in the mortal world to the living beings and animal creatures and its continuous research in the Gurukulas,, the reseach on languages, arts, science shastras, their reconstruction and propaganda, the development of the Sacrifice Organization[Yadnya Sanstha] for the human welfare, the Sadhana or the practice of the Sacrifice [Yadnya] of the Agricultural act, [Krushkarma], Destruction of the evil and Protection and Care of the good people, and its management is also going on constantly!

In addition to this, the great work of the Creation of the class of disciples and the plan or arrangement of the great men of the age [Yug Purushas] to carry forward this great mission of Sage Agastya from ages to ages is also continuously going on! It is utterly impossible to have a break in this planning and its implementation! Along with the incarnations of God Vishnu such as Matsya, Kachchya, Varah, Narasinh, Parashuram, Vaman, Ram Krushna, Boudha and Kalanki, the great sages and ascetics that know the eternal Truth [Brahmvetta], rivers, mountains, Superior human beings The incarnations like Pandavas that are born from different basic five elements of nature, Sages, Ascetics that observe the rigourous austerity, Saints and Siddhas [Great men accomplished with spiritual powers, all are used for the dissemination and propagation of the Agastya Principle [Agastya Tatva] takes place also in the continuous manner. O Pandavas, you are also going on the path of

Agastya's way and mission! Isn't it? The glorious mission of making this Universe Virtuous [Aryamay '] through the medium of Yoga, Skill and Arts with the help of languages and weapons is continuously going on.....!!" explained Ighmavah.

"O Maharshi Ighmavah, we have become more powerful and full of strength with the information that had given to us! Our depression had completely disappeared. Give us the introduction of Mahanadi in The East and Gayashiras Lake. We are doing the pilgrimage. We have to go to the Agastya Ashram on the Mahanadi and then proceed forward!

"O Pandav, Sage Agastya had erected his ashram in the area of Mahanadi and Gayashiras Lake. The name of this ashram is 'Brahmsaras' and Agastya circumambulation is not completed unless you go in this ashram and receive sage Agastya's Darshan! Although Kailashteerth on Gangateer had been mentioned as the Birthplace of Sage Agastya, the direct birth of Agastya had happened from the brightness[light] and Humidity [Ardrata] or Mitra and Varuni! That means, Agastya's birth had taken place in the Man Manas Lake and Gangapatra [Basin of Ganga] in which the aura or brightness of the Sunlight gets reflected. Although he is direct Agni[the fire], yet the sequence is that sacrifice is due to Agni ,the fire and due to sacrifice there is Rain [Parjanya] . So, Agastya manifested by receiving qualities of Agni and Jal [Fire and Water]. But the first place that exists in Himalaya is "the Shiva Principle and Prakruti" and after that, the rise or origin of living beings had happened from the Purusha and Prakriti in the Himalaya !, So, Agastya's Birth Place is Himalaya only! He had acquired knowledge [Vidya] at Kailas and settled on the bank of Ganga river in the holy place named Kashi! He had started the practical experiment of the knowledge that he had acquired by establishing the Gurukuls and ashrams in Prayag and Gaya!

The knowledge [vidya] of Atharvan was more brightened in the vicinity of Vang! Brahmadev had done his genesis [birth] and attainment by the command of The highest Supreme Divine original power,[Parabrahma]. Therefore, the rule had been made for the groups of disciples, assistant ascetics and sages [Rishi Muni] and the members that are born in the family of the Agastya Lineage that, "they should start their circumambulation from "the Vang Vidya Vikas Kendra"- the centre of brightness and glory of knowledge, and go by the path of Agastya by examining and testing their own knowledge."

They should travel to the East, North, West and South from Vang and come to Brahmsaras ashram in to the surrounding area of Mahanadi and Gayashiras. One acquires the complete Agastya Vidya- knowledge over there. The name "Brahmas" is really quite suitable and glorious to the Ashramas as "the last place"! You are completing your circumambulation in your stay in the forest. Therefore you will obtain Agastya Vidya completely well!"

'O Ighmavah Maharshi, You have narrated about this circumambulation in Jambudweep Mahabharat in details to us! But you also said that," Agastya resides in Saptadweep [seven islands], Vasundhara[Earth], Bhootal, Suryloka, Chandraloka, Shiva Loka, Patal [Hell], Rasatal, Talatal, Vital Brahmloka Avakash [space] and Kal [Time]" How is that? How is it possible for the human being of this mortal world to get the obtainment of all these places?"

"O Pandav, since you have a tremendous attraction and yearning to know about Agastya, I am giving you all knowledge about this. O Pandav, the man in the Mortal world has got an entrance in all these worlds [lokas]. For that purpose, they can move and wander at all these places in the subtle and astral manner by becoming the form of Agastya. This Vidya is obtained with the Yogic power. All can

be achieved on the strength of boundless and immense devotion and austerity. In this universe, Man is the greatest animal of all! Gods in the Divine world have the limitations of their own specific powers. They also have to surrender to three Gods for the attainment of success. Among three Gods, all people surrender to the form of retention and organization ie. God Vishnu including Kal and Brahma also! The form of Vishnu is the Form of Kaivalya, the Supreme divine Power. Kaivalya's birth had taken place from the Parabrahma Tatva [highest Supreme and the most divine power of the origin that directs the Avakash State.[Space] The Kal Purush that makes the extinction and destruction of all also was born at the same moment when Kaivalya was born! Lord Vishnu had seen the dream of the Parabrahm from that, Brahmadeva had given a form to it. While making it regular Kal had become the Kal [Time] of the Creation of the world and the extinction of the world also! Gods, Rishis, Human beings were born in this created big universe by the command of God Vishnu. They were filled with divine power in the abundant manner. But, while giving the shape of the collection of various different powers, the [Vicharan] of these powers created the passions and disorders in him. As a result, the responsibility of the management of these passions and emotions [disorders] had come to Lord Brahmdeva! Therefore, Brahma gave the inspiration and motivation to Rishis and Artists to perform the work of three Gods. He had done the work by taking the incarnation also wherever it was possible! Sage Agastya's Self -illuminated place in the Space [Avakash] is regularized in the Space [Avakash] for this purpose only!!! Seven Rishis had made the plan of Saptarshi-Seven Rishis and The Dhruv Star to give the guidance with proper observation by giving the regular direction on the Mortal world [Earthly world] with blessings of Brahmdev!"

"O Ighmvah Maharshi, we have become really delighted and happy with this great knowledge given by you! The powerful strength has surged in us with Grace and blessings Of Sage Agastya! Kindly tell us about the path that we should take to complete the circumambulation for our successful achievement in our journey !"

"O Pandav, you should take bath in the Agastyaras Holy place first and then proceed forward to make your journey successful!!"

'O Maharshi, we are very eager to know the greatness of this Holy place. [Teertha]

"O Pandav, the feeling of competition rose in the mind of Vindhya Mountain by observing the glory of The Meru mountain. Agastya's disciple insisted that the Sun and the Moon must move around him and while growing very high he had made the division such as 'The North and The South'!..

"To find out the way and solution to this conflict, Agastya had created the holy place [Teerth] named as 'Agastyasaras' for the Southern people. By taking the bath in this Holy Place, the broken contact of the North and South can established! Vindhya realized that the ' His intention of growing higher and higher is becoming unsuccessful and futile from his own Guru in this manner! Vindhya felt a desire to take the guidance from his own Guru. So, he had also taken the bath in the Agastyasaras Holy Teerth and achieved the qualification to receive blessings of Sage Agastya! O Pandav, when we take the bath in this Holy Place, we get the clear knowledge of the path that we have started to follow and receive the powerful strength to remove the obstacles that come in our way!!"

Pandav started leaving for their pilgrimage once again by receiving the abundant knowledge from Maharshi Ighmvah. The future goal of their human welfare had be-

come absolutely clear and vivid now! The solution to find out the way from the conflict had also become quite clear to them! Draupadi who was accompanied by Pandav asked Yudhishtir," O Dharmraj, if we are going by the path of Agastya, our journey will be really difficult!!"

"O Draupadi, Why should we feel anxious and worried when God Shrikrishna is directly staying at our side as per the instructions of Sage Agastya given to us?" Since we have the blessings of Maharshi Agastya, we can easily destroy the mountains of difficulties and problems! There is no doubt about that!"

"O Pandav, I feel that we had taken the Darshan of Agastya. So, let us stay for some period on the Holy Place of Agastyasaras teerth."

"O Draupadi, if you have such desire in your mind, we also feel the same desire in our mind also!"

Pandav completed Agastya Circumambulation along with their religious pilgrimage. They obtained assuring strength with their great victory by destroying many evils in the whole Bharatvarsha! When they were staying in the Brahmsaras , Draupadi suddenly fainted due to excessive exertion! This was the first incident in their Forest stay! The great victorious Pandavas were very much perturbed with this event! When Kulguru of the ashram Agastya enquired more, they all came to know about the true reality , and the reason behind Draupadi's fainting feat! They felt extremely happy! They brought the Holy Water [Teerth] from Gaya lake and put it on Draupadi's head! When Draupadi awoke from her faint and became conscious, Agastya Kulguru questioned her," O Panchali, with what reason you had fainted and slept under that charm?"

"O Kulguru Agastya, Man Mandarya Agastya had taken me in to the previous birth of my past life. He had created the rise of the form of power that had existed in me! As a

result, I have received Agastya's splendor in my eyes and arms! The power of my Five Pranas [Life Force] that was under the spell of the enchantment had been also regained and acquired by me now!! Sage Agastya is really 'The Shiva directly in person!! With his blessings, we, the people of Soma -Lineage will definitely conquer!!' Pandav and Kulguru Agastya felt extremely happy with Draupadi's words!!

"O Maharshi Agastya, our circumambulation had become successful and fruitful because of you! Yet, there is more curiosity and eager that exists in our mind! Kindly fulfil that desire also!"

"For which things you have the curiosity and eager in your mind?"

"O Maharshi, tell us about the Place of Agastya in the sky [Avakash] and tell us about the method of Sage Agastya's ceremony of worship [ritual]also!"

'O Pandav, I felt very happy to hear about your desire! First I will tell you about The Agastya Places as per your desire!' O Yudhishtir, Agastya is shining very brightly in the space [avakash] independently and in the group also! Mother Lopamudra is his better half, the wife even in the space also! Rishis had acquired success in fixing their places in the sky with the grace of the Highest Supreme Divine Original Power--- The Parabrahma!

Innumerable heaps of brilliant splendor manifested with the particle of the Parabrahma to make regular fulfillment and satisfaction from the inspiratory motivation of the universe, [Srushti], Space [avakash], the Great divine creative power [Kaivalya] and Time [Kal]! These heaps of splendor are created to shape, [to mould,] to cause the manifestation of the origin [genesis, birth] in various manner!! In these heaps of splendor, the arrangement and the plan of the Rishis was done to establish a good control of the properly prescribed [ordained] arrangement, [setting, construction] of

the Sun Splendour heaps or groups such as, Surylok, [Solar World], Chandralok [The Moon world], Indralok, Shivalok, Brahamlok, Vishnulok, Bhoolok [Earthly world], Swarglok [Heaven], Narklok [Hell], Patal, Rasatal, Talatal, Vital, Vaikunth [Abode of Vishnu], Kailas [Abode of Shiva]. The places of rishis were created for this work. The mortal people on the earth received the experience and proof of the splendorous existence of these great rishis through their work of benefaction and the knowledge donation from these places that were created by the command of the Parabrahma, [the Supreme, original divine power]!! Rishis had the rightful authorities to give the curse and to give the release from the curse also! The mortal man could be able reach to the state and post of the rishi and the sage! The mortal world [Earthly world] is becoming proper and nicely well controlled and well arranged by making the Rishi family [Parivar] increase more!!

"Star of Agastya" is well known and famous as" the Rishi Prakash Rashi" in these Prakash Rashis [Heaps of bright splendor]!!"

'Agstaya acquires the highest position and place in heaven with his donation of virtues in the performance of the Act of sacrifice [Yadnya Karma]! He becomes immortal by remaining in the Solar Circle [Surya Mandal] There is also a very popularly well-known and illusive concept such as, "When the virtuous and good people go into the heaven, the stars start shining in their form of the light!!" But, Maharshi Agastya had proved his perfection with his high levelled great and glorious work and got included in the Star Circle!!

*"Uchcha Divi Dakshinvanto Astur Me Ashvadaha Sah Te
Sooryen|*

*Hiranyada Amrutatvam Bhjante Vasodaha som Pra
Tirant Ayuhu||*

Enani Vai Divo Yuotishi Tanyevav Rooney|

Shukratam Va Etani Jyotishi Yen Nakshatrani.....

‘उच्चा दिवि दक्षिणावन्तो अस्थुर् मे अश्वदाः सह ते सूर्येण ।

हिरण्यदा अमृतत्वं भजन्ते वासोदाः सोम प्र तिरन्त आयुः ॥

एनानि वै दिवो ज्योतीषि तान्येवाव रुन्ये

शुक्रतां वा एतानि ज्योतिषि येन नक्षत्राणि...’

The sacrifice performers attain the appearance of the Star!!

"Asatah sad Ye Tatkshuhu |Rushay Saptatrishch Yat|

Sarve trayo Agastyashchch| Nakshtreihi Sanskruto

Vasen||"

‘असतः सद ये ततक्षुः । ऋषय सप्ताक्षिश्च यत ।

सर्वे त्रयो अगस्तश्च । नक्षत्रैः संस्कृतो वसेन ॥’

" Saptarshi,the knower of the knowledge of Dharma had gone in to heaven as the mass of stars along with Agastya.. Agastya and Ighmavah are settled among Saptarshis [seven rishis] of south! Due to the outstanding superhuman work of Agastya such as, "The Consumption [drinking] of the Sea and Destruction of Vindhya's ego he can establish ashrams in the Space and on the Earthly world. It is clearly mentioned in the Egyptian culture that, " Agastya is recognized as ' Kanopas" or Kumbhodhbhav Star [the one that had taken birth from the Kumbh, [the vessel on the Earth!"]

The mythological story tellers say while narrating about the place of Agastya in the Vishnu Tradition that, 'It is on the North direction of The Agastya Star, at the south of Ajavithya, outside the Vaishvanar path, at Pitruyan!" The Astrologers say that, "Agastya Constellation moves very fast in the upper section of the Dhruva Mandal [Circle]. Agastya or Kanopas is the star of the second rank in Dhruv Mandala's Saptarshi. Its colour is yellow and it is moving in the orbit of the Sun!!"

According to zodiac, when there is very short and

little time for the sun to enter in to the Virgo zodiac, Agastya's rise takes place! It looks very clear in the north India. Decline or setting of Agastya happens at the time of the sun's entrance in the Hasta Constellation. Normally the Agastya Star rises in the [Shravan Month]. At the time of the rise of Agastya Star the lakes and reservoirs become calm and pure [clean].

"Udayech Munergastyanamnah Kusumayogmal

Pradooshitani|

Hrudayani Satamiv Swabhavat Punarambnibhavanti

Nirmalani||"

‘उदयेच मुनेरगस्त्यनाम्नः कुसुमायोगमल प्रदूषितानि ।

हृदयानी सतामिव स्वभावात् पुनरम्बुनिभवन्ति निर्मलानि ॥’

Many good and bad effects take place with the Darshan [sight] and worship of this star. The worship of the Agastya Star is the worship of the Agastya Splendor!

The King becomes the Sovereign by giving an oblation to this star continuously for seven years!

All beings are benefitted by observing the Agastya vow. If the Agastya Star looks beige [tawny], take it as the sign of the famine. If it looks dim and faint, it is inauspicious for cattle. If the Agastya star looks clear, lustrous [bright], golden and white like crystal, it creates prosperity on the earth. It indicates the freedom from fear and sickness and disease. When there is a touch of Agastya comet [Ketu or the personified Descending Node -Dhoomketu or Ulka], calamities such as, famine and epidemics of disease occur.

"At the rise time of Agastya Star, the observer of the Agastya- vow should get up at the dawn [early morning.] He should take bath with water mixed with white sesame and wear the garland of white flowers. This vow is similar to the vow of God Shiva. Then keep the pot without the hole on the earth, decorate it with garlands and the white cloth, put five jewels in it! Keep one pot filled with the clarified butter [Ghee]

on that Kalasha. Make an image of the height of thumb with four faces and four long hands on the Kalash. Fill that Kalash [pot] with seven types of grains, decorate the Kalash with cloth and donate it to the proper, virtuous and scholarly person. If it is not there, give donation as per the ability. If it is possible, give the donation of a cow along with her calf. But, decorate her hoofs with Silver and horns with Gold. Donate that cow to the eligible person by putting the bell around her neck! After the Agastya Rise, this vow should be done for seven days or seventeen days. At the time of this worship, remember and meditate Agastya's wife Lopamudra. And offer her the oblation [Arghya] !!

"Rajputri Mahabhag Rhushipatnee Varanane|
Lopamudre Namastubhyam Arghyome Pratigruhyatam||

"O Pandav, "the tree named as Agastya" is quite famous in the Dandkaranya and South also! This tree is also addressed as ' Bak -Tree". It is imagined and believed that Agastya had kept the collection of all types of medicines in this tree. In Ayurveda, Agastya Trees' names are mentioned such as," Vangsen, Munipushpa, Munidrum" this plant is very effective on the diseases of Kaph[Cough], Pitta [bile], Fever [Tap], and Cold. The beginning of all diseases starts with excess of all these things. The Agastya tree and flowers are used as the preventive medicine for all such diseases. This plant is cool, dry formed, bitter and flatulent [wind in the stomach] in the taste. This tree is small and made of the soft wood. Especially it's leaves and flowers are used as the Supplementary Food. These trees grow in vicinity of temples. They are extremely dear and loving to God Shiva in the Kartik month. Agastya's flowers are white or red. There is an abundant blossom of these flowers in the month of Shravana to Margasheersha! These flowers are recognized and accepted as the flowers of Hadaga!

But, the people on the sea shore do not touch the

Agastya tree normally! Once upon a time Agastya drank the ocean. People remember that event in good or bad manner. People in South call Akatti tree as "Agastya Tree." Agastya takes the search of Aurvidya and present the Science [Shastra], so, the Akatti trees stand in great number around the ashrams of Agastya. Diagnosis and medical treatment is done from them in the pharmacy and the hospital.

"Agastya is the only sage and an ascetic that had received the unique status as the Tree on the earth and the Star in the Avakash [space]."

"O Agastya, You have really obliged us by giving the knowledge of Agastya Mass of Splendor [Brightness]. With the help of this knowledge, we will be able to honor Sage Agastya with the worship -rites. Similarly, by performing his worship whole heartedly from the mind, the path of the Human Welfare will become open and clear! O Agastya, due to the indication of the Agastya star, farmers have received the previous knowledge .With the help of that knowledge they are making the planning and action of the Agricultural work. O Agastya, kindly give this useful knowledge and information to all and make the path of human welfare more open, broad and clear !"

O Pandav, this is the Family way of life of the Agastya lineage[Kul]. Agastya's ashrams are also Gurukulas from that point of view. You are going from this ashram by completing the circumambulation! This is really an adorable matter. The future time is looking at Pandavas as the servant, follower and the protector of The Agastya Traditions. O Virtuous Yudhishtir, this ashram had become very sacred and holy with your arrival and Mother Droupadi's divine experience[revelation]. This is the fruit and the result of great efforts made by Sage Agastya to search more and more ways of the human welfare.

"OAgastya, now kindly tell us about the path that we

should follow for our further journey."

"O Pandava, go to the Panchavati path once again, take the auspicious Darshan of Agastya and Lopamudra and also the Sidheshvar in Agastyapuree and then start your next journey!"

Pandav offered their obeisance to the Kulguru of Brahmsaras Ashram along with Droupadee and came in the Panchavatee on the bank of Goda river in Dandkaranya and met the Kulguru of the ashram. Taking his permission to take Agastya's darshan in Agastyapuree on the bank of river Pravara. They came in the Amrutvahini Puree and entered in ashram on the bank of Pravara river.

They received the auspicious Darshan of Sage Agastya along with Lopamudra and felt successful and blessed by obtaining their purpose !!

Sage Agastya's mind became distracted since Pandava had gone after meeting him along with Droupadee. He had already sensed [perceived] an inkling [foreboding] of the Great World War!! Agastya did not feel quiet after giving the message to God to give guidance also! He was constantly feeling that it would be quite proper to go to Pushkar Ashram or at Gangadwar and reside there at the time of the Big World War. He had decided to receive the message of God Shiva and Paravati about this in his own mind. He had started the Shiva worship and Spiritual practice [Sadhana] in the Siddheshvar temple at Agastyapuree. ShivParavati gave their auspicious Darshan to Agastya on the bank of Amrutvahinee river!

"O Son, for the first time you look so distracted in your mind in ages after ages! What calamity had fallen on you now?" What is that disaster in which you are going to

be unsuccessful?" asked Mother Parvati to Agastya.

"O Mother, it seems that great world war is going to take place. In Jambudweep - Mahabharat, such war had never taken place in the past and will not take place in the future also. [Na Bhooto Na Bhavishyati]. God Shiv- Parvati had manifested in various forms in the universe for the human welfare. When they both had handed over the responsibility of their welfare -work on ascetics and sages like us, this destructive World War has risen before us. It will destroy innumerable human beings. Therefore we are feeling very sad. I do not understand what to do! So, you only give me your advice!"

"O Atharvan, Agastya who is Shiva's image, you know it very well that when the transformation and the end of an era takes place, disaster or deluge [catastrophe] is inevitable [unavoidable]. In the Mortal World, mental deterioration and bitter violence from that mental deterioration is also unavoidable before the deluge!"

Yes! Quite true my God! But, after the deluge and disaster, the sequence to get the excellent state to the virtuous mother earth will also be vanished and come to an end!! This anxiety [worry] is troubling me very much!"

"O Nrushu Prashastah Lokbhanava Agstya, [The one who is admired as the Sun of the people' among the men],???? Your worry is not out of place! But, the creation of the universe, is going to take place in the Last Phase or the end of the Chapter [Transition]! In this last phase, both tendencies such as, 'The man's belief and disbelief, divine wealth and demonic wealth will be equally active! This is the indication and resolution of that Great Original Supreme Divine Power- The Parabrahma, Absolute Original! The conflict between the Sat and Asat- True and Untrue, Good and Bad, Virtuous [pious] and Non- Virtuous [, Bad, Sinful] is going on ages after ages! But, this conflict will go on and

exist continuously in the mortal man now! Illusion and Yatu - power [Black magic] are going to be more powerful!! The domination of attraction and allurements [temptation, enchantment] is bound to be unavoidable. As a result, the "I- consciousness or ego -sense " [Ahamkar] is going to be the permanent state. O Lokbhavan, adorable leader of people, you have been doing the welfare of the people with the affectionate feeling of the mother and Parabrahma's divine wealth [nidhan] till today. Therefore this anxiety and worry is giving you trouble.

"O Bhagavan, we are doing the dissemination of Agastya Vidya [knowledge] with your power and inspiration. We have started Gurukuls in Saptdweep and in the whole world by making the establishment of ashramas! Will it not cause and create the fear of getting that work dull and lusterless?

"O great Sage, Agastya Vidya is the knowledge of inspiration and motivation to the human beings till eternity and endless time! There will never be the decline or the degeneration of this knowledge. On the contrary, during the period of the power transformation and change, the Power of Shiva [Shivshakti] and Agastya vidya [knowledge] are only going to be useful to the human welfare! The struggle of Shriram and Ravana and the struggle of Kourav and Pandav are the Last, final and Ultimate conclusive struggles! The Cycles of struggles and crusades are going to be continuous even after this also! These conflicts are going to be inevitable and unavoidable in the next lakhs of years in future! But, even then, O Agastya, you who had accepted the Vanprasthashram must keep your fundamental human welfare work continuous from all places that you have created with your splendid form and subtle form without becoming restless and distracted!!"

"O Bhagavan, I wish to do the supporting work of

the accepted virtuous and good path by remaining present during the Indian World War [Bharatiya yuddha]."

"O Agastya, your desire is perpetual and eternal. But from the Mahabharat War event, Gods, Five Elements, Ascetics, Sages, Thinkers, and Artists should continuously guide to create the good and virtuous tendency during that particular period by remaining neutral and impartial!! This is their only work!!"

"O Bhagavan, does it mean that, "The very essence [spirit, quintessence, soul] in the ascetic power, vidya [knowledge] and art will be vanished and come to an end?"

"O Brahmarshi, This is an eternal truth that all these matters and things are intact! They will never get affected because they are the forms of Parabrahma, the Supreme Absolute Original Power ! But, in the envelopment or under the cover of illusion or Yatushakti, the thought and use of these things will be done only in the materialistic form and manner! As a result, the importance of these things will be decided on the basis of their usability [usefulness]!"

"O Bhagavan, will there be an influence of all these things in the field of agriculture also?"

"Yes! The agricultural farmers will depend more on the mechanical work and technological use. In addition to that, even the practical dealing will be done in the agricultural work also!"

"O Lord, O Bhagavan, during such times, in which form the welfare oriented work will be manifested?"

"O Agastya, The work of Human Welfare is the existent form of the Parabrahm! Hermits, ascetics, sages, thinkers, philosophers, scientists and the person that works with great interest for the human welfare will do this work in the detached and impartial manner. But their honorable status will be neglected. The Political Competition for the power will take place by using the work of the above

mentioned dignitaries."

" O Bhagvan, what will be the future of people?"

"O Great Sage, the authority and responsibility to think about the human welfare is on your shoulders only! For that purpose O Great Sage, to make the leaders of the people motivated towards the good and virtuous tendency, this work should be achieved by attracting all people along with the leaders of the society with outstanding miracles or making the groups of people to follow the path without taking the weapon in hands. O compassionate leader, who understands the feelings of people, it is essential to go beyond the states such as, hermits, ascetics, gods and demons and make use of the popular way of people for the attainment of this goal !"

"O Bhagavan, explain very clearly about the nature of my work and give me your command accordingly!!"

"O leader, who is liked by people, you should perform the circumambulation of the universe and guide in the detached [neutral] manner. O Bearer of people's welfare, you should perform your work by surrendering to the incarnation of God Shrikrishna or the Supreme Spiritual Master-Paratpar Guru for this purpose! The power of Brahma [Brahm-Shakti] and the Power of Lord Shiva [Shiv Shakti] will be actively working in the subtle and minute form!! Even the ascetic work will also become active by remaining in the subtle form! It is essential to make the propagation and dissemination of vows, sadhana [spiritual practice], miracles, and the real logical knowledge with your gross [physical] tendency. You should do such work in your Gurukuls. Such work must be done in ages after ages in every age during the time of deluge [catastrophe]. O Agastya, you should continue to give inspiration and motivation of the virtuous work in the state of the bright star in the firm and unwavering manner!"

"O God, my distraction of mind has disappeared to some extent due to the discussion with you and your advice also. I will go in to the Gangadwar ashram and make an observation of the world War in the neutral [impartial] manner!"

"O great sage, Maharshi Vyasa will contact you and take your advice at the proper time! You have given all your powers to Pandavas! Their success is quite certain!"

"O God, accept my obeisance. O mother, I remained constantly active till the present times with your blessings. But now the desire has rose in my mind to spend my time in the meditation and worship of the mother and the ascetic penance of the father!"

O Brahmarshi, 'the state of an ascetic or the Rishi is the state of Brahmdeva's mental son"! Therefore, sages or ascetics are not supposed to remain absorbed in meditation all the time! "To act, to do action by becoming active" is the true work of ascetics and sages. So, keep on doing your work of the Gurukul without becoming disturbed and distracted continuously!"

God Shiv- Parvati went back to Kailas by removing the sad and disturbed state of Agastya's mind! Agastya also started his journey towards the direction of Gangadwar!

Pandemonium of joy rose in the North because Agastya was going to come to Gangadwar after thousands of years!! Man Mandarya Agastya's grand welcome ceremony was performed in the Gangadwar Ashram according to the tradition. After the sacred worship of Agastya's feet, Kulguru Agastya of Agastya lineage family said to Sage Agastya, " O Paratpar Guru, [O Supreme Spiritual Master], what is your command to us? We are waiting to receive your command! This entire surrounding has brightened and illuminated with your splendor and brightness!!"

"O Kulguru, make the preparation of the sacrifice of

the attainment of success [Saphalya Prapti Yadnya] along with the sessions of SomYag [Somyag satra] in the ashram!"

"Just as you command!"

The World War broke out in the North! The brave and great victorious warriors had gathered on the Kurukshetra for the big war! As the war was about to start, the affection and attraction rose in Arjuna's mind for brothers of his own family lineage! Arjun had put down all his weapons and sat still like an ascetic! Maharshi Vyas came to know about this with his power of intuition! Maharshi Vyas had stopped all his other work and left the ashram to go on the Kurukshetra. He made a strong decision to stop this Big World war by gathering all his strength at a stake!

"Narayan Narayan.....Accept my obeisance Maharshi Vyasa!" Narada bowed to Vyas with these words.

"Pranam! O Great Maharshi Pranam to you! Which news you have brought here?"

"O Sage Vyasa, You are born in the Kuru Kula[Kuru Family]. You are going on the battlefield of Kurukshetra. Whose side you are going to take while fighting the war?"

"I am going to Kurukshetra to stop this war only!!!"

"How is that?"

"O Brahmarshi, Truly speaking, Drona and Bheeshma should have done efforts to avoid this World War. But that did not take place. As a result, the time had come for me to participate in the family matter by leaving the work of the ashram!"

"O Maharshi Vyas, you take the advice of Maharshi Agastya who is Shiva's image and who is so close to you and then only decide whether you should participate in the war or not!"

"Yes, we can do that! But, O Brahmarshi, Is it not my duty to stop this great World War?"

So, Vyas and Narada came in to Agastya's ashram at

Gangadwar while discussing intensely on the topic of the Great world War."

Agastya greeted them in the proper manner and asked the reason of their arrival.

"O Maharshi, Sage Agastya, you have experienced the chronological sequence of time since the most ancient time. Therefore, we have come here to take your advice as regards the proper propriety of the participation of Maharshi Vyas in the Great War that is going to happen on the Kurukshetra!"

"O Maharshi Vyas, You are omniscient[All knower] and the knower of the Direct Brahmdnyan [Eternal Truth] in person very well! You have established and proved the knowledge that had been created by Brahma in all directions by gathering it together! What suggestion and what advice should I give you?' Therefore' O Maharshi, I give you my suggestion and advice as per the instructions given by Lord Shiva to me!!"

"O Brahmarshi, all ascetics and sages are in the need to receive Lord, Shiva's instruction! Kindly tell us about that!, said Brahmarshi Narada.

"O Maharshi Vyasa, All ascetics, sages and anchorites should do the work that will give powerful strength to [the Shivaspad] auspicious and welfare oriented missions [works] by becoming the witnesses. Make use of your power only for the virtuous and good acts in the detached and neutral manner. Therefore, O Vyas, you should just become the witness of this Great World War and write the history of this World War , Mahabharat . You should describe and explain how does the competition of the members born in the same lineage, leads to the total destruction at the end! Arjuna is going to get the knowledge of life through the mouth of Lord Krishna directly. You become the witness of that Vidya [knowledge]! You have accomplished the divine inner eyes

[intuition- Diyachakshu]. Awaken them and present all events that happen at each and every moment as the true events witnessed directly with your own eyes [Chakshurvai Satyam]! While listening and reading those things eyes of people must be opened! O Maharshi Vyas, You are the last ascetic, the sage who is like the good and virtuous qualitative seed that should germinate [sprout] and dazzle the entire universe! The Tradition of the Ascetics and Sages is going to vanish and melt away. See that, by bringing the Sages' Knowledge of the Oral Tradition in 'The Writing Tradition' and will be obtained , [achieved , received] by the man who is travelling up to the deluge, the disaster like a visionary and seer. O Maharshi, you are directly The Brahma in person! Whatever you compile and collect, write and bring in the book or scripture form will be always the perfect one! Any other attempt and effort will be done to search the human history by going beyond your great work will always remain incomplete!! An Indication or Symbol will become prevalent and conventional such as, " Vyasochishta Jagtray"[That which is uttered by Vyas covers three worlds]. Therefore, I just feel that you should only concentrate and get absorbed yourself in the work of your ashram without thinking of your lineage, your Kul and family!!"

"O Maharshi Agastya, You have guided me in the most perfect and accurate manner I will follow it. O Brahmarshi Narada, You came at the right time and caused my meeting with Maharshi Agastya. I had become truly blessed and fortunate !"

Bhagvan Maharshi Vyas went back to his ashram. Agastya got engrossed in his contemplation. Shrimad Narada had gone on the Kurukshetra to take the review of the war! As per the promise, Maharshi Vyasa had propagated and broadcasted the glorious and outstanding event in which God Shrikrishna explained "Shrimad Bhagvadgeeta" through

the Bhagvat Vidya on the battlefield of Kurukshetra !Agastya, Vyas and Narad were the witnesses of this Great World War along with other great ascetics and sages!! The big war was advancing ahead by making the total destruction at each and every moment ! Finally, the war had stopped by making the entire total destruction!! Instead of feeling pleased and happy with great joy for the victory in the Big World War, Pandav felt extremely distressed and sad along with Droupadi!! Yudhishtir accepted the royal throne of Hastinapur. He had done the royal management with the sense of duty. He had performed many sacrifices including Ashvamedha also. But, the Sovereign Emperor Yudhishtir suddenly became neutral and detached !! All Pandavas decided to go on the path of the North along with Droupadi and other members of the Kuru lineage who wanted to follow the third stage of life known as 'The Vanprasthashram' [A stage in which , the person gives up the worldly and household life and enters in to the forest for the Divine contemplation and meditation!] !!.

Shrikrishna Vidya became well known abundantly and immensely! Shrikrishna explained that the Path of Karma [action] and the Path of Devotion[Bhakti Marg] will save all in their further journey in life. With this explanation, he had declared his own detachment [indifference, absence of desire] in a way! The civil war happened and the Yadav lineage also vanished. Bhagvat and Mahabharat also came to an end by keeping the eternal illustrations of the total destruction in one's own family due to enmity and competition.

Maharshi Agastya and Vyasa were the witnesses of all Mahabharat War! As if they had taken the pledge [the oath] to engross themselves in the continuous service by making their firm decision to make an advancement of their work and mission from the seat of authority of their ashrams. Vyasa and Agastya were moving by fastening the rich and

valuable cloth of immortality only!!

Maharshi Agastya thought and accepted that all his direct work was over . Then he met all inhabitants of his ashram and had come out of ashram for his further journey to give guidance . He had started his journey from Vang in the North, Agastyapad ,Gaya, Prayag, Kashi on the bank of Ganga river, then from Gangadwar to Agastyavar and to Pushkar directly, from Prabhas to Vindhyavasini to offer his obeisance, then completed his circumambulation of Godavari came in to his ashram on the bank of river Pravara! In this entire journey Lopamudra had never left his company anywhere. After coming to Agastyapuri Agastya took rest for some days and started his journey again. Then he completed his Kaveri Circumambulation and visited all his ashrams at Pothiyal, Shri Lanka.He had taken rest in Badami also for some days and came in to his ashram Brahmsaras in the surroundings of Mahanadi and Gayashiras to complete his Agastya circumambulation. The desire rose in his mind over there to go to Vivasta.[The manifestation of the Sun God and his dynasty is the Solar System .] He said to Lopamudra,"

"O Brahmavadini[Knower of Brahma], we have come back by visiting all our ashrams in Jambudweepa. We have received the satisfaction of the complete and perfect happiness. Now I have a desire to go to Vivasta .What is your opinion and advice?"

"O extremely ancient, immortal,image of brightness and splendor popular and dear leader of people, Brahmarshi, your thought is really quite suitable and proper to the ordinary spiritual aspirant [Sadhak] , the man, the Siddha[Spiritually accomplished person] or the person that takes the incarnation!! But, O Mass of Splendor, you are the self - illuminated Star Constellation along with me and Ighmvaha!1 These Star Constellations are going to remain illuminated

eternally till the existence of the Parabrahma or Kaivalya [The Absolute Original Supreme Power] by watching thousands of Manu! Then why do you think about this apathy and indifference? This thought of going to Vivasvat [Sun God] is really harmful and injurious from the point of view of the tradition of the traditional Gurukuls that exist with ashrams as well as the family members born in the Agastya Gotra {lineage} from the worldly point of view! In addition to this Lord Shiva had also granted you the knowledge in this context! Therefore, it is imperative and sequential on your part to continue to shine [illumine] by making the remembrance of the Kaivalya [[The Divine Essence, the divine Supreme Power] with all your existence that will be sensed and felt in the splendorous aura in the Solar System!!

The concept and facility of the freedom and eternal liberation [freedom from the worldly affairs] is quite proper to the mortal ones. But, your formless and attribute less illumination [Nirgun vyayam prakashane] is very essential to the principles that make the animate and inanimate creative and original and perform their management [organization].Parabrahma had prepared [established] the post of the Ascetic and Sage as the Principle that travels form eternity to eternity , the Kaivalya form [Divine Essence] . Its nature is 'To illumine'[to shine] . That illumination is sequential in the [Lokant and the Parabrahmavad] . Therefore, O Bhagavan Agastya, the human beings, the people in the Jambudweep will think that, you went to Vivaswat because this thought had come in your mind in the Brahmsaras Ashram! But, the place where Shiv Parvati directly gave you the inspiration and motivation to do the unbroken continuous contemplation by creating the river Amrutvahini- Pravara, accomplish and achieve the Sanjeevan Samadhi Yoga with your physical gross body in your own named city ie, Agastyapuri' situated on the bank of Pravara river!! It is se-

quential on my part to remain with you! Ighmavah will also remain close to you with his subtle and minute form. The Godavari Bath will constantly take place from there. As a result, the manifestation of Shriram Principle will also happen continuously! You should think that, "Your wandering movement with your subtle minute form will remain continuous along with Amrut-Tatva in Agastyapuri, Ramtatva in Panchvati and Agastya Tatva in Pothiyal Sthan [place.]"

"O Brahmavadini Lopamudra, you are an ideal wife and a true companion of her husband that follows her husband in all respect. If the true companion and ideal wife makes the management of her husband's Uttar Karma [funeral rites], the universe will get fruitfulness of its successful existence!!"

"O Brahmarshi, all these words are not spoken by me with an interest and hope to get the fruit of any desire. Truly speaking, my existence and the existence of Ighmvah are not different! They are the replica form of your bright splendor only! Therefore, you are going to manifest your existence in the Shiva Form with the Shiva Touch in all worlds!1The existence of the Light, Water, Shiva Tatva[Shiv Principle]and the mother Nature Or Shakti will remain in this manifestation of Parabrahma. Till then, the experience and the proof of your existence is bound to be experienced by all!!

"O Brahmavadini, Self Illuminated Great Ascetic ,the Female form of the Ascetic," To show the proper path and tell about it to the husband who is under the illusion' is called as the 'Wife's valuable Instruction!, [Kanta Sammit Upadesh]!' Mother Parvati constantly gives such instruction to God Shiva. Due to that instruction the balance of Shiv Tatva[Principle] is always maintained! The energy that gives stability to the distraction is called " The Shakti- The Power only"! Therefore O Brahmavadini who is liked and adored by

the mind, We will accomplish [achieve]"the Sanjeevan Samdhi Yoga' to enter in to the deep devout Samadhi alive' from the worldly point of view on the bank of river "The Amrutvahini- Pravara created by Shiv Paravati by their own mouth and blessings in the close vicinity of Siddheshvar in Agastyapuri!

"O Brahmarshi, the end of this journey cannot be done with the accomplishment of The Sanjeevan Samadhi Yoga 'only! We will constantly engross ourselves in the contemplation of Manmohan Shreekrishna who is the form of Lokbandh," The fastener of the bond with people" and the form of Shri Vishnu by constantly remembering the Divine Essence-The Kaivalya ! O Maharshi, it is necessary for us to take the advice of Brahmarshi Narada for this reason. So, we will invite Respected Shri Narada who is the form of Narayana.

"Narayan, Narayan!!..... O Brahmavadini, Accept my obeisance to you.....! When Brahmarshi Agastya gives an invitation to this Narada it is like inviting to one's own self! So, please tell me what is your command?"

"O Brahmarshi Narada, you are welcome to our Ashram. We need your guidance. As you are omniscient and knower of all things, you know the purpose of my mind. So, kindly tell us about the existence of God Shri Vishnu where we will have the constant remembrance of Kaivalya [Supreme God] ?"

"O Trikaldnya [Knower of three times], Brahmarshi Agastya, You are truly the mind direct!!!! So, it is not proper on my part to tell you anything. Yet, if you want the source-streams ,the fountainhead of the subjects of my favorite liking and contemplation from my mouth, I will certainly tell you about it! O Agastya, you have become very sad due to this Great War. Truly speaking, the form of the divine essence [Kaivalya] has no feelings of happiness and sorrow,

anger and attraction inwardly in the heart. But, when one moves or lives in the practical worldly life, one has to deal with it without becoming extra-ordinary. Realizing this, I will tell you about it!

"You should go to Kanchi Nagari and engross yourself in the worship of the Supreme God. Lord Vishnu himself will give you his Darshan along with all His Play directly! Truly speaking, three Gods Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh are subjugated to you and are constantly participating in your regular ascetic mission. But, the Kaivalya also has the desire to play by adorning himself in different forms. As a result, there is this 'Creation of the Universe'! Therefore, "O Mother, it is quite proper and well suited for both of you to go to Kanchi and engross your self in the devotional worship of Shrikrishna!!"

"O Brahmarshi Narada, we will go to Kanchi Nagari very soon as per your advice and suggestion!"

"Maharshi Agastya came to Amrutvahini along with Lopamudra. They both went to the original place, the fountain head and drank the nectar that was oozing from the Ling Form of Lord Shiva!! Then they offered their obeisance to Amruteshvar and met Valmiki, the resident of the nearest ashram. Then they went to receive the auspicious Darshan of Parvati that exists in the Kalasha [The pitcher]. From there, they entered in to Agastyapuree. Taking the auspicious Darshan of Siddheshvar, they came in their Agastya Ashram. The Universal Mover Agastya narrated the account of his Sanjeevan Samadhee by meeting in the astral, subtle form to all ascetics, sages, Kulgurus, traditional disciples and the family members of Agastya lineage that exist everywhere including the Avakash [Space]. He had also narrated to them that, after returning from Kanchipuri and taking the Sanjeevan Samadhee, his dwelling will be quite regular at all places!! Agastya stayed for some days in the Agastyauree

Ashram and made preparation for his devotional worship of Krishna and set out for his peregrination [wandering] !!..

The great World War between Kourav and Pandav had created the disastrous effect everywhere in whole Jambudweep. The nature of that war was so bitter and grave that, Sage Agastya himself had also become sad, very much disturbed and distracted!

The transparent, knowledgeable scholar of Vedas and Vedangas, Eternal Truth Realised Sage [Brahmsakshatkari] and Khower of three Times Maharshi Agastya came to Kanchi Nagar wandering all over! He entered in to the temple of Shrikrishna along with Lopamudra and received the auspicious Darshan of God Shrikrishna. With the firm decision in his mind he came in to the forest near Kanchipuri. He had prepared an invisible monastery and started the mental worship of Lord Krishna in the different manner from his usual sessions of sacrifices! Yogi Agastya and Yogini Lopamudra sat in the state of meditation. Agastya and Lopamudra who were seated in the Lotus posture were completely engrossed in the state of meditation [Dhyanyoga]. Their ascetic penance continued for years together. The traditional people used to offer their obeisance to Agastya by respecting that place as 'Agastaya Sthanam'! But, Agastya had never come out of his meditative state! Ultimately, the Benedictory of People Shri Mannarayana was extremely pleased to give his Darshan to this transformed devotee with the feeling of great adoration for Agastya's deep meditative state. He had taken the splendid form with conch, Sudarshan chakra, Mace and Lotus in his hands! Shrimannarayana manifested in "The Horseheaded form" [Hayagreeva] !! Hayagreeva said to Agastya,

"[Vatsa], My dear Son, I have become very pleased with your generous, intense and limitless mental penance!! Now ask for the proper blessing!!"

When Shri Mannarayana had appeared [manifested] before, Agastya and Lopamudra were blossomed with great joy They kept on singing [stotra] the hymn of praise of Shri Mannarayana with extreme politeness and immense feeling of devotion! While praying politely, Agastya requested, "O God, if you are really pleased with me, then kindly narrate some useful solution [remedy] to make the upliftment [betterment] of the world!"

"O Great man who always cares for the welfare of people, this same question was asked by Lord Shiva first, then by Brahmdeva, Durvas and now you are also asking the same! Truly speaking, you know it very well that, "I am only the Creator [Srashta], provider [Cherisher] and Destroyer of this whole animate and inanimate world!! I had only separated my three qualities in Brahmdev, Vishnu and Shiva for three types of work such as, Creation, Protection and Extinction. These three states are of my form, my nature only. Therefore I only exist in these three stages also. My existence in these states is called, recognized as "Purusha" and my Parashakti is recognized as 'Prakriti'. [Universal Energy, Divinity, the feminine aspect of Purusha. Adi Parashakti 'The Eternal Limitless Power! She explained herself in the words of Vedas as having neither beginning nor end! Adi Shakti is Parama Prakriti. Goddess Lalita Tripura Sundari is the original manifested form of Mother Adi Shakti., Goddess of power and Beauty! Saguna Swaroop, [Manifested form], and the Divine Mother!] Therefore, "The worship of my Power [Shakti] is the only straight and clear solution and only remedy of the human liberation!!" The man gets the lesson [the Precept] by doing the everlasting, [perennial] ascetic penance, by observing [adhering] the rules and regu-

lations and performing the selfless action with the feeling and attitude of sacrifice. Each person has to do some kind of act while considering that, it is not only difficult to make the sacrifice of our regular acts but impossible also while staying in this world! If the action is done in this manner with this attitude, there is a possibility of to get the desire of consuming the fruit of it! That is natural also!

"Therefore if the original tendency [disposition] turns to the philosophy, then only the welfare of the human being is possible! Without the Philosophy, there is no other alternative solution to the self-progress of the man! The clear, straight, delusionless and undisputed meaning is that, the man should worship the highly powerful form of power of mine by accepting and thinking myself "as the absolutely true Purusha and Shakti!! Yogi, the visionary of philosophy and the scholars highly consider my "Nonmanifest power as "Parashakti, the Divine Power and worship her in "The manifest form of Tripureshvari or Lalita Devi""! Bhagavan, God Shiv, Shankar became renowned and famous with names such as, "Ardhanarishar and Siddhadhipati!! The living being has only one solution to get the worldly happiness and the other worldly welfare and, that is, 'to worship this power of mine and meditate on her! This the Spectacle of Philosophy [Tatvadnya Darshan] only!!' told Hayagriva to Agastya about Tripureshvari!"

"O God, in which various forms Mahadevi Tripureshvari had manifested? Kindly narrate the descriptions of her monasteries and locations. As a result we will be able to get the worldly extensive form of the Philosophy!," requested Agastya with great eager! Hayagreeva also accepted his request. He said,

"The first name of the Parashakti [The Divine Power] of Hayagreeva, manifested or appeared from the Dhyanyoga [meditation] of Brahma is known as "Prakriti"! She achieves

[accomplishes] the desired perfect fulfillment [accomplishment,] of Gods' desire, "Ishta Siddhi" with this Name Form' only! Thesecond name of Hayagreeva's Parashakti [The Divine Power] is , "Mohini." Even the all knower and omniscient God Shiva was also attracted and hypnotized by Mohini's Darshan.He was lost and got engrossed in her by leaving Parvati ,his wife!!.....

"O God, Lord Shiva is a Yogi that had conquered over the lust and the passion! How is it possible that he would get infatuated [strongly attracted] to any beautiful woman? How would it possible for him to produce a son from Mohini?" Agastya asked a question once again!!

Haygreeva felt to make the refutation of Agastya's doubt more important. So., he started telling the stories of Indra ,the King and God of Gods! He said," King of Gods Indra became proud and arrogant because of his abundant wealth, prosperity and richness. His ego had reached to the climax! Bhagavan Shankar sent Sage Durvasa to destroy the stink of Indra's arrogant pride! Sage Durvasa came to Indra with the speed of mind from the path of sky. He met a strange illusory [deceptive] knowledgeable scholar. She was a very beautiful woman. There was an astonishing garland in her hand. Sage Durvas stopped! That beautiful "Miss World" of the universe was very eager to talk to Sage Durvasa. Durvasa was also very surprised to see her! ' He was wondering with curiosity "Who is this beautiful woman ?" How to ask her? Yet, he asked her,

"O excellent matchless beautiful woman, what kind of astonishing garland is this that you are holding in your hands?"

"O Great Sage, I had obtained this garland as the form of Prasad -[Grace, blessing] from Parambika [The Divine Universal Goddess] by performing the long lasting spiritual practice[Sadhana] and pleasing her!"

"O beautiful woman, what is the secret, the mystery of this garland?"

"O Great sage, by wearing this garland our desire becomes fulfilled and fruitful!"

"O great Sage, my desire is to meet you and serve you!!"

" Durvas said," My desire is that, You should fulfill your desire to serve by offering this garland to me!" Durvas made an attempt to confuse that beautiful woman! But, that beautiful Vidyadhari woman did not feel confused at all! She had offered that garland to Sage Durvasa! Maharshi Durvas had put that garland around his neck with tremendous eager and later on put it on his head with great love! He felt extremely happy! Sage Durvasa gave her a blessing, a boon after observing her devotional feeling for him!

"O beautiful attractive woman, you will become a beautiful woman and remain always beautiful permanently! The old age, sickness and sorrow and pain etc. will never touch you!" Vidyadharee bowed to Sage Durvas intently with devotion of her mind. After that, Sage Durvas went to Indraloka with the airway!...

Due to the attainment of the divine fragrant garland, a radical and fundamental change had taken place in Sage Durvasa. The feeling of ego and pride rose in his mind with an idea that " Any of his desire will be fulfilled then! He started thinking himself as "God!" But, this effect was temporary! When he came to Indraloka , he became aware of his work. He gave that garland to Indra as the form of blessing [Prasad].. But, Indra looked at it indifferently and instead of putting it around his neck, he had thrown it in the neck of his elephant" Airavat"! The elephant could not bear the intoxicating smell of that garland. He had thrown it on the floor. Not only that, but he had trampled on it under his own legs. Maharshi Durvas did not bear this insult of his own offering

of blessing before his own eyes. He became red with anger! As a result, he cursed Indra that all his prosperity will be vanished and destroyed! Indra regained his senses back and realized his own mistake. He tried to appease Maharshi Durvasa repeatedly and asked for his forgiveness. But, there was no indication of the lessening effect of Durvasa's curse by any means at all!

The King of Demons, Bali had taken the full and proper advantage of this curse and acquired [captured] the power of Indra. Pathetic and sad Indra thought that, no one would liberate him from Maharshi Durvasa's curse except Bruhaspati! Bruhaspati told Indra in clear words, "O Devendra, one must experience the result of the actions done or take the penance [atonement, expiation]. The destruction of the performed act does not take place in spite of the Crores of Kalpas are over! The person has to endure and suffer its consequences in any case! Penance or atonement is the only remedy, only solution to save oneself from the endurance of the action's result done by the person!"

"O Guru of Gods you are omniscient! I am ready to take any punishment any penance that is commanded by you!" requested Indra.

"O King Of Gods, take bath with full faith and devotion and chant the Japa of five Lettered Mantra! That Mantra is as follows,

||" Bhagavattyai Durgayai Mahakalyai Namoh Namah||"

‘भगवत्यै दुर्गायै महाकाल्यै नमो नमः’

"O Great Spiritual Master Bruhaspati, kindly narrate about "the fruition of chanting[Japa] this Mantra to all! Having observed Indra's attitude of the human welfare, Bruhaspati said," The one that worships the Parashakti, [The Divine Primeval Mother] by chanting this Mantra "Bhagavattyai Durgayai Mahakalyai Namoh Namah" after the bath, finishes and makes an end of all sins performed in the

crores and crores of births! He becomes free [liberates] from innumerable sins], remains safe from the calamities and disasters and receives good and auspicious fruition of all his desires."

Yet, there were many doubts in Devendra's mind. He wanted to get solution for them.

"O Supreme, the Highest Spiritual Master, due to which bad Karma I had to endure this calamity as its result [fruit]? Which bad Karma had been done by me? Why did my intellect become so corrupt and polluted? Why did I disrespect and insult Sage Durvasa? Which is the way to become free from this disaster?"

Bhagavan Bruhaspati also felt distressed and agitated with Devendra's questions. He felt compassion for Devendra. He said,

"O Son, Sage Kashyapa created a very beautiful girl named Danu from his wife Diti and performed her marriage with Brahmdeva. Danu gave birth to a very bright and valorous child named Vishwaroop. Naturally this child was extremely well versed and clever in Vedant and Vedang. He was extremely lustrous like God Vishnu! The Demon King made that splendid child as his religious priest. At that time also, O Devendra, you were seated on the chief royal throne as the king! On the occasion of the sacrifice, you questioned the ascetics at that time, 'Is it better to live in this world alive by doing the livelihood of duty and non-duty or going to the pilgrimage [visit to the holy places] by leaving, and sacrificing the mundane household life?' Of course, the ascetics were supposed to give the answer of this question. Providentially, I only declared my decision, "Instead of accepting the responsibility of the mundane worldly life, it is more auspicious and beneficial to do the religious pilgrimage." As a result, sages gave me the command to leave the mortal world by becoming very angry. I felt very unhappy

and came to this Kanchipuri. So, you became anxious and worried to see that your Indrapuri had become priestless without the religious priest. Naturally, you requested Vishwaroop to become your religious priest. Due to this prayer, he had accepted it although he was the priest of the demons. Since he had become the priest of both, God and Demons, they both became equally powerful. O Indra, You did not like this thing at all! You felt motivated to kill Vishwaroop!! You immediately rushed in to Vishwaroop's ashram with great anger! You had cut the body of Vishwaroop in to pieces when he was absorbed in deep Samadhee state! But, you repented after this act was done! You felt miserable. Here, Vishwaroop's father had become very angry and violent due to the loss of his son. He had only given you the curse that, "Your glory and prosperity will be destroyed!"

Gods went to Brahmdeva and informed him about this curse of Vishwaroop's father. God Brahmdeva became worried and restless. So, he started thinking about this punishment and the penance. But, he could not find any solution. Anxious Brahmdeva came to Lord Vishnu along with all gods. He narrated the entire account of Devendra's miserable situation to Lord Vishnu. Compassionate God Vishnu had made your burden less by keeping the burden of your sin on the tree, women and the earth! But he also told you quite specifically that, "O Devendra, if you will take the enjoyment and use the divine Royal Prosperity [Rajashri] by becoming intoxicated with power in the arrogant manner, this same curse will come to fruition!"

"O Devaraj, you were saved by the grace of God Shri Vishnu Narayana! You had regained the prosperity and glory that you had lost! But, the suffering experience of your sinful act remained still! You started troubling Kailas also by becoming intoxicated with your ruling power. As a result, Lord Shiv Shankar punished you by Sage Durvasa. The purifica-

tion of your sin will be done with your penance and you will get your lost prosperity back once again!"

By telling the story narrated by Bruhaspati, Hayagreeva said to Agastya,

"While Bruhaspati was telling this story to Indra, the great powerful demons like Malaka and others invaded on heaven! Those proud and arrogant evil demons mutilated the beautiful garden, Nandanvan, took away the damsels [apsaras]!! Gods had no other alternative than to run away. Due to this horrible trouble, Devendra also became terribly afraid. Devendra went to Brahmloka along with other Gods. Brahmdeva felt sympathy to see the misfortune of Gods. He suggested all gods to surrender God Shrikrishna. He said to Gods, "God Narayana is the creator of this universe and the enemy of the demons. He would be able to make the welfare of Gods." Ultimately, Brahmdeva came on the shore of Kshirsagar along with all Gods with Devendra's insistence and started praying and praising God Vishnu. God Vishnu appeared before them by becoming pleased with their praise. He had listened to the complaint of Gods, gave them his grace and advised them to work on the strength of their intelligence power. They should make the compromise with demons in that present situation and do the churning of the sea together along with them. All should make the collection of all medicines and churn them in the Kshirasagar by making the Mandar Mountain as the churning -staff and Vasuki snake as the rope with the help of God Vishnu. Due to that churning, you will get the attainment of Nectar [Ambrosia]. With its consumption [drinking], you will become very powerful and immortal. As a result, the demons and devils will not be able to stand before you at all! Gods should go to the demons with this plan and assure them that Gods and Demons will share this nectar in the equal manner.

Hayagreeva started telling Agastya the story of the Sea-

Churning. Truly speaking, the great Sage {Maharshi] Agastya, The Knower of Three Times had also participated in that incident of Sea- Churning in the astral form! But, he felt more joy to listen this story by the mouth of Hayagreeva. He started listening to the story cheerfully. Hayagreeva was telling,

"Gods made a compromise with demons as per the command of God Vishnu. They made them more attracted and motivated with qualities of Nectar. They started churning the sea by putting all medicines in the sea as per the instruction of God Vishnu. Gods took hold of the tail of snake Vasuki and Demons accepted the side of Vasuki's mouth! Scorching hot breaths were coming out from Vasuki's mouth. So, the demons went on becoming weak although they were very strong and powerful! They became so weak that the mountain Mandar could not remain still in the ocean. Finally God Vishnu took the incarnation of the tortoise and held the Mandar mountain on his own back. No sooner did the mountain become still than the churning act started quite rigorously again!!

When both, Gods and Demons did the churning of the sea for a longer period, Surabhi [the cow that gives the fruit of your desire] appeared from the ocean. Gods and Demons felt happy with her sight. They continued the churning act. Then Goddess Varuni [wine] appeared from the ocean and stood before the demons. They did not accept her. So, she stood before Gods. Gods accepted her! The evils became demons [Asuras] because they did not accept wine! Gods became "Sur- Good, virtuous" because they accepted wine!" Hayagreeva was narrating the story told by Bruhaspati with his mouth personally!

When Anil was telling the mythological story, Yogeshwar the devotee of Science was listening it with his mind fully engrossed in it!

"The sea churning was going on continuously. Then, "the Kalpruksha- The Wish fulfilling Tree" manifested from it! The entire atmosphere became fragrant with its fragrance!! That was followed by the manifestation of most beautiful damsels [Apsaras], The Moon, Poison [Visha], jewels like Koustubh and Vijaya one after the another in the sequential manner! After that, Dhanavantari himself manifested by holding the Kalash of Nectar [Amrut Kumbha] in his hands! All Gods and Goddesses felt that their ascetic penance had become fruitful! They very happy and cheerful!! Then Goddess manifested with the Lotus flower in her hands from the Kshirasagar!! All ascetics and sages praised her and worshipped her with the Vedic Hymn of Praise -" Shri Suktam" when they received her auspicious Darshan! Gandharavas sang songs and Apsaras presented dance to congratulate her! While watching all this Lakshmi went to Shri Vishnu and relaxed on his chest !! She had started expressing her feelings of compassion for Gods from there!!"

'After that, due to the planning of God Vishnu, the rise and prosperity of Gods that had surrendered went on increasing! The demons became sad, depressed and lost vigor and victory!..

The demons snatched "the Pot of nectar" [Amrutkumbh] from the hands of Dhanavantari. Having seen that, Gods protested Demons! As a result, a grave war started between Gods and Demons!!

"The protector and the preserver of the people God Vishnu meditated Goddess Shri Lalitadevi with the intense feeling of devotion and self-sensation ! When the horrible conflict started between Gods and Demons, Brahmdev went back to his own abode in the Brahmloka and Shiva went to Kailas! They both did not pay attention to this war! But, the religious protector God Vishnu stopped there only for the

protection of Gods and made the praise, worship and Archana [paid Homage] of Goddess Lalitadevee! He worshiped Lalitadevee with the Katibhrung Nyaya. A Kind of Mudra []!! He became completely one, fully engrossed with Goddess Lalitadevi!! At the same time, Demons became infatuated and attracted to see the beautiful, attractive and divine form of Lalitadevi.

Vishnu who had taken the beautiful form of Lalitadevi also enchanted and hypnotized demons with his delicate and tender passionate plays. She had made them her servants. Controlling demons in her own fold she had skillfully taken the Kalash of Nectar in her own hands. She gave them the assurance that Gods and Demons that they should sit properly in the proper lines. She herself will distribute the nectar to them! By taking the support of the Kootneeti[False ethics of cheating] she said that she will go to Gods and give them nectar and then she will come to demons and they will get it! She also gave them another attractive suggestion that she would go to their residence for that purpose! In the meantime, Yogeshwar stopped Anil in the middle and asked," Is the Mohiniraj of Nevasa, the Lalitadevi form of God Vishnu?"

"Yes!!God Vishnu had taken this form with the discussion of God Shiva and in the presence of Great Sage ,Maharshi Agastya and Brahmarshi Narada!! But, the demons did not get the slightest doubt about this !! Agastya had discussed with Mohiniraj about the nature of information that Mohiniraj should give to demons. Agastya had suggested the trick of worshipping all jewels that had emerged from the ocean by arranging them on the peak of Sahya Mountain! God Vishnu who had taken the form of Goddess Lalitadevi alias Mohiniraj told this suggestion of Agastya to demons. Demons knew about the great authority and control of Agastya over the sea!! They also liked this sugges-

tion! They had become immensely excited with the concept of acquiring the nectar! When the Kalash of Nectar was kept on the peak of Ratnagad Mountain, and was worshipped , Agastya, who had taken the form of the Siddha for the welfare of the human world requested God Shiva to create the stream[current] of Nectar for the human beings! God Vishnu Mohaniraj, that had taken the form of Lalita devi had accepted this request of Agastya, The Sovereign Emperor of Sindhu -region and the image of God Shiva with the command of Brahmarshi Narada and the insistence of Mother Parvati! As a result, Amrutvahini [river Amrutvahini] had arisen!" Anil cleared the doubt of Yogeshvar by telling him this subtle story of obstruction and continued the narration of the mythological story further.

God Shri Vishnu who had taken the form of Goddess Lalita Devi caused to make the worship of The Amrut Kalasha on the heaps of jewels by calling gods and deceiving demons in this manner! He had invited Lord Shri Shankar first to drink the Nectar and then started distributing the Nectar[Amrut]! The Demon Rahu realized this trickery[craftiness] of Shri Vishnu! So, he took the form of God and sat in the line of gods between the Sun and the Moon! Goddess Lalita who was carrying the vessel of nectar, dropped the drops of Nectar on Rahu's hands! But The Sun and The Moon saw his real form and made a public fuss that he was a demon! As a result, Lalita had cut off the throat of Rahu with her sharp weapon! But, the nectar had already trickled down in his throat beforehand! The result was that Rahu had become immortal although he was broken in two parts!!

The demons were enchanted and captivated by looking at the attractive beauty, charm and elegance of Lalitadevi! Ultimately Goddess Lalitadevi disappeared herself by making the Amrut kalash [Nectar Vessel] empty!! God Shri Shiva manifested Amrutvahini from his mouth! But, the demons

neglected at it thinking that, "It was poison!"

'Finally, demons decided to attack Gods because they realized that they could not get Nectar. But, Gods had become immortal and more powerful due to the consumption of Nectar [Amrut- Prashan]. Their confidence had also increased. Whereas, Demons' mental power had sunk down! They became extremely disappointed. They were scared to strike or attack on Gods. They got really tired! They had to run away for the self- protection. They ran away and went to the under world [Patal]. Shri Lalitadevi had helped Devendra to get victory over the demon Malaka and others by her grace and blessings. Devendra acquired his lost glory with the grace of Lalitadevi only. With the consumption of Nectar Gods had started moving with great confidence!" By telling this story, Hayagreeva said to Agastya,

"O Great Sage, Narada felt extremely astonished to listen to this divine biography of my Mahamaya [mighty power of Illusion"] Lalitadevi!! He went to Kailasa. Nandikeshwar greeted him in the proper manner when Narada reached there! Narada became relaxed and sat on his proper seat {asana}. Mahadev suggested Narada who moves in three worlds to give the News in Heaven! Narada narrated the whole account! Mahadeva heard it. Then he took the leave of Narada and without informing his Bhootas, Ganas, Skanda ,Nandi and Vinayaka went to Vishnuloka along with Parvati in the invisible form!

When God Vishnu saw Shiva Shankar along with Parvati, he got up from his bed of snake 'Shesha' and came on the shore of Kshirasagar to greet God Shankar. He treated God Shankar respectfully. Parvati and God Shiva sat on the seat cheerfully. After that, Vishnu asked God Shankar about the reason of his arrival. Then God Shankar requested Shri Vishnu to give them his Darshan in the Divine form of Lalitadevi!!

" Shri Vishnu showed Shiva his beautiful form that gave delight to eyes to Lord Shiva to honour him! Shiva Parvati saw a beautiful young girl playing with the ball at the place of Shri Vishnu. By looking at that charming and intoxicating beautiful young girl, Yogi Shankar, the conqueror over God Madan-Cupid [God of Love] also felt attracted and enchanted by that beautiful young girl! He went behind that beautiful young girl to touch her by leaving Parvati! Parvati also felt that it was quite natural on his part to go after that beautiful lady! She did not feel astonished at all! Any other woman would have felt very angry with jealousy to see the other woman more beautiful than her! The appearance of Mohini was so tender, delicate, attractive and sacred that Paravti started condemning her own beauty! She also started singing about the greatness of Mohini's beautiful form!!

"Anil, God Vishnu's Mohini form was known to all God Shiva, God Vishnu, Brahmarshi Narada, and Maharshi Agastya!! Even then is it not inscrutable and unfathomable on the part of Brahmarshi Narada to tell them again about it and God Shiva's behavior like an ordinary person?" asked Yogeshwar!

"O Yogeshwar, your argument is absolutely correct! But while presenting these events that were caused by these three Gods in the subtle form and in the secret manner, these powers have made such dramatic plays with an intention to create the common idea in the mind of, ascetics, Gods, Demons and human beings in relation to three Gods and to create the tremendous and limitless faith about the mighty and great decisive power of them,.Such dramatic incidents and plays are caused in the illusionary form and in the play form!! As a result a kind of strange and supernatural aura of mystery gets formed and created around them!! A feeling and faith rises in the mind of a common person

that there is a strange supernatural universe that exists beyond the ordinary life! As a result, their ego gets destroyed and their attention gets focused on the Philosophical Unity [Oneness]!!" Anil made an attempt to explain..... But, Yogeshwar was not convinced with this interpretation! Yet, he started listening very carefully

God Shivshankar started running after that beautiful Mohini. Mohini also started running ahead !As a result, the lustful passion rose in the mind of Shiva! He made a little attempt to capture her. He embraced her again and again! He tried to kiss her! Due to that power of embrace and kissing, Shiva's passions became more strong and fierce! It resulted in the fall of his semen! At the same time, God Vishnu dissolved his Mohini form and manifested himself in his original form of Vishnu!! God Shiva felt ashamed of himself! Without waiting there any more, he took leave of Lord Vishnu and went to Kailasa!!

"O Sage Agastya, the influence of the divine form of God Vishnu was such! So powerful, maddening and enchanting to the senses!"

"O Haygreeva , the form of Lord Vishnu, Kindly tell me more about the heroic exploits of Shri Vishnu in his Mohini Form!"

"O Sage Agastya, I am really pleased with your great feeling of devotion. Therefore, I will tell you the story of Bhandasur now! I had never told this story to any one before!! Listen to it now!"

"In olden times, there lived a very powerful and victorious demon named Bhandasur! He was very brave, powerful and indomitable chief demon of all demons. He had created a demon with name Vishukra who was powerful and victorious like Indra to protect the army from the right side of his physical body and the other demon named Vishang from the left side of his body. He had created a

sister named Dhoomini also. That brave and powerful demon had interrupted and broken the entire Brahmand-the universe along with his indomitable brothers !! Observing the fierceness and arrogance of this bright demon, not only Gods but Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh had also stopped going out of their houses! It became impossible for all Gods even to breathe freely! During that time, those demons rushed in the houses of gods and invaded on them. So, those poor Gods were hidden in the underworld [Patal] and caves in the mountains. Bhandasur had defeated Rudbhoo, Yaksha, Gandharva , Snakes and Siddhas also along with Gods!! He had confiscated their wealth and women too!

Finally, Paradevi-Divine Goddess Lalita Devi took the form of Shalini to destroy those evil demons when she had seen the calamity that had fallen on three worlds! Shalini is the third name of Lalita Devi. In this form, Goddess had taken the weapons such as, Pash, Ankush , Bow and Arrows in her four hands! This mighty Goddess killed that evil demon Bhandasur in this super powerful form! When Bhandasur was killed, Gods expressed their gratitude and thanked Goddess Lalita Devi! They praised her in various ways and manner!

*Praseed Vishweshari, Vishwavandite. Praseed
Vishweshvari Vedrupini||
Praseed Mayamayee mantravigrahe, Praseed
Sarveshwari Sarvarupini||*

‘प्रसीद विश्वेश्वरि विश्ववन्दिते, प्रसीद विश्वेश्वरि वेदरूपिणी ।

प्रसीद मायामयी मन्त्राविग्रहे, प्रसीद सर्वेश्वरि सर्वरूपिणी ।’

"O Owner of the entire Universe, O goddess who is respected by all creatures and beings in the whole world, who grants knowledge, who is the form of Vedas, who is praised by the Ved Mantras, O mother, you, who exist in the emotional form in all God and Goddess , be pleased with us!!"

Lalitadevi gave her blessing in the delighted manner to all Gods that had surrendered to her devotedly! She said, "Nirbhayaha Muditaha Sarve Devganaha!" Let all Gods and Goddesses move along with their troops in the fearless and delightful manner!!"

After receiving this blessing of Goddess Lalitadevi, all Gods offered their obeisance to her and went back to their Heavenly world!! They continued to enjoy the experience of Heavenly Happiness with The Grace and Blessings by becoming absolutely free from anxiety!

When Gods had left, Brahmdeva, Vishnu and Shiva also came there and sang the praise of Goddess Shri Lalitadevi! Brahmdeva started thinking at that time that, "If Lalitadevi accepts Shiva in the form of her husband, the life of both of them will be fruitful and successful! Here, God Shiva had also forgotten to his Yoga and asceticism by observing the beauty of Shri Lalitadevi! He was very much attracted to her. Lalita devi also felt attracted to Shiva by thinking him as the image of her husband!

Having observed and considered the mutual attraction and love between Lord Shiva and Lalita, Brahmdeva told Goddess Lalita that, all Gods, Ascetics and Sages, Gandharvas and Spiritually accomplished Siddhas are eager to see her marriage! Therefore, she should select the proper groom and fulfill the desire of all ! While giving the assurance to Brahmdeva, Goddess said to him, " She is independent, and always thinks, behaves and moves according to her own desire independently. As a result, if the groom is suitable and matches to her nature, then only she can think about him!"

"Goddess Shri Lalita took out the garland around her neck and threw it towards the direction of the sky! It had fallen exactly around the neck of Lord Mahadeva!! All gods along with Brahmdeva, ascetics and sages and troops of

Siddhas became very delighted and requested God Vishnu that he should perform the marriage of Lalitadevi and God Shiva. So, God Vishnu had fastened this knot [Granthi Bandhan] of their marriage! After the marriage, Shiva went to Kailas with Lalitadevi and had spent the time of thousand years like one moment in the pleasure of the amorous play!! Therefore, O Agastya, there is nothing to feel surprised about this! My divine spiritual Power [Para Shakti] had only become Parvati in the fourth form!

"O God, please tell me how Bhandasur was killed by Goddess Lalitadevi in the detailed and extensive manner !" insisted Agastya!

"O Agastya, once Sage Narada paid his obeisance to Goddess, Universal Divine mother [Jagadamba] on the Kailas mountain and said to her, "You have taken an incarnation for the welfare of the world by destroying the evil people and give the acquisition of Happiness to the people! The Demon Bhandasur had created a havoc and the terrible atmosphere everywhere in three worlds at this time! You can only kill him!!"

Jagadamba, the Divine Mother also decided to kill the dangerous evil Bhandasur who was like the thorn troubling all after listening to Narada's words. She had collected the army and declared the war openly with demons by making sounds of beating the drums, blowing the trumpets and ringing the bells etc. Devi surmounted on the lion. Even the earth also started trembling with the fearful form of the fighting Goddess of war![Ranchandika]. Four directions started oscillating ! The indications and signs of the catastrophe , disaster [pralay]started appearing with the loud of war made with the weapons!!

Devi had struck a very powerful , grave and dangerous blow on the army of Bhandasur! Bhandasur who had done a great havoc in three worlds and his army were terri-

fied a great deal with her hard and dangerous stroke! She made the demon army powerless and weak by applying the techniques of Mohan [snare of temptation and Hypnotism], Maran [Violent Killing], Uchchtan [Ruthless termination, eradication from the root], Stambhan [Transfixation], Bhakshan[eating, consuming] and Tearing off, cutting with nails -Nikruantan [Cutting or clipping, tearing off with nails,slaughtering, massacring and cutting up].When the Goddess pointed and withheld the arrow on the bow, pulled the string [pratyancha], death had decided to kill all demons [eat all of them like a morsel]! Bhandasura's chief soldiers were disturbed and distracted just with the news of the arrival of Lalitadevi! They came together again. Those great warriors made a powerful attack on the Goddess once again. But the Goddess reattacked them and prevented them. Bhandasura's sons Vishuk and Vishang came to know the news that,'Goddess has made an invasion". They thought that, it was unfair and improper to fight a war with the woman. So, they had sent the message with the messenger to goddess to stop the war! But, the messengers came with Lalitadevi's message of refusal and disapproval! Ministers told that, she was not an ordinary woman and narrated the stories of her great heroic victory over the dangerous power demons like Shumbh and Nishumbh by killing them! Secretaries also tried to give the motivation and encouragement to sons of Bhandasur.

'Ultimately the sons became ready for the war! They made the counting of their brave fighters and prepared a big list also. They included the names,of the warriors such as, Kutilaksha, Kurad, Karnk, Karkash, Kalkivahan, Humbak, Halmullanch, Jamukaksh, Jumbhasha, Vajraghosh, OOrdhvakeshi, Pulkas, Pundketu, Chandbahu, Kukkar, Pattasen, Poorvamarak, Kumbhagreen and Ghatodar etc. They had taken their victory for granted! Bhandasur gave a

command to his general that, he should call the president of the army and complete the preparation of war!!..

"Bhandsur appointed a great deal of soldiers under the authority of the expert president of the military [army] at four directions to protect his city. He had decided to attack on the army of gods. The warriors encircled the goddess from four directions by making loud sounds in the aggressive manner. They attacked the goddess with the power of weapons such as, Tomar[an iron club], Mudgal [a common term for the two club like pieces of wood used in the exercise of the Athlete], Khadga [sword] Parashu [An axe]. Goddess also started returning the attacks of the enemy - demons by striking with her own weapons ! She had also started making strong blows and slashes'.

Demons started making the use of their acquired power of illusion and deception. They had spread darkness everywhere with their snare of illusion, made the shower of meteor or falling stars [Fire falling from the sky, heaven]. They had shaken hills, mountains, and the earth in the various manner and created winds ! Not only that, but they made the shower of excreta also!! But Goddess Lalitadevi had destroyed all these things within a moment with her divine power! Demons were terrified to see the destruction of their power of illusion. But, some demons created new snares of illusion. They started making the showers of snakes, blood and fire too!! As if the whole sky was falling down! They had resounded the entire atmosphere with horrible and loud trumpeting sounds of violent wild animals, Vetal [the king or the high order of ghost], Pishachch [ghosts].All Gods including Indra who were around the Goddess were also astonished with fear! A doubt rose in their mind for a moment such as, " Will Goddess be able to release all from this fearful attack?' But demons were unable to do anything before the Great Divine Heavenly Power! The power of illu-

sion became dull and ineffective before the Heavenly Power [Para Shakti]!! Goddess made the power of illusion and deception futile and inactive! Demons became terrified to hear Goddess's roaring sound of the lion. Thousand hands of Devi started making the showering attacks of thousands of weapons attacks on the army of demons! She had made the whole earth sinless by killing and destroying Bhandasur's all presidents of the army and his two sons also.....!!" Hayagreeva described the Parashakti [Powerful Heavenly Power] Lalitadevi's mighty and magnificent victory in the detailed and extensive manner! !.....

"O God, dedicated and loyal to vast intellectual knowledge and wisdom, my mind has truly become very delighted by listening to this extremely auspicious biography of Goddess Lalitadevi .

You tell me now what did Devi do? Tell me the last events that had happened at the end of the war!," asked Agastya engrossed in the power. Hayagreeva fulfilled this wish of Agastya .he said,"

"After destroying Bhandasur, and his sons and army generals, Devi looked at her soldiers in the loving manner with her nectar like eyes! The exertions of the soldiers disappeared just by the glances of her eyes. They started experiencing the happiness and comfort like a person that has been awakened from his sleep. All Gods including Brhamdeva became very delighted with the slaughter of the demon Bhandasur! Vishnu, Shiva, Indra and other Gods, Aditya, Vasu, Rudra, Marut, Sadhyadev, Siddhas, Kinpurush, Yaksha Nairushi, Nishachar and many creatures that stay in the universe became present there.They bowed to Goddess Jagadamba who was seated on the lion. They expressed their gratitude to her. They started singing the hymns of praise for the Goddess- The Divine Mother, Jagdamba.

While praising Lalitadevi, Brahmddeva said,

*"Namo Namaste, Jagdeknathe, namo Namha Shri
Tripurabhidhane|*

*Namo Namaste Bhandmahasughne Namostu
Kameshvari Vam keshi ||*

नमो नमस्ते जगदेकनाथे नमोनमः त्रिपुराभिधाने ।

नमो नमो भण्डमहासुघ्ने नमोस्तु कामेश्वरी वाम केशि ॥

"O Divine Mother, the Owner, 'Swamini' of the whole world,who is famous and well known with the name," O"Tripura Devi",the Destroyer of the Great Demon Bhandasur ,

"O Mahadevi that fulfills all desires, and destroys all Evil beings, I offer you my crores obeisance again and again.....!!!"

While praising the Hymn of Goddess Lalita Devi, God Vishnu said,

" This Lalita Devi is respectable to all knowers, knowledgeable,

She is venerable to all springs and the sources of power including God Shiva '

She is the donor that gives the highest and most superfluous than others, highly extensive and all pervasive of all spiritual powers [Siddhis],

O Goddess, I offer you my crores and crores obeisance !!"

God Indra praised Bhagavati, Goddess Lalitadevi in the following words,

"O Bhagavati Goddess Lalitadevi,you always make your devotees fearless, constantly protects them, you have dark black and beautiful curly hair,

You fulfill all expectations and desire of all Gods,. you are the venerable and respectable Goddess of all people,

I offer you my crores and crores obeisance!!"

All, including Aditya, Rudra, Vasu, Marut, Siddha, Yaksha, Nishachar praised Goddess Lalitadevi with all

their heart again and again!! When their praise was over, Brahmdeva introduced Rati, the widow wife of Madan[Cupid] and who was in a sorrowful state because he was burnt and turn to ashes in the great of anger of God Shiva by making her stand before the Goddess Lalitadevi!! Bhagavan, God Vishnu told Lalitadevi that she should release Kamdevi Rati who was distressed due the pangs of separation from the death of her husband, who was constantly involved in deep sorrow and cry as per her request. Kindly tell her some remedy and solution to become powerful and able! After listening to words of God Vishnu, Goddess Lalitadevi, the image of kindness, became compassionate, immediately created Kamdeva with her glance and released him from God Shiva's curse. Rati felt extremely happy and because she had become successful in the attainment of her husband again! She had prostrated herself on the sacred feet of Goddess Lalitadevi and started making the coronation of her tears of joy and gratitude! Goddess kept her auspicious hand of blessings on Rati's head and presented her beautiful dress and ornaments and commanded her to go to the feet of her husband! This couple accepted the command of Goddess Lalitadevi with great respect and came to Kanchipuram! They took bath in the Shyamala river and decorated themselves with beautiful clothes and ornaments!..

When Kam and Rati had returned Sage Vasishtha and other ascetics performed their marriage ceremony with proper religious rites as per the command of Goddess Lalitadevi! All Gods including Indra gave thanks and expressed gratitude to Lalitadevi by observing this admirable event!! They praised her immensely! Kamdev went forward and bowed to the auspicious feet of the Divine Mother and requested her to give command to him for his future work in the choked voice of emotion! Goddess granted him the

complete assurance of safety and immense blessings repeatedly! She had also given her blessing to Kamdeva such as " The marriage of Shiv-Girija will take place with the grace and blessings of Kamdeva! Similarly, crores and crores of Kamdevas will manifest from Kamdeva's body in the invisible manner and they will enchant and charm living beings and creatures remaining invisible! She had also handed him the work such as, "Kamdeva should always give ample amorous, lustful and passionate joy of happiness to the devotees of Goddess Lalitadevi and should never deprive them off with that passionate joy of happiness ! ' "

Accepting the command of Goddess with great respect, Kamdeva left from there with her permission. According to words of Goddess, really crores and crores Kamadeva got created! All creatures started becoming enchanted and infatuated because of him! Due to the blessings of Goddess, Kamadeva felt very much encouraged and motivated his companion the Spring Season [Vasant] with an intention to conquer Lord Shiva!! By taking The Koyal bird, Amramanjiri and Malayaneel Kamadeva came in to Shiva's Ashram.

Kamadeva attacked with his flower- arrows on Shiva's heart who was engrossed in his deep meditation! The result of this attack was such, that, Shiva's asceticism and penance was broken and Parvati's image started standing in his ascetic heart! Shiva tried his best to control his mind ! But, the daughter of Parvat [Himalaya Mountain] did not disappear or go away from his eyes! Shiva 's entire time was sent in performing the meditation of Parvati. He started contemplating on Parvati only! He had lost the peace of his mind. So, he started thinking to marry Parvati!!

"As per the instruction of Goddess Lalitadevi, enchanted Lord Shiva with the amorous passion of lustful love, Kamdev went to Parvati with all preparation. He was moved with emotion to see her rigorous austerity. He told her that

goddess Lalita was extremely delighted with him. With her command only he had made Shiva full of love and attachment! Kamdev had expressed his faith and confidence that, Lord Shiva would definitely marry Parvati!!"

God Shiva married to Parvati as per the plan of Lalita Devi' Lord Shiva and Parvati had taken the experience of great enjoyment of the married life [-Rati Vilas] on the summit of Kailas mountain! But, Shiva's semen was very strong and overpowering!! So Parvati could not bear it!! She had discarded it, left it on the earth through her vulva....

The Earth also could not bear it! She had thrown that semen in the fire! The Fire also expressed his inability. He had thrown it to Krutika [the name of the star]. Krutika had thrown it in the river Ganga. Ganga had thrown it in the forest. Shadanana's birth [Lord Kartikeya] took place in that forest only ! Ganga kept him close in her nearness and nurtured him!!

God Shiva taught all vidyas to his son. This boy became the general of all Gods by the command of his father! He had slaughtered the most dangerous and evil demons. He had killed the most cruel enemy of Gods named Tarakasur also! He had made all Gods very happy with his victorious acts. As a result, Devendra felt very grateful to him and performed Shadanana's marriage with his extremely beautiful daughter Devsena! So, Shadanana felt very much satisfied and happy too! He had enjoyed the married life with his beautiful wife! After all these events, Shri Lalitadevi went back to Shreepur!" Hayagreeva explained all these events in the most detailed manner!

"O God, You made a reference of Shreepur just now! Kindly give us the information and knowledge of all these places." Agastya expressed his curiosity!

"O Agastya, I will tell you about the greatness of all these places because I have observed your eager and curi-

osity to know about it! There is the stay of Indra, Varun[Water], Agni [Fire] and Vayu [wind] at four directions namely, East, West, South and North on the peak of Meru Mountain which is extremely high, innumerable Yojanas[miles] and the support to the whole world! These four worlds are known as Indraloka, Varunloka, Agniloka, and Vayuloka! There exists a tall peak which is [Shata Yojan high]. It has spread four hundred Yojan toward at the side of these four worlds. On this peak only, Vishwakarma had created Shreepur for the residence of Goddess Lalita Devi as per the command of Brahmdeva!

"There are high, extensive doors of gold, wreathed with festoons around the four sides of this Tripura! There are trees laden with beautiful and sweet fruits! This beautiful grove is enriched with Creepers, and climbers . There are attractive grounds covered with deep green grass ! Many birds are making the sweet squawking and clucking sounds in this beautiful grove. Minds of all persons get attracted with their charming sight[Darshan] and graceful movements! Goddess Lalita Devi's Palace is extremely beautiful, pleasant and attractive to the mind. Gods, Yakshas [Demi God-servants of God Kuber], Gandharvas, Ascetics [Rishis] Siddhas[Accomplished with spiritual powers] Sages [Munishvars] come here to receive the auspicious Darshan of Goddess Lalita Devi every day here! Their life becomes fruitful and successful with her blessings. Here Many Matang Kanyas[Girls of Matang Manya] constantly sing and play!!" Hayagreeva was telling.....

"Prabho, O God, who is this Manya Matang?" asked Agastya in the middle.

"O Agastya, there lived a very radiant and luminous great soul with the name Matang in the ancient times. He had a desire to become the Tvashta [Name of a fierce Demon]! But this desire of that great soul did not get com-

pleted at all! On the contrary, he had got a very brilliant, bright son who was the Devotee of Goddess. He became famous with the name as Matang from the name of his father."

"This Matang worshipped Lalita Devei! Goddess became pleased with his ascetic spiritual penance and told him to ask for the boon! So, he told the Goddess that,"he had acquired all spiritual powers such as Anima, Garima etc [Power to become small. Subtle and power to become Big] by the graceful blessings of Bhagavati Lalitadevi. But one desire is troubling him constantly as a big problem! He had friendly relationship with Himvan in his childhood. One day this dearest friend teased him that, Matang should be the father of Gouri!"" Since then this desire was deeply rooted in his mind! Therefore he requested Goddess Lalita Devi that she should become his daughter! Otherwise, he will not be able to become as equal to Himvan!"

After listening to this polite request of the devotee, kind Lalitadevi became pleased and said, Tathastu..... So be it 'and disappeared there only! Sage Matanga's wife became pregnant after some days .They received a daughter whom they named as "Laghushyama". Even then, people started calling her as "Matangi". Due to this girl 'Matangi' he was recognized and accepted as 'Muni Matang'! Matangi who was born from the form of Goddess remained near in the nearness of the Goddess. This is the Fifth Form of the Goddess!

Hayagreeva described the greatness of Goddess Lalitadevi to Agastya! He said," When the 'Poorna [Complete, Full] is subtracted completely from the Poorna, what remains is 'Poorna' only!

Subtracted poorna [Full or complete] is also complete [Poorna] always!"

Although this Goddess creates her different forms

from her original form, her newly created form is always completely perfect and full! All her different forms are full and perfect only! This is the Supreme Greatness of this Devi Tatva [The Principle of Goddess]! This is the speciality and unique quality of this principle! From this point of view, although Lalita became Laghushyama, yet, both forms remain intact and safe as , " Full, Complete and Perfect!! There is no reason to take any doubt about the incomprehensible and unfathomable nature or state of the goddess!"

"Truly speaking, the greatness of Lalita Devi is beyond the description! It can not be described or contemplated by the mind or speech as said,

||"Yato Vacho Nivartante aprapy Manasa ha"||

“यतो वाचो निवर्तन्ते अप्राप्य मनसा ॥”

There is no reason to think or understand that it is related to any partiality, attraction or love and affection!" The Truth which is unanimously accepted by all and is approved or declared by the Shastra is such, that, 'even if all branches of the Kalpataru [wish fulfilling tree] are broken and made in to pens out of them,or the ink was made of seven seas and all Lokpals [Protectors of directions] kept on writing about the greatness of the Goddess and got the expert assistant like Guru of Gods - Bruhaspati, they will not be able to describe the beauty of even one single finger of the auspicious lotus flower feet of the goddess during this period! It is not possible to describe this greatness of the Goddess in the total, all complete or entire form at all!!" said Hayagreeva.

"O God, I heard about the Glorious Greatness of Goddess Lalitadevi 's Glory from your mouth and realized its importance! A feeling of Love rose in my mind now for the goddess!.. Therefore, I request you to tell me a spiritually proved and established Divine Mantra [Siddha Mantra] to acquire the easy and natural gaiety and cheerfulness of

Goddess Lalitadevi! As a result, I shall be able to obtain her grace and blessing by worshipping her spiritually with devotion !! "said Agastya with extreme feeling of devotion!

Haygreeva gave the knowledge of the Divine Mantra of Goddess Lalita Devi to Agastya! He said, "The greatness and distinctive feature or the special quality of the word [virtue, excellence, special property] is more and excess [superfluous] than all other materials and things in this universe! There is extremely important and unanimous importance to Vedas in the verbal description in this universe! There are the descriptions of Praise in the "Mantra Bhagvat and Yagnyayag [sacrifices and homas] in the Brahman- bhag [section]". After the Hymns Of Praise of Lord Vishnu, there are more additional Mantras to worship Durgadevi in comparison to the others! Then, the importance is given to Ganapati Stotras. After Ganapati, there are the hymns of praise [Stuti- Mantras] for the Sun [Soorya], Shiva, Lakshmi, Saraswati, Girija and Varah! But, there is more important place for Lalitadevi's Mantras in the comparison to other mantras!! There are Ten auspicious Mantras for the praise Goddess Lalita Devi. But there is one extremely important mantra which is known as, **"Ashufal Mantra"** ----- The mantra that gives the fruit or the result of quick pleasure and easy contentment !! This Mantra is known as **"Kamraj Maheshwar Mantra!"** With the help of the spiritual practice [Sadhana] of this Mantra, the man gets the attainment and obtainment of Happiness [Sukh] in this world and Moksha- The Liberation- release from the worldly bondage in the Paralok [Other World] very easily!!

God Brahmdeva gave this extremely sacred Mantra to Lord Shiva by himself. Kamdeva's wife Rati received this Mantra from Lord Shiva. This Goddess pleased Lalitadevi with this Mantra only! Kamdevi obtained [procured, received back, regained] her husband Kamdev who was burnt by

the severe anger of Lord Shiva back to her! Since then, the name of this Mantra became known as "Kamraj Maheshwarmantra"!! This mantra was received from Lord Shiva by Sage Bhrgu, Chandra, "The moon from Bhrgu and all sages from the Moon [Chandra] on the Earthly land! They all received the great fruit and advantage of Mukti [Liberation, Moksha and Happiness [Bhukti] !!

This Mantra is chanted as follows-----

**// Aum [Om] Aim Rheem Shreem Kleem Rheem Swah
Hum Phat Swa/**

**Shreehi Paramvach Vishadhyotsna Nirmal-Vigraha//
Om Aim Shreem Rheem Kleem Swaha Swaha Phat
Hum Swaha Swaha Phat Hum Swaha Swaha Souho//**

ओं ऐं ह्रीं श्रीं क्लीं ह्रीं स्वः हुं फट्स्व ।

श्रीः परमवाच विशद् जोत्स्ना निर्मल-विग्रहा ॥

ओं ऐं श्रीं ह्रीं क्लीं स्वः स्वः फट् हुं स्वः स्वः सौः ॥

" I give you the procedure of rites to perform the Chanting and other things of this Mantra which is Extremely Pure, Confidential and Secret [Mysterious]!!!!...

O Agastya, the spiritual aspirant [Sadhak] should get up at the early morning and remember the Guru [spiritual teacher] and the desired deity. He should pay his obeisance to them. Do the physical functions like going to the toilet by going out of the house. Take bath by applying oil to the body. Wear the pure, clean and white pure cloth. After becoming clean, pure and sacred go to the temple or at some sacred place, establish the photo image of Lalita Devi, spread the pure seat or asana before the image and sit on it! Take water in hands and sprinkle it on your own self and at four directions with Mantras such as "Aghamarshanadi" and make the atmosphere pure! After that, do the 'Achamana' [Oblation] and meditate on the Parambika Lalita Devi in your heart!. Then apply the Urdhva Pund or Tripund on the forehead! When the external and internal purification is done in this

manner, Do the "Sandhya Vandan. After that offer the oblation of water [Arghya] mixed with Kush [Darbha], rice flowers and sandalwood [Chandan] to God Sun! Take the auspicious Darshan of Goddess Lalitadevi in the reflection of the Sun Disc and offer the scented water oblation three times to Goddess Lalita Devei!

Making Goddess Lalitadevi satisfied in this manner meditate on the Shreenagar and the residential place of Lalitadevi. Do the Angnyas after that. Perform the worship of Goddess with sixteen methods [Upachar]. Perform the Archana and put the flower garland scented with Kasturi [Musk] around the neck of the Goddess. After completing all these acts , perform Thirty Six Lakhs Japa of the prescribed Mantra!! Offer Three Lakhs offerings of sacrifice in the fire! Do the food donation also after this offering in the sacrifice!

This Mantra becomes perfected with the performance of such rites and the definite number of Japa chanting! The person gets the release and liberation from the bondage of all sins, troubles, pains of the body, and calamities He gets the Grace and blessings of the Goddess. If the Eight Lakh Mantra Japa is done, it is possible to attract all Gods and Goddesses and bring them under the Sadhaka's control. When Five Lakhs Japa is done, the Sadhaka gets the attainment of all Spiritual Powers. One gets the fruit and the attainment of the fulfillment of the desire of the mind. If the Sadhak- [Spiritual aspirant] performs the Japa regularly everyday with the definite number, he gets the Grace of the Goddess! He becomes free and liberated from all types of sins. He looks beautiful like Kamdeva! He gets the perfect power of speech like Bruhaspati ! He becomes victorious and heroic like God Indra, grave and solemn like the Ocean and Enriched with wealth and prosperity like God Vishnu! The terror spreads in the world with the violation or the breach of the eyebrow of the devotee of Goddess!! His an-

ger has got the tremendous power to give experience of the deluge , disaster and catastrophe to the entire universe!! The devotee of the goddess becomes the knower and scholar of the knowledge of eighteen Vidyas that include Four Vedas, Six Shastras, Puranas, Dhanurveda, Ayurveda, History Arts, Drama, Poetics and Music!! His speech becomes holy and sacred, pure and sweet like river Ganga. Nothing remains unknown to him! He becomes the knowledgeable person, the scholar of all principles! The destruction of all his doubts takes place . The griefs of all people come to an end by the mere Darshan [sight]of him! The poverty or the miserable state does not remain any more! His bright success pervades all directions

For this reason ,four Vedas,Saptshastras praise Goddess Lalitadevi only! The Divine mother Goddess Lalitadevi is the Paramatma-the Supreme God [Spirit] and Paragati,the Supreme State!There is no other Supreme principle that exists as Supreme and different from her! All sages sing about Lalita Devi , All ascetics including Sanak and others meditate on this Goddess only! All eminent Gods including Brahmdev and others perform the worship of this Goddess for the attainment of five Spiritual Powers. O Great Sage Agastya, you have listened to the Greatness of Lalita Devi's biography, Mantra and the ceremonial rites- procedure to perform those rites etc with the deep sense of real devotion ! Therefore, learn and understand more about her various forms [images] also!!

Through the contemplation of the philosophical principles formless Goddess Lalitadevi who is in incomprehensible subtle form bears the form of two hands!! The Yoga Mudra In her right hand and the book in her left hand really look very nice. Some times she bears the form of Durga with ten hands! This Goddess Lalita had only taken the form of four hands to kill Tripurasur! Same Goddess

pleases and makes her devotees comfortable and happy by becoming Kamakshidevi in Kanchipuri! Kashi and Kanchi are two eyes of God Shiva! Lalitadevi only ascends in her radiant and splendid form through these eyes of Lord Shiva in her two different forms!!

"Once, God Brahmdeva had gone to Kanchipuri to receive Goddess Lalitadevi's Darshan! He had performed a very severe and difficult ascetic penance over there! As a result, Goddess Lalitadevi felt very pleased and manifested herself in the form of Lakshmi holding the Lotus flower in her hands! [Padmahasta Lakshmi]!! Brahmdeva became very happy to see the auspicious sight [Darshan] of that Paratpar Flame [Jyotee] He had greeted her and praised her with names such as "Adilakshmi, Tripuradevi, BrahmVishnu Jananee [Mother of Brahma and Vishnu], Kamakshi and Mangalmoorti !! while singing the hymn of her praise Brahmdev said,

"O you delightful Divine Mother who does everything auspicious and joyful of your devotee, You are the Creator of the universe, the abode of the most Natural Beauty, I offer my crores and crores obeisance to you!!"

Goddess Lalitadevi manifested herself before Brahmdeva after observing his devotional attitude!! So Brahmdeva insisted and invoked her to reside continuously in the Kanchi only for the welfare of the dull and foolish people [Vmudha] ! Similarly, he had also requested her that her existence should be along with God Shiva over there! Brahmdeva constructed a huge palace full of many excellent and good facilities and comforts for Shiv- Lalita in Kanchi! He had also erected a temple with an intention to make their stay comfortable! After that, Goddess became still and settled there in the form of the disc [Bimba] and suddenly vanished, disappeared!

"O Sage Agastya, Parvati had done the ascetic pen-

ance in Kanchipuree to please Goddess Lalita Devei with whom Lord Shiva had stayed at Kanchipuree! I will narrate that also to you! Hayagreeva started his narration further---

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"Once the pleasure play of humour and laughter was going on the peak of Kailasa Mountain between Shiv- Parvati, Parvati closed Shiva's both eyes with her hands. Shiva's two eyes means, the Sun and the Moon! When they were closed, the darkness had spread in the entire universe. It remained continuous on the earth quite a sufficient time. As a result the sacrificial acts and Homa etc. had stopped! The rites of Shraddha [The funeral ceremony observed at various fixed periods consisting of offerings with fire and water to the Gods and manes and of food and gifts to the relatives and assisting Brahmanas. It is specially performed for a parent recently deceased or three paternal ancestors collectively] and Tarpan [Act of offering water to the forefathers, deceased relatives.] were also stopped. The universe started becoming scrawny. [gaunt, scraggy]. Shiva also felt angry with this evil act of Parvati. He had renounced, abandoned Parvati with anger. Parvati tried to make an appeasement [wooing] of love. So, Shiva told her to go to Kanchipuri and to please Goddess Lalita Devi by taking the ascetic penance. Shiva suggested that Parvati should wash off her sin in this manner!

Parvati came to Kanchipuri as a respect to the words of her husband. She had done a severe and rigorous Tap- the Penance to please goddess Lalitadevi. Goddess manifested before Parvati feeling pleased and happy. She said to Parvati, "We both are one only! There is the difference of name and form only! I am pleased with your Tapa! Ask a boon for the fulfillment of your desire! "Parvati narrated the entire account of how Shiva had deserted her because of her wrong action and the reason of performing the ascetic

vow , the penance with his suggestion! Goddess Lalita Devi gave her the atonement and gave her the command to go back to Shiva. Goddess created the feeling of love for Parvati in the mind of Shiva. When Parvati came back, God Shiva accepted her with great respect and love!

"I will tell you one more story that describes the greatness of Goddess Lalita Devi who had settled in Kanchipuri. " With these words, Hayagreeva started narrating further. Sage Agastya also started listening with great devotion.

"Once, all Gods and goddesses, siddhas [Spiritually accomplishes sages], Tapasvi [ascetics] and Mahatmas [Great Souls] were discussing together in the Brahmsabha, [Meeting of Brahmdeva]. Five faced Brahmdeva, Four handed Shri Vishnu and Five faced Shiv were also present in the meeting! Since both Shiva and Brahma were five faced, it became difficult to recognize who was Brahmdev and Who was Shiva?" In addition to that, the great dispute and argument started about the greatness between the two! It resulted in to the anger of Shiva who had created Kalbhairava from the pillar! Kalbhairava had cut one head of Brahmdeva! But that head adhered , stuck to the hand of Kalbhairav. The Sin of the slaughter of the Brahma [Brahmhatty] had permanently foisted on [attributed] to God Shiva! Bhairavnath came to Kanchi and prayed Lalitadevi to remove this sin! When Lalita Devi saw his firm feeling of devotion, Goddess had taken the sin of the Brahmhatty , the killing of the Brahma towards her own self! As a result Brahma's head got stuck to Lalita's hands!

'O God Hayagreeva, please tell me who else had destroyed their calamities by worshipping Goddess Lalitadevi?" asked Sage Agastya!

"O Agastya, it is very difficult to complete your curiosity and eager because this list will never come to an end. But, O Agastya, The King Of Ayodhya Raja Dashartha

had also pleased Goddess Lalitadevi for the attainment of the son progeny! Truly speaking, the person that surrenders his all of desires of this world and the other world to the Goddess, and becomes her devotee, Lalitadevi helps him in all respects!" said Hayagreeva. Yet, Agastya was not satisfied. So, by becoming more pleased with Agastya's insistence, Hayagreeva told him about 'the Lalita Sahastranama' and explained the greatness and significance of the utterance of the name for thousand times! He said, " We should perform the reading [path] of this Lalita Sahastranam as our routine and regular duty. Do the worship of Shri Chakra," Do the Japa Path [Chanting] of the name of The Goddess. The devotee must do the Recitation [Pathan] of this Sahastranam with determination quite firmly. If he has the desire of enrichment, prosperity and glory, he should recite the stotra [hymns] and other things also. But the Reading or the Path of Sahastranam is a must!

"O Sage Agastya, who is born in the Kumbh [The Kalasha], I will tell you the reason of this regular reading [The Path] , of this One Thousand names , Sahastranam. Once with an intention of the betterment and welfare of the devotee , LalitaDevi called Goddesses among whom "Shri Vagdevivashini 'was the chief " and said to them," O Goddesses , please listen to my words very carefully with concentration. I have only made your appointment to acquire the divine power of speech. You know the mystery, the secret of my Chakra. You have been fully engrossed in making the utterance of my name. Therefore, I give you the command to construct the Hymns- A Stotras on me! Prepare a Stotra with the decoration of my thousand names. As a result, the devotees will raise me with thousand names. ' In this manner this Stotra [the Hymn] is prepared by the command of the Goddess.!" O Sage Agastya, all Gods along with three gods and people in all types of human beings

came to recite and sing this divine Stotra. They sang it with the great and intense feeling of devotion ! They all were blessed by Goddess Lalita devi with her Grace!

"O God Haygreeva, you have really made me fortunate and satisfied with this tale-the legend of Goddess Lalita Devi and her Sahastranam stotra!! As a result, I found the way of eternal liberation [Mukti] for the Future times now!!"

Sage Agstya who was "the Atharvan" originally, performed the meditation of Shri Vishnu, the form [image] of Shri LalitaDevi. Then he had performed all the rites along with the proper procedure of her worship and went to do the ascetic penance properly with all his heart's content and pleased Goddess Lalitadevi! Goddess Lalita Devi gave a blessing and the boon also such as, "Agastya Vidya [Knowledge] will remain eternal and long last! Those who will follow it will be extremely successful in their life!!" Agastya also felt very pleased !!.

Shri Tripureshvari Lalitadevi granted the boon to sage Agastya that "His Agastya Vidya [knowledge] will be always successful and fruitful!! As a result, the pandemonium of joy rose in Agastya's Gurukul! Agastya had obtained the most Secret Vidya [The knowledge]. All Kulgurus [Chiefs] of Agastya's ashram came in Kanchipuri and received sage Agastya's Darshan and accepted [grasped] the Para- Vidya [Divine Knowledge] that can be accomplished by the Divine power [Para Shakti] like Shri Lalita, Shri Tripureshvari!! So, Shri Vishnu, direct Dhanvantari in person also became very much pleased!!"

After narrating the Lalitakhyan [Tale of Shri Lalita Devei], Hayagreeva the image of Vishnu had disappeared !!

"Anil, it is the real truth that, Puran- katha [mythological Tales] are Miraculous, wonderful supernatural and inter-

esting !! Yet, why we make use of words such as, "" History and Mythology [Itihas and Purane]?" Yogeshvar expressed a doubt!

"What you say is right! Such marvelous, miraculous and interesting sweetness goes on creating during the stream of the course of time in all folklores that come from the oral traditions. Although this is a fact, yet a kind of element or part of truth is also hidden in that! The element of truth is the history! The Mythologicalization of the history occurs or takes place while materializing the resumption [assumption] of the people from the history!" said Anil! Then he started telling further,

"Man Manya Agastya thought that it was the proper time to take Renunciation [Sanyasa] by sacrificing the Ascetic Post! The Acceptance of Human Life ' was the most fantastic, wonderful and astonishing state which was purposefully accepted in his life! He had realized that, it was really difficult for the ordinary people to go and reach to the state of an Ascetic, Sage or God by making hard efforts also in the life ! Agastya had a direct contact with the Absolute Original Super Power [The Parabrahma] ! But, he also had a direct contact with three Gods such as Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh also! He had taken the acceptance of the human life from the advice and discussion with three Gods and Gods in The Heaven [Akash] and Space [antariksha] as regards the proper management of the Nature and Man for the human welfare! He had become successful in the propagation and dissemination of the Agastya Vidya by doing the movement and circulation in the whole universe by creating the Ashram Tradition also! He had realized that, it is not correct and proper to bind the ashrams in one formula from the point of view of future changeable and fickle age in the changed situation after the great world war! Agastya, the knower of three times had received the knowledge of

the change in the religion, the Royal ruling Power, that occurs with the Gurukuls, Lineages [Gotras] and the Sacrifice organizations [Yadnya sanstha] with the acquisition of means of four Universal Purusharthas such as Dharma, Artha, Kam and Moksha in the future times as a visionary.

In the traditional Gurukuls of Sage Agastya, many royal families and lineages, many priest families, Vaishya, Shoodra lineages, and the families that call themselves as Rakshas, Daitya, Vanar and Danav had joined. There was no oneness or homogeneity. Due to the effects of the World War, the feebleness and weakness had occurred in the regular management and help in the Gurukuls of the Ashrams. But, there was faith and confidence as regards the Goal, Faith and Health of the Agastya Vidya along with the human welfare among the Gurukuls, Different kings and groups of people!"

Agastya had given all oral traditions of his own traditions generously by recognizing the changes in the future times to the disciples of Vyasa! The state had occurred as regards the occurrence of break in the traditions of Gurukuls, Rishis, Gotra [lineages] and Gurukulas! The independent writing work of Four Vedas, Puranas, Neeti Shastra [Science of Ethics] and Shastra had become possible with the art of writing! Valmiki and Vyasa gathered together all stories of Manu created after the great Deluge by writing Ramayana and Mahabharata. Puranas had done the coherent consistency of the residual and remnant stories that linger in the world of human beings and various Gurukuls in association with various deities! The history of lakhs of years was being presented before the people indicated in the divine manner in the new universities! The creations of Politics, [Rajneeti], [Yudhyaneeti] War Ethics, Social Ethics [Samaj Neeti, Agriculture, Health, Atharvan, Dharm Shastra [Religion of Science], Daivat Katha [Stories of Daities], Tantra Shastra were taking place! Agastya Gurukuls were also

not far behind in all these subjects! The writing had started in the Sanskrit and Local languages. The Organization of Sacrifice [Yadnya Shastra] had received the status of the Tantra Shastra. The humanization of Deities, gods, demons, rakshasa, ghosts, Gandharavas, Nag, Rishi [Ascetics] trees, rivers oceans, and mountains had been completed!! It has become possible to include the "Matters such as, Divine Powers, Asceticism, and Spiritual Practice [Sadhana]" in the Shastras [Sciences] succumbed to the human being, internal side the Yoga Vidya and Tantra Shastra now!!

"Many ascetics had closed their independent Gurukuls during the period after the great world War! They had started "the Guru Traditions" at the personal level. The class of spiritual aspirants [Sadhak], Hermits [Sadhus], Siddhas [Men accomplished with spiritual powers], Gosavis, Sages [Muni] that perform the individual spiritual practice was coming in to the existence! In the Tantra Shastra two paths had taken place of Tantriks [followers of Tantra Shastra] such as, Vam Marga and Dakshin Marg. As a result, the class of Purohit [religious priests], Mantrik [Charmers] Hatha Yogis was being created! The convention has been established such as, "The troops of ascetics and sages with the acquisition of the divine powers that are included and assimilated among the Star Constellation should give the guidance by giving the advice for the welfare of the people! Temples of ascetics, hermits and sages were formed! They had received the Status of Divine Gods!

"Since Agastya was accomplished with the most ancient tradition of Man Many Mandarya Ascetic, the volume of his Gurukuls had spread very far everywhere in Sapta Dweepas very wide beyond the sea also!!

Agastya used to circulate and move at all these places with the speed of mind with his astral Body. Agastya had collected all Kulgurus of his Ashrams including his

ashrams established on the stars ,constellations in Kanchipuri. All Kulgurus gathered together in the Kanchipuri with the reliance of the Agastya Vidya. Agastya had invited all present Kulgurus of his ashrams for the first time during the last one thousand years. The Magnificent celebration that had received the form of Agastya sacrifice was going on! It was mentioned as "Agastya -Yag only at all distanced places everywhere. The Agastyas in the Southern Gurukuls had brought their important disciple families. The arrangement of the Agastya Yaga was arranged at the sacred place where HayaGreeva had narrated the Lalita Akhyana [Legend, account] to Agastya! The commencement of the sacrifice with the Soma Yag started as per the method of Agastya tradition! All Agastyas performed the Purushcharan - The recitations and other rites prescribed by the methora Shashtra to be observed by one who acquire the power of using the Mantra of Agastya Vedas together in the sacrifice. They made an invocation to all heavenly deities, [Dvesthan], Space deities [Antariksha devata] and Pruthvi Sthanika Devata [deities on the earth] by singing the hymns. All traditions in Rigveda, Yajurveda, Samveda and Atharva Veda were proclaimed again and again with the initiative of Ighmavaha before Agastya and Lopamudra!! During the Rest Period of sessions[Satras] various Agastya and their disciples were doing the recollection of all the stories of Agastya that were written in the Puranas! As a result, the greatness of the Agastya Sthanas that were spread in all directions was getting illumined more and more! The entire curtain of the magnificent work of Agastya was being illuminated and brightened up before the Agastya Tradition!! Agastya and Lopamudra were looking very beautiful, cheerful and delighted like Vishnu Lakshmi and Shiva Parvati!!

But, no one was talking about the intention, the purpose of this Agastya Yaga till the completion of the com-

plete offering of all sessions!! Each one was becoming enlightened in the light of knowledge based on the experience manifested from the asceticism of lakhs of years! The Agastya splendor was reflected on the cheerful and the delighted faces of men and women who were the inhabitants of the ashram .The fruit of asceticism of lakhs of years of Man, Manyas and Mandaryas got manifested in the form of Agastya Vidya in the complete Global manner!! All Gods and goddesses gave the blissful blessing of The Immortality to Agastya and Agastya Vidya in the presence of three Gods! Sage Agastya who was fully satisfied with blessings started giving his advice and guidance in the serious and grave manner.

"O Kulguru Agastyas, Agastya Ashrams and of course the Kulgurus had done the work of the propagation of Agastya Vidya with the Soma Yag [Soma sacrifice] along with the sacrifice organization with blessings of Mother Parvati and Mahadev Shiv, according to the desire of the Original SupremePower, the Parabrahma and the command with the advice of Brahma, Vishnu, Indra, Marut Mitra and Varuna for the welfare of Gods, demons, human beings, creatures and the earth for thousands of years. The inclusion of Agastya Vidya had been done completely in the collection of VedVyasa! The universe had become full of good and virtuous [Ary], ! The man had acquired the ability and capacity to destroy the demonic wealth that springs and gets created temporarily as per the quality of actions from the wisdom, discretion and prudence! The facility of receiving the advantage of the obtainment of the knowledge and philosophy of the world famous sages and ascetics is taking place in the universities and Gurukuls now!! All important human lineages [Kulas] have accepted to take education from the collected new universities and to give them the Vrutti [attitude tendency]. Due to this reason, the form and nature

of Agastya ashrams had become the centre of the acquisition of the knowledge as per the desire. There is no necessity of the Pathshala to do the regular study with efforts now. Where there is insistence on the necessity, Gurukulas can be run there. But, the use of such ashrams should be done for the advice, motivation voluntary acquisition of knowledge, the efforts to get the release from calamities on the urgent local questions the traditional sacrifice and Homas for the human welfare. And for the meditation, Austerity, Yoga, Tantra, Siddhis, the means of Liberation [Moksha Siddhi] and schools of health! The Controller of the world, God Hayagreeva had narrated the intention, the desire of the Lokpal, the King of the regents all directions through the form of Goddess Lalita Devi's Tale! The Manu had appeared in which there is the symbolic worship of the Parabrahma [The Supreme Original Power of the universe], Three Gods, The Sacrificial Deities as per said in Vedas, [Yadneeeya Vedokt Devata], and the application with the proper preparation of the forms of the Purush and Prakriti in the Tantrik manner! As per the advice of God Hayagreeva we are going to make use of all ashrams that had spread in the whole universe and sacred places for the Welfare of The People. The Agastya Gurukulas will perform the work of giving the turn and establish the discipline with experience to the languages in the concerned particular areas, regional and local areas, the conduct of people, customs and traditions, religious values with the support three principles such as, Faith, the Agricultural Work and Health! Myself, Man Manya Mandarya is going to reside at the specific places at all ten directions permanently in the Gross Body {Physical form}. I am also going to exist in the Astral Form [Sookshma deha] all over and everywhere! Similarly I am definitely going to create the awareness and realization of the Agastya Vidya by shining and illumining in the Star Constellation. We are

definitely going to do the work of the Human welfare in the worldly form like Gods incarnated in the human form with the Agastya knowledge, the Vidya, existent in me in the substantiated and established form in the prevalent Manu in the committed manner! [Manu-----The great legislator and saint, the Son of Brahma or the personification of Brahma himself! The name is a generic term and in every Kalp, or interval from creation to creation there are 'Fourteen Successive Manus' presiding over the universe for the period of a Manvantara respectively! 3] It also means --- the proper period, or season, the time, the day or the hour]. Lopamudra is also going to remain with me and participate in all this work everywhere !!

Let us be active and engrossed in the work as per the convention of the new Manu [period] with blessings of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh and the Desire, the will of the Parabrahma [The Supreme Ultimate Original Power]!! The New Age is beginning and the Old Age is setting down [Declining]!! There is more importance to the Tantra Marg [Method, System of The Technique, Tantra]

The worldly dealing or the transaction itself is in accordance with the Tantra. [Tantra--- Meanings--- A course, a way, a line of conduct, a path of procedure. The line of obedience or dependence., The mere manual acts in a religious ceremony, the acts without the mantra, A religious treatise teaching peculiar formulae, rites of worship etc., A branch of Vedas that teaches Mantra]. The Tantras are continuously going on in both ways Vam-left and Dakshin [Right] according to the tendency! Ultimately the goal or aim that has to be achieved by any Tantra is the one only. We should give the acceleration and the speed to the study of the Tantra according to our own necessity. We can perform the work in both ways such as, "The God Realized, divine and Spiritually accomplished Siddha and the Business of the Family

Priest that conducts all the ceremonials and sacrifices of the house and the family! In this Manu, a special importance will take place to the Mantra, Tantra, Techniques of Solutions to the problem, Rites and their procedure of performance [Vidhi- Vidhan] to achieve and obtain the desired successful result by pleasing various divine powers, satanic or demonic powers and original powers!!

That means, that "the importance of the Japa and Tap [Austerity] has not become less! Efforts, exertion, asceticism Abhyas [study], and Yoga also have the importance as per their concerned way. Sacrifices and Homas will be also performed by following the Tantra Shastra . Their importance is also there. We are going to participate in all that! In the Dev Tantra [God Tantra] of Shaiva, Shakta, Ganapatya, Soour [Sun], Vaishnava there is an inclusion of all deities in the Shiva Ganas [troops], This worship or the techniques of Spiritual practices [Sadhana Tantras] can be created by keeping the human body at the central place. Many opinions and ways will be proved among the human groups in the new manner. Their Tantra or ways will be also created at those particular times. These tantras or ways will be produced and generated with the help and support of the powers of intellect and physical organs. The Tantra of the New Manu is that, " Their application should be done according to the Guru Tradition"! O Agastyas, I will be available to you all after this in the Astral [subtle] form by taking the complete renunciation [Sampurna Sanyasa]. ! Although this is known as the Sanyas or renunciation in the worldly manner, yet, 'Agastya ' is the tradition of the human life which is auspicious and welfare oriented to the life of efforts, exertion and hard work!! " The Mission of raising the all human beings on the test of The Aryatva- the Goodness, the righteousness' will be continued further also in future times along with the relations of 'The Man and The Nature and God and

The Man"!! Similarly, it would be better for us to make our path more broad and extensive! When you remember me in the essential situation or necessity, I will become present!! Time and The Space is eternal [Kal and Avakash]!! The creation of the people [world] is also endless and eternal like the Earth. "Our journey is from One Manu to the other Manu.....!! From one catastrophe or Deluge to another Catastrophe or the Deluge [Pralaya].....!!" Each and every word that was uttered by Agastya was giving the testimony, the witness of the New Manvantar [the new change of the new time] like Vedic Mantra Chant!! Similarly it was giving the Testimony of the transformation also.....!!

"Narayan.... Narayan.... O Agastyas, we offer our obeisance to you all!!

"O Brahmarshi, we, the Agastya Tradition bow to you with all our heart!

"O Agastyas, the enquiry , observation and perception [Paramarsh-] that you have done is certainly quite proper. But, Hayagreeva also does not expect Man Manyu Agastya to take the Sanyasa or the Renunciation!! Maharshi Agastya had presented this thought from the heart-rending sad situation that had risen and been created after the Great War! But,, O Sages, the necessity of the acquisition of knowledge and the donation of the knowledge based on the Ashram has not been finished and ended yet! The creation of the collective universities had started taking place for the matters such as, the transformation of the Gurukulas, Collective Vedic Knowledge [Ved Vidya], Knowledge of War [YudhaVidya], Ved -Upangas [Sub parts] such as Ayurveda etc., The Knowledge of Politics[Rajya Vidya] . The Acharyas are definitely going to carry forward the tradition of Ved Vyasa in the unbroken manner continuously! There is the necessity of our contribution [Yogadan] in that also! For the Tantra -Vidya [Science of Application] the growth and devel-

opment of Atharvan [The Name of the Fourth Veda, Atharv! It is also a term related for wily and wicked arts or practices in order to injure] The development of Ayurveda, Jyotirvidya [Astrology] and Yoga Vidya is expected to be from our Agastya place

The science of the Technique of Application [Tantra Shastra] is going to receive great importance in the Folk Language [Lok Bhasha], Folk knowledge [Lok Vidya], and Knowledge of Science [Vidnyan Vidya]. Mandarya had stated this indisputable and unquestionable truth very well! The Gods and Goddesses of Power of all these 'Tantras 'are going to be Uma, Mahesh, Ganesh and Vishnu, Soorya [The Sun] and the Moon [Chandra] and the Folk Deities [Lok Devata]. Parabrahma had done the creation of the Rishis [anchorites, hermits and sages] that were very powerful due to their severe Tapa[Asceticism] and Mahabali who were full of the Ascetic Power in the Universe Power known as Maya - The Illusion [Srushti Shakti] to make the organization and management of the universe created with the assistance of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh as well as the help of the deities such as, Indra [the King Of Gods], Varun, [Rain], Marut [Wind], Chandra [The Moon], and Agni [the Fire]!!The Yatushakti in Maya is very powerful and full of strength to pervade the entire universe now!! Therefore, the scientists who know the Tantra, [technique]very well by controlling the power and make the use and application of it, are going to take place of the status of the rishis who were the visionary of powers and the creators of the mantras and Hymns! As a result, The Ascetic Organization [Rishi Sanstha] will take a break and cease and Spiritual aspirants, [sadhak], Hermits, Sadhu], Tantrik [Charmers], religious priests, Yogis, Siddhas and scientists [Vaidnyaniks] and Athavans will have to do the works of the Ascetic Organizations! The written knowledge through the medium of words

will get more importance and the great Rulers will emerge that will apply the technique along with that written knowledge!"

"Therefore, O Agastyas, you could be able to see the great Super Human Person like Man Manya Mandarya who was full of great powers like Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma, Indra, Marut, Agni Mitra and Varun and was blessed by these powers directly to him, knower of three times and the image [form] of the universe and the nature, working directly in person in the human form for the last lakhs of years! Now,the great Super Human persons in the traditions of ascetics Rishis Marichi, Kashyap, Agastya and others that were produced from that state known as, are going to Vivaswat and then to Mahanirvan to make the preparation to establish the New Bhooloka [Earthly world] for the preparation of the next 'Vivasta! The natural and physical state of Agastya is different than other sages, superhuman and human also. Similarly, he is an ascetic, powerful Siddha and Mahabali, Atharvan and the Manager, the Controller of the Universal power also! Therefore, he has a great and powerful influence and impact on the technical Knowledge [Tantra dnyan]! Therefore , his departure to Vivaswat is also going to be just symbolic! For that purpose only, he has given you the command of doing the acts of the work of the Human Welfare by protecting the greatness of the locations and the places with the form of proper Power ways and protecting the Agastya Tradition!!!"

"O Brahmarshi, Narada, you have made the great and extensive exposition [interpretation] about the future times! What is the role and place of Agastya in this explosion of the future times? How will the New Vivasvat emerge and be created? Kindly tell us about it in the witness of Mandarya Agasya just now!!!" Ighmvah provoked Brahmarshi Narada to talk again!!.....

"O Ighmavah, Agastya Maharshi, you have asked a very subtle, penetrating question that can cause and give shape to the future solution and unraveling! For that purpose, it is essential to unfold and see the mystery of the universe.....!!

"In the space [avakash] the action, the act of change or transformation in 'Many' happens from the Kaivalya, the Supreme Original power as per its nature and natural disposition! From here only, the cause and effect and the Measurement [Chronometry] of the action and reaction starts! Since the existence of The Parabrahma [The Ultimate original supreme power] which is the form of the Divine Essence [Kaivalya] is eternal! Many Manus that are innumerable in innumerable and full of action and reaction along with the measurement [chronometry] go on happening! They continue to occur. The measurement of that each Manu is less or more as per the self-will or the whimsicality of the Kaivalya. But, the doer or the causative factor or the agent of that self-willed dreamlike states are the states known such as, the Creation [Generation- utpatti], Organization [Sthiti-preservarion] and the Extinction [laya]!! These three states are called Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh created or produced by the Kaivalya, the original Supreme Power!! From the inspiration and motivation of these three, the principles of the universe are produced or emerged from the principles of Brhama, Vishnu and Mahesh and become activated [become active, start doing the action]!! Among this, Vishnu only becomes the fountainhead [Original Stream] of the energy, the Sun or the Form of Splendor [Luster] or Fire [Agni]! From the Shiva Tatva, Prakriti [Nature], Maya [Illusion], The Earth, Wind [Vayu] and water are produced, and get raised! If we observe at the superficial level, it appears that these principles or Tatvas are produced from the Forms of Vishnu and Mahesh, yet the main Doer or the Causative

Factor is the Brahm [The Eternal Truth] only as per the command of Brahma. He makes the anchoring of these Principles by the power of Indra! In this act, there is the Kaivalya form of Brahma, Vishnu and Mahesh and all these Tatvas [Principles] are directly created!! Therefore, they are named as " Bhootas-Elements"! The Father or the Creator of five elements such as, The Earth [Pruthvi], Water [Aap], Brightness or Splendor [Tej] Air [Vayu] and Space [Avakash] and The Mayakash that gets produced from that Avakash! These Tatvas or the Principles are raised from the Kaivalya [The divine supreme Power] and the Vikar Rupa [Form of abnormality] of three Gods without the reason! Therefore it is quite clear and open that they are bound to merge and assimilate in the Original Supreme Power, The Kaivalya' ultimately!

In The Mayakash, to control the universe from the management of the elements with the action and reaction process, heavenly deities [Dei Devata], Antariksha Goddesses, and the earth goddesses that are emerged or produced from three Gods and Five Tatvas [Principles] and to make the management of the human beings that have mind which is created in various manner, nature [Prakriti] and passions [disorders] and other animals, many ascetics are created by the command of the Parabrahma from the mind of the Brahm and three Gods that are the forms of power who organize and manage the seasonal management with great efforts and give the proper and suitable shape to the life of the creatures! Marichi, Kashyap Agastya and other ascetics including me, are the Mental Sons of Brahmdeva!! They appear [manifest] in the process of the management in one disorder in the Mayavakash and disappear for the management in the disorder of the next new Mayavakash [Illusory Space]

[[1] Maya---- Creation- Illusion., the illusoriness of

the appearance of the universe as material and of distinct subsistence, being in reality spiritual and the evolved substance of the eternal monad Brahma! Maya is personified in mythology as a female and consort of Brahma. and the formative energy of the Brahma expansion and disposition misapprehended as the creation.2] Avakash--- Space]

Truly speaking, three Gods , Brahma Vishnu and Mahesh that are produced from the Kaivalya, the Original Supreme Divine Power and the powers that are produced from three Gods are blank, expressionless and impassive ! Their expression is the Illusion only! In the disorder management of the Generation, Organization and Extinction states that site or seat on the Tatavas[Principles, elements] that happen [occur] in the Illusory Space [Mayakash] tell the philosophy of the expressionless and blank formulas to the entities [existences] in the Illusory Space and give the inspiration and motivation to go to the Blank and expressionless Original Supreme Divine Power known as Kaivalya!!

The acts performed by Mandarya Agastya, such as,"To protect Gods like Indra and Marut, to destroy the pride of the ocean, Vindhya, Asur, Ravan, Nahush etc, to make the management of cows and farmers, to do the sessions of sacrifices along with the Soma sacrifices,[Yadny Satra with Somyaga], to do the worship of Ayurveda, Chemical Diagnosis with the surgical diagnosis, Service of the patients, to take care of the tradition, to make the management of the rain and water in the sky, earth and the sea " had happened with the sense of duty to Brahma, the Highest Original Divine Power!! Therefore many forms of Agastya as " the Image of the power of Shiva, Atharvan Agastya"were seen during the lakhs of years so far!!! We could be able to see Agastya who had made an establishment of the entire human life without Gods and Demons with great devotion by giving the proper guidance to Ramchandra, Parashuram,

Shreekrishna and Pandavas!!

"O Agastyas, the State of present Manu will remain for Twenty One thousand Years only in the future from today onwards!! The Great Deluge [Catastrophe] had come close now! This state of Manu is going to create a great conflict in the human mind from the conflict between the Believers and non-believers [Astik- Theist, Theistic, Nastik-Atheist-Atheistic] !!! The public mind or the mind of the people will be caught in this and the Atheistic tendency will be strengthened with more powerful strength! Naturally, the emphasis of this Vivasvat will be on the Scientific oriented knowledge and information and Technological Knowledge Tantra -Dnyan] from the Kaivalya Dnyan [Esoteric Knowledge] ,. The dominant influence of the Technological Knowledge on the Bio-Principles [Jeevatatvas] in the universal principles, values [Srushti Tatva] will give an invitation to the growth and development of the life principle[Jeeva Srushti! In this state or scenario, the Rishi [Ascetics], Muni [Sages], Tapasvee [Ascetics that do the spiritual practice], Vedvidya [Knowledge of Vedas], Tatvdnyan [Philosophy] will prove to be lifeless and luster-less! Due to Science and Technology, there will be a state of forgetfulness [oblivion] of Self-Knowledge,Self Relations, Extra Sensory- power, Extra Sensory Knowledge! The degeneration [decline] of the living life will go on taking place. The earth will oscillate with the heat of the Sun and the unnatural projects.The imbalance and cross between the man and animals will increase more. Man will forget his own self and become dependent . He will struggle hard for the fulfillment of his temporary desires and expectations and passions on the strength of the technology! All management such as the village, city, kingdom and wealth will be disorganized, upside down and dependent! The dissatisfaction, and hungriness of passions will increase more! The life of the beings will go

in hands of the very few charmers and be controlled by them. The kingdom of the people [democracy] will become helpless. Man will finish himself with his own weapons like the demon Bhasmasur!

"O Brahmarshi, You are making all of us very fearful by telling this mystery of the universe! Is it not in the hands of the Prabrahm Kaivlya to create the great and the supernatural human beings who can make the way out of this and give solutions?" questioned Ighmavah Agastya once again?

"O Ighmavah Agastya, you are asking this question in a very shrewd and wise manner with desire of the welfare of the people! The existence of Kaivalya is taken for granted! It is hypothetical. When this is not comprehended by the science, the theistic tendency disappears and dispels.

The Jeeva-The living being[animate creature] that has acquired five organs [Panchendriyas] keeps on thinking that,"Religion is the only Truth!" These are the various forms of Kaivalya, and the same Tatva or the principle with its illusory existence with the process of action and reaction or that Tatva [the Principle] which is manifested in various kinds by taking new forms constantly , experiences, suffers , enjoys, goes through this universe during the course of time till the deluge [Dooms day]!! In this process , he, [the Jeeva] gets the experience of the path of Moksha [The Liberation from the worldly human bondage] or the Path of Materialism! The people that go on and follow the Materialistic life are of the atheistic intellect and blind with eyes! Really speaking, "the existence " about which they think, get or acquire that intellect [sense, mind, intelligence] from the eternal [everlasting] Kaivalya power [The Original Divine Supreme Power]only!!!! But, they consider and accept the received and obtained the practical dealings as the evidence and proof , standard and authority and dissolve [abandon]

their bodies by thinking about that practical dealing and enjoying or suffering and enduring that illusory that enjoyment or doom, sufferings !! Although ,those who had accepted and acknowledged the Science Oriented evidence or the Direct experience oriented evidence felt that they have known and understood "The Shastra's! [Shastra-----Institutes of Religion, Law or Letters especially considered as of Divine Origin or authority as Scriptures.], yet they get deprived of the Self- Knowledge [Atmadnyan], and surrender or succumb to the ignorance and pride [Ego]!! Really speaking, atheistic tendency or the Atheism springs and gets produced from the contemplation of Theism or the Theistic tendency only !! " The search of Theism [Believing] is the only goal and aim of the Athesim-[Non -Beliving]. But, the intellect and the talent to reach there is very essential for that purpose!! In the future times, the opinions of the Non-Believing[Atheism] will be created and their influence will increase more! This is the realistic and last [ultimate] stage of the human state. ' To become perfect and spiritually accomplished with the self- knowledge" by surviving from this state, is like reaching beyond the next Mayakash [Illusory Sky] !!

"O Agastya, the Atheist and Theist opinions will continue to create theoretical conflicts between individuals. There is the expression of the Principle of the Original Supreme Divine Power [Kaivalya] only in this universe! This essence of the Upnishads or Vedant will be felt as unacceptable and from this differences of opinions, the rise of nations, nationalism and wars will continue to take place in the future! That will be used as the reason or the pretext also for the cause of Power Politics!! The opportunity or the chance of thinking about the thought of the principle of the whole universe also will not be found out any more!! As a result, the extinction [end] of the universe is simply unavoidable-

able from this!! But, the eternal [orthodox] assumption [presumption] of the people will behave according to the opinions of the believers [Theists] through the various expressions of the devotional worship of the Kaivalya [The Original Divine Supreme Power]. Yet, there will be a big distance, [separation] between the practical dealing and the thought!! The human welfare can occur only when the feeling of love will be cherished and maintained from the Theists point of view about the whole universe by following the path of devotion to the Kaivalya, --the Eternal original divine Supreme Power!! But, the balance of the five basic principles in the universe is very important along with the balance of the human mind. Therefore, the human behavior must happen in accordance with the thought of the balance, the equilibrium of the universe!! If it happens, then the present Manu will continue the passage of time for lakhs of years in the most proper manner with the blessing of the Parabrahma-[The Absolute Original Eternal Divine Supreme Power]. "The process of the Kaivalya - Cause " [Reason , ground between the Eternal [Shashvat] and Non- Eternal [Ashashvat- the Perishable] must be understood! The ' Shashvat" or the Immortal, Eternal is blank, [expressionless,] , formless, without qualities [beyond attributes] ! That is the actual and real Principle. Whereas, Ashaswat or the Mortal [Perishable] is full of disorder and passion, with attributes or qualities and with the form! "Food, sleep, fear and intercourse [copulation]" is its reactionary tendency with the reason. All living beings are caught in that! Therefore their conflict, their struggle is going on in the Mayakash [Illusory Space] in the non- eternal , perishable manner!..

Their existence is temporary ,mortal, perishable like the existence of the waves on water, waves of the wind and the shadows of things. The Atheist opinions make the arrangement of life by giving more importance to the actual

existence in the non-eternal and mortal aspect. But, some Theist- opinions present the views such as ""Shashvat or the permanent is beyond the Non-Eternal or temporary and say , " Therefore, life should be lived carefully in accordance with that!" The pure [sheer] Thiests say that, " The Shashvat or the Eternal[Permanent] exists in the Non -Eternal also and exists beyond that also!! They say that," All three things such as,' The original Reason, Existence and the existence " are included and assimilated in the Kaivalya , the Divine Supreme power! Ascetics had done a lot of efforts of the human welfare to bring the awareness and consciousness to take the universe in the illusive space [Mayakash] upto the Kaivalya, the Divine Supreme Power and gave the entire ruling power in the Illusive Space - the Mayakash at the hands of the man!! Kaivalya, Three Gods and the organizers that are produced or created by them are mere witnesses only!! "Therefore, their mission, their work as the powers that are created from Kaivalya and three Gods for them is to do the work of giving guidance by remaining as the witness" will go on continuous" !! Narada explained the present real situation!

Agastya said on that," O Brahmarshi, You remained present as per my remembrance and created the awareness of the state and mission of the post of Agastya to all! As a result, the Agastya tradition will do the work of this mission continuously in the most proper manner!!

"O Maharshi Agastya, The entire Rishi Tradition has to remain active and engrossed in the work of making ,preparing the Public Presumption in the new Vaivasvata and till the last moment of the deluge as per the message of God Vishnu!! Said Narada.

"Yes! Very true O Great Maharshi! But, when the human beings and five elements will make the request for anything in the future, is it not in our hands only to give them our

help? It is in our hands only to give them inspiration and motivation and make an appeal to work with an attitude and the tendency of co-ordination and the welfare of the entire cosmos [Brahmandhitaishi vrutti] !!", explained Sage Agastya!!

"O Agasta, Kindly tell us about the solution that Haygreeva had given on this !"

"O Brahmarshi Narada, Hayagreeva had made a future prediction that, 'People will follow and make use of the Tantra Path along with Sagun Worship [Worship of the divine with form and attributes]. Therefore, it is sequential and essential to follow that path!' Agastya made the analysis of the path once again!!

After this conclusive speech of the decision made by Sage Agastya, all Agastya traditions in the universe returned to their own place by keeping the role which they will have to play in their mind that was related to Agastya's human welfare oriented, synthesis ,full of making the balance in the universe, devoted to the rain and Aurvidya, powerful preparation to face the powerful pride fighting with war and from attitude of the fulfillment of the desire of the human welfare to the human welfare of the entire cosmos.

Man Many Agastya started his journey further from Kanchipuram. He took bath with great love in Kaveri and embraced her! By giving his auspicious blessings to Ighmavaha he came to Panchvati! He met many ascetics in the Tapovan. All ascetics were worried in a different state of mind! The big question mark about the future was reflected on their faces. Almost one and all ascetics including Vasishistha, Vishvamitra, Bhrgu, Durvas , Angiras had done the discussion with Agastya. As if, the Get-Together Cer-

emony had been formed in the Tapovan! After the discussion, all felt only one sense and one feeling of realization.....!! And that was "The Neutral [Impartial] Asceticism!!!"..... Till the New Vaivasvat.....!!!

Agastya came in his Agastyapuri on the bank of the Amrutvahini from Panchavati. Agastyapuri was waiting for him for the one thousand years! Siddheshvar's dearest Atharvan Agastya stood before Siddheshvar!!

"O Siddheshvar Mahadeva, I kept on doing the work according to the expectations of three Gods by the opportunity given by MitraVaruni with your splendor, your brightness!! Manu had changed! The states of the cause and effect had changed! The Agastya-Vidya had been composed in Ved - Vedangas , Brahmangranthas and Puranas!! Atharvan had received the form of Mahanirvan Tantra! I have completed the work that was assigned to me and handed over as the responsibility with grace and blessings of Kaivalya and the power of Agni- Narayana. Now the human state has been shaped in one mature human state only by forgetting the states such as God, The Monster, Ghost Demon etc. They tried to make the effort to control over the basic natural elements! Tantras [Techniques] were created! The manifestation of Maya [Illusion], Adishakti [Primordial Female Power], Yatu Shakti, Vam- Marg, Dakshi Marg, Tantra Vidnyan [science of Tantra, the technique], Shastra [weapon], Astra, and the Tantra Dnyan [The technological Knowledge] started through the medium of human physical bodies! The conflict between the Public devotion and Self Devotion had increased more! O Siddheshvar, the New Manu was caught between the Theist and Atheist [Believer and Non Believer-Astik and Nastik] conflict!! In this situation, and in this scenario, the intention of the Agastya Tradition is to make use of it from the view of Agastya Tradition and the Reaction of the Agastya Knowledge [Vidya]! Your command is extremely important

for this purpose! O Siddheshvar, I have decided to accomplish, to achieve the Samadhee Yoga on the bank of the river Amrutvahini by taking your auspicious Darshan!! I want your command now! The opinion and the advice of Mother Parvati regarding this action had received by God Haygreeva!! The Ascetic State is timeless [eternal] and infinite [never ending, endless]!! It is the direct creation of the Brahma!! Without his command everything is just impossible in this state! But, O father, you have manifested [revealed, disclosed] and brought me to light through the Lotus Formed Vessel [Pushkar Swaroop Kumbh] of the Manas Lake with the blessing, the boon of MitraVaruni and Mother Urvashi with your fire formed [Agniswaroop] nature, the tendency along with your Self- Principle [Atma Tatva]!! I had received the obtainment of Parjanya [Rain], Jal [water], Ayurvedya, Yuddha Vidya [knowledge of war], Sam vidya, Krushi Vidya [Knowledge of Agriculture] Ahamkar, Manvidya [Knowledge of mind] from you only!! As a result, I have received the obtainment of the knowledge of the form of Agastya- Vidya to do the protection of Gods, Human being and mother cows, the service of the Mother Earth, and the service of the human with the blessings of the Divine Mother Parvati and the help of Shri Ganesh, Sharada and Kartikeya!! I got extremely powerful and great brothers like Vasishtha, Matsya, Nahusha, Ganesh and Kartikeya !! I could be able to experience the universe and the self- form of Kaivalya [The Great Original Divine Supreme Power] in the company of many ascetics and sages!! Therefore, O Mool Beeja, The original God, I have become truly blessed and my life had become meaningful! Please give me your command, your order now!!"

'Shri Siddheshvar who was listening to this final and ultimate speech of Agastya appeared, [manifested] with the deep and fierce loud roaring sound before him.....!!!

"O Agastya, Narayana, You are successful and you have achieved your purpose! You have performed the work of the human welfare in the most adorable and successful and proper manner! The worldly venerable powers like Lopamudra, Ighmvaha and Kaveri had become perfected and accomplished with your company and grace and blessings and are fully engrossed in the work of giving guidance from the star constellation with you!! O Agastya, your Samadhee Yoga will also be successful! After doing the most enormous greatest work also, not the single trace or spark of pride or ego had touched your mind at all! You are famous as the destroyer and the repressor of the egoistic pride! O highly Brilliant Son, you are the penetrator of the egoistic pride, ignorance hardness, and the disastrous calamity ! You are the one that makes the path broad! You are the donor of health to the man along with the management of the Earth, Water, Air [Vayu]. You have obtained the art, the knowledge [Vidya] of the acquisition of progeny, wealth, and power in the pure manner!! With your grace the quarrels come to an end and disappear! Mind becomes calm and quiet! The most thick and affectionate friendship is created. The evil power will not be able to stay or sustain before you at all! You are a great warrior that destroys the evil and the wicked! You are the champion, the supporter and the defender of people! You are the friend of Devaraj Indra. You are the one that desires the good of the demons! Therefore, you are the image of the Parabrahma directly in person! O Agastya, although you are deeply engrossed in your Samadhee- Yoga upto the next Vaivaswat, the desires of mind of the people will be fulfilled with your worship, by arranging your sacrifice, not only that but just by your remembrance also!! Their path will be clear without any thorns and difficulties!" Give such promise and such assurance to this 'Brahmanda'- the Universe' and let the beggar, the peti-

tioner, poor, weak and troubled ones be benefitted with their auspicious welfare.....!! This is my only command to you!!" O Agastya, this your Ashram which is situated on the bank of the Amrutvahini Pravara will be the treasure of peace of life, the Holy and sacred Place of knowledge, the Attainment Place of the Protection Shield , Health and Long Life! Even in the changing Manu also, the one that comes to you will be successful, blessed and contented!! Your peregrination [circulation] will be continuous in the subtle or astral form in this entire Cosmos [The Brahmanda]!

"I give you my blessing , You yourself and will continuously make the observation of your work from the role of the Agastya Star and give the recollection also!!"

Agastya felt extremely blessed and successful with the auspicious blessings of Siddheshvar! He came in his ashram of Agastyapuri! He greeted Lopamudra with all his heart! He had taken the bath in the Amrutvahini and gave the oblation [Arghya] to the Sun , Indra, Moon, Brahma, Vishnu Mahesh, The Earth [Pruthvi], Kaivalya, and Kal!! After that, he started going to his previously planned place!!

Mandarya Agastya returned after taking the bath to his hearts satisfaction in Amrutvahini! He saw that Lopamudra was also performing the Sandhya [Rite of giving oblation to Savitru Devata in the morning] by completing the acts such as the bath in the Amrutvahini and offering oblation to the Sun etc. She had done the Purshacharan of Gayatree Mantra with the loud utterance! Agastya looked at Lopamudra's appearance from the long distance! He could see Maharshi Lopamudra whom he had created from his own splendor illumined with a different kind of luster! The entire splendor of Agastya was brightening from her person! Her eyes were settled still in the sky! Her eyes had gone and reached in to the space [Avakash] by crossing the bright blazing rays of the Sun! Mandarya Agastya came

close to Lopamudra! Lopamudra had completed her Sandhya and that self- illumined star moved forward to touch Agastya's feet! Lopamudra came close to Agastya in the complete state of Agastya. Agastya felt that direct Goddess Lalitadevi Tripureshvari, Parvati, Lakshmi and Saraswati was coming near to him in person!! He had offered his obeisance to the goddess by prostrating and Lopamudra became more bright! Her luster,her splendor could not be contained on the earth! Agastya was watching.....!! **Lopamudra paid her obeisance to Agastya and merged and disappeared completely in Agastya!! Agastya could be able to understand what was happening!!** He had felt and realized this new revelation of Kaivalya as very beautiful, attractive , more wanting and full of universal spirit!!

All men and women attendants and disciples in the ashram were watching this great entire miracle! They bowed to Lopamudra who was merging and disappearing in Agastya's body with great devotion with all their heart!

Mandarya Agastya started the beginning of the Samadhee Yoga , sitting in the lotus Posture [Padmasan] at the preplanned place of meditation. All citizens of Agastyapuri had sensed the Samadhee Yoga of Agastya! All resident men and women made a thick crowd in the ashram! They started making the loud proclamations!

|| Om Agastyai namah| Om Agastya Narayanay Namah| Om Agastya Siddheshvaray Namah| Om Agastyay Brahmay namah| Om Agastya Mandarya Parabrahmayei Namah| Tvam Sakshat Brahmasi| Tvam Paramatmasi Nityam| Om Shri Parabrahmrupay Mandarya Agastyay Trahi Bhagavan||.....

The citizens continued the loud proclamation! Mandarya Agastya became extremely splendorous like One thousand rayed and one thousand named God, Agastya

Bhagavan!! The whole universe was dazzled! All Gods and Goddesses, Ascetics and sages, Yakshas. Gandharvas, Panch Tatvas, Divine Power Goddess Lalita and three Gods viewed closely and contemplated this Universe pervading, divine, splendid, vast, Parabrahma like form, the image of Agastya on the bank of the river Amrutvahini with great joy!!

The nectarous words resounded from the Avakash [Space], "[Parabrahmswaroopay Mandarya Agastyay Namoh Namah| Namoh Namah| Namoh Namah| Three Gods exclaimed words," Har, Har, Har! Atman avakashe Chir Prakashman|]

And the thick crowd of stars gathered in the avakash, the space! Even the balls of splendor like the sun and moon and others started looking dim and faded before this great brightness of the thick crowd of stars! The divine and dazzling bright star started moving towards the South direction over the pure water of Amrutvahini and merged, dissolved in the seven stars constellation [sapta taraka Punj]!!

Lopamudra also appeared along with Agastya in the sky.....!!!!

When the citizens of Agastyapuri were watching this great miracle with their own eyes, the words were resounded in the whole atmosphere,"

"O Agastya the residents of Agastyapiree, Agastya is establishing the permanent life giving Samadhi at the place where the Agastya place has been created in all worlds in the space! Tell him about your grievances and complaint regarding your worldly life, mundane life, Maya, [Illusion], practical dealings, Spiritualism and earthly calamities. Awaken your inner Agastya. Your desire will be fulfilled and completed. Although my residence is quite subtle and in the astral form of Agastya, yet, my circulation is everywhere like the wind [Vayu]! Agastyapuri is my everlasting and per-

petual settled Seat and the abode [the Peetha] ! My existence is everywhere at Agastyakoot, Vindhya, Gangadwar, Kashi, Prayag, Gaya, Vang, Brahmsaras, everywhere in India [Bharat] and in all worlds [Lokas]. In the proper limitations of all divine, human and non-divine, my help, my guidance and the work of the fulfillment of desire is going to be constant and regular! You be assured about it and depend on it. Any work that you will do for the welfare of people, the good and betterment of people, Health, the fruition of the universe, the satisfaction of the earth, if you remember me, I will be present there. I will certainly make that work successful by manifesting in the subtle [minute] form!!'

"The residents of Agastyapuri had kept their Sage Agastya in the palanquin. The graceful and unheard [Na Bhooto Na Bhavishyati] procession of the splendid image absorbed in the deep meditation came in the Agastya ashram after the Darshan of Shri Siddheshwar from Agastyapuri! The temple of Sage Agastya was erected in his absorbed state of meditation, The Samadheeyoga. ! The stone form image of Agastya was erected as the symbol above the Samadhee place of Agastya with loud announcements and proclamations. All people of Agastyapuri were engrossed in making the worship of the symbol of Agastya's image while performing his Mental Worship [Manaspuja]!! The regular stay and the regular reading Path [Nitya Path] of Shreeram, Valmiki, Vishvamitra, Hrushyashrung and others had started!

"How is it that Agastya's Samadhee is not seen anywhere?" Yogeshwar asked the question.

"The residents of Agastyapuri also respect and accept his" Symbolic Form Samadhee [Tomb, state of Trance]!! This Samadhee is not like other Samadhee which is commonly accepted!", Anil explained.

Anil, you say that Agastya's work is continuously going on ! It is going on even today also in the present times! How is that?" questioned Yogeshwar.

"Agastya -places [locations] were established in the form of "the Shivalayas-the Shiv Temples' known as, Agastyavar, Agastyamunigram, [Dharmaranya], Gangadwar, Kashi, Prayag, Gaya, Vang, Pushkar, Prabhas, Ujjain, Vindhya, Raver, Ambai, Panchvati, Akole, Nevasa, Bavdhan, Mahanadee { Brahmrassa], Agastyasthan Badami, Agastyakoot [Pothiyil-Pithiyil], Pandya Tamraparni, Vaidurya, Kunjar Parvat, Malay Parvat, Oudid, Viddutvan, and Vishvambhar! The places of Brahmavin Agastya that had acquired Shri Vidya, Atharvan, Dhanurvidya [Knowledge of Archery], Arogya Vidya [Knowledge of Health], Krushividya [Knowledge of Agriculture], Jal vidya [Knowledge of water] are at Agastyatara in the Adwait form [oneness with Divinity] and his places at Vishvambhar are existent in the subtle [minute] form, with his body fully engrossed in the state of deep meditation [Samadhee] ! Agastya who is the form, the image of Parabrahma gives his Darshan in the form of three Gods like three Gods also! As per the say of Hayagreeva even in the present times also his each and every place gives the experience in many forms with the help of Yantra, Tantra, Vidhi- Vidhane[Rites and the method of performing rites] and the miracles with the obtainment of the spiritual powers [Siddhi- Prapti] !! He is taking his resolution and obsession of making " The whole Universe full of goodness and righteousness"- [Aryamaya Vishva] right from the original creation of the universe to the climax of perfection , by giving inspiration and motivation to the greatest religious saints and souls such as, Shankaracharya, Budha, Jain, Guru Nanak, Kabeer, Dnyandeva, Tukaram etc and the kings

after the Mahabharat!! He is still advancing ,forwarding his noble goal of making this Universe Good and Rightous [Vishvam Aryam] through all types of families [Kulas] of Kings and Emperors known as Magadh King Ikshvak, Lichchivi, Kuru, Bhadra, Nag, and Soverign kings such as, Samrat, Bhoj, Virat, Raja, Ektrat, Swarat, Sarvbhoum the regular, [Nitya], With Desire [Kamya], Sacrifices with Som Yag with the help of him and religious priests[Purohit], Sages {[Muni], and the troops of Disciples!!

Asato Ma Sadgamay| Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamay|
Mrutyorma Amrutam Gamaya||

" ||Om Poorn Madaah, Poornmidam|

Poornat Poornamud Uchhyate |

Poornasya Poornamadaya} Poornamevavshishyate||"

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This is the Goal, The aim of Agastya Adwait Tatvadnya
[The Philosophy of Oneness]

All great kings like Nanda Rajas, Bimbisar, Nandivardhan, Mahapadma, Pouras, Pushyamitra, Kharvel, Shatvahan, Krushnashatvahan, Andhrabhrutya, Ashok, Shatkarni, Gunadhya, Chol, Pandya, Cher, had relationship with Agastya Ashrams, Agastyasthanas, and Agastya Teerthas [Holy Places]. Chandragupta Mourya and Arya Chanakya had done a great use of Agastya Vidya for Agriculture, Water management, Health knowledge [Arogya Vidya]. These lineages also had the great yearning and obsession to make the whole universe full of goodness [Aryamay] by establishing the organizations of sacrifices!

Nag, Vakatak, Kadamb, Maitrak, Parivajrak, used to make use of Agastya Vidya along with the Shiva Tatva! In spite of the dispute and disagreement that had taken place

on account of Dwait and Adwait [Dualism and Oneness] between Agastya and Nagarjun, it appears that, Nagarjuna had accepted the Agastya Marg [The Path of Agastya] with the support of Mahayan Cult [Panth]!

There was an inclusion of Agastya or the Adwait Tatvadnyan, [philosophy], Aryatva[Quality of goodness], Jalvidya [The Water Knowledge], Agriculture, The action of War, [Yuddhkarma], and Archert [Dhanurvidya], , Knowledge of Wealth [Dhan Vidya], The Transaction of Animals[Pashu Vinimay], Arogya Vidya [Health Knowledge], Yadnya Vidya [Knowledge of sacrifice], the Knowledge of Mantra and Tantra along with Atharvan, and Shri Vidya in the universities at Ujjaini, Valabhi, Padmavati, Vatsagulm, Ayodhya, Kashi, Pataliputra, Mathura, Nalanda, Nashik, Prathishthan, Kanchi and Tanjavar. Agastya had received a great and important status in the Tradition of the Study of Knowledge .[Vidyabhyas Parampara]!

The royal families like Vardhangupta, Chalukya, Pulkeshi, Kalchuri, Palla, Pandya, Chol Vikramaditya and Rashtrakoot had acquired the Agastya Vidya. They knew about it. They visited the places of Agastya. They had built Shiva temples in the remembrance of Agastya. They had done the restorations. The Shiva temples that are built in the Chalukya style are seen at a large number!

Up to this journey, Agastya's Ashrams, Gurukul Places and holy places [Teerthas] were the places of the Agastya-Disciple Traditions!! In the Disciple -Traditions various sub- parts [Upang] in Agasta's Vidya were followed at different places at a large scale. In Purvachal and Madhya Bharat [Central India] there was a big follow up in accordance with Agastya Vidya of Atharvan, Philosophy and Agriculture . In the South, the large follow up of Agastya's Philosophy, Language, Knowledge of Sacrifice, [Yadnya Sanstha], Agriculture [Krushividya], and Health Knowledge

[arogya Vidya] had taken place! In the West, the dissemination of Agriculture, Atharvan and Health - Knowledge [Arogya Vidya] had taken place!!

"Agastya's fame as " Man Manya Mandarya Agastya , The Consumer of the Sea and the Destroyer of Vindhya's Pride had never become less!!"

"Although the world universities continued in the Medieval Period, yet, their importance had decreased !! In the force of the foreign invasion, the Ved Vidya [Vedic Knowledge] and Ancient War Science [Yuddha Vidya] became outdated [left behind]. Very few studious people and spiritual aspirants [sadhak] used to study these Vidyas [knowleges]. The rise of the Yavani Rule had taken place in India [Bharat]. The changes had taken place in the language and culture as well as the Shaastra [science] and Shastra [Arms]. Not only that, but, the sacrifices [Yadnya,]Yags- Homas, Austerity [Tap] and Japa [Chanting] had received the occasional and family status only! Whereas, Vows [Vrat], Yantra, Tantra, Magic, Black Magic got more importance for the removal and destruction of sorrow, fear, affliction of ghosts and disease! Even in these fields also Agastya's Atharvan was used quite often.

It was felt that,the Yadav Period was going to be proved as the period of Decline! At this time, the rise of the cults such as Nath, Shaiva Shakta, Vaishnav, Bhagvat and Mahanubhav had taken place!Nath, Shaiva and Shakta had accepted Agastya's Yoga Vidya, Atharvan Vidya, Ayurvedya. Bhagavat and Mahnubhav cults had accepted Agastya's Adwait Philosophy!

"Anil, You say that ," Even in the Medieval period also, one gets the experience, and the proof of Agastya!" How

do you say like that?" questioned Yogeshvar.

"See Yogeshvar, I have already stated before that I continued my narration as per the command of Agastya given to me!! Now try to understand this! "

The temple of Mohaniraja at Nevase 'means, Mohiniraj in the form of Mohini Lalitadevee at the time of the incident of "Churning of the Sea"!! Agastya's place is also near at Godhe Gaon! There is the temple of Narada and Siddheshvar established by Agastya. All these places are located on the bank of Amrutvahini Pravara. Shri Sant Dnyaneshwar Maharaj got the inspiration to write "Bhavarth Deepika" with the auspicious 'Darshan of Mohiniraj! "" Amrutanubhav" was also written with his inspiration only! From where did the main original inspiration come from? He had received it from Agastya who had done the first, original advocacy of the Adwait philosophy [Oneness and the union between the Divine Essence-'God' and the spiritual aspirant, Sadhak. Shri Dnyaneshwar had also given the illustration of the well-known incident of Agastya's Drinking of the Sea"while giving the parable.[illustration]"! Anil started explaining in details.

"Anil, I have a desire to listen to this story.'Yogeshvar expressed his desire.

"See now! It is quite likely that, the names of the great super human beings and the references in that period will be felt rather different! For example, Ramnanda Swami gave a command to Vitthalpant! He was the Guru, the spiritual teacher of Kabeer also! But, I will tell the narration as per the command of Agastya's guidance to tell about it.....!"

" Accepting the renunciation of the world [Sanyas], Vitthalpant came in Kashi Nagaree. He was leading his life in the ascetic manner like the life in the Sanyasashram![Fourth Stage of the Human life]. The holy bath in the holy river Ganga and the auspicious Darshan of Shri Kashi

Vishweshvar was the regular everyday routine. After the Darshan, he used to visit various ashrams and places in the Kashinagaree. Once , his feet turned to the place of Agastya by chance!! He had heard about the greatness of Agastya in the Agastya Ashram! The river Godavari flows at his native place in the surrounding region. . So, he knew about the Agastya places such as, Panchavati, Akole, Ankai and Nevase! The feeling of love and affection should not rise in the mind of an ascetic But, the boundless feeling of love for Agastya rose in his mind!. He said from the deep core of his heart that, he should receive the auspicious blessing of the great and very powerful Agastya who was constantly engrossed in making efforts for the human welfare!! The thought came in his mind that" He had not achieved anything by becoming detached from life!" " But, the other thought also came in his mind," What else he could have achieved in the Gruhasthashram ? "[the state of the householder's life] As a result, his mind became perplexed in the state of a dilemma!

"That was the Full Moon Day!! After finishing the morning acts like bath etc. Vitthalswami came back to the Agastya place. He paid his obeisance with all his heart. .He narrated the perplexed state of his mind with great devotion from the deep core of his mind to Agastya in his own mind.. One ascetic with matted hair was sitting in the lotus posture in meditation just beyond to Vitthalpant. He bowed to the ascetic and expressed thoughts of his mind to him. That matted hair ascetic was rather short in the height but very powerful and had a big stomach. But Vitthalswami felt that he must have performed thousand years ascetic penance by staying in the Meru mountain from his matted hair. He accepted him as his Guru in the deep core of his mind and asked for his instruction as the Guru!

"O Dear Son, you have accepted me as your Guru.

But are you aware of the fact that, when you accept Guru, you have to obey Guru's command like the hard and severe ascetic penance?"

"O Gurudev, I will follow your command with great devotion!"

"O Vitthalswami, in the path of renunciation no one is the Guru or the disciple of anyone. Yet, the tendency of receiving the Guru Upadesh [instruction] has awakened in your mind. Therefore, in this respect also, you have committed an offence, the fault of the ashram. But, your efforts and the desire of mind are really honest! "

"O Gurudev, I have only one demand and that is," Kindly accept me as your disciple!! I am a beggar of your instruction, your counsel [Upadesh]!" The matted haired Yogi became pleased and satisfied with Vitthalpant's words and said to him, " I will give you proper instruction at the proper time! But, you must observe it and follow it with all your heart!" Uttering these words, that Yogi suddenly vanished, disappeared totally!!

Vitthalpant felt sad and uneasy too! But his daily routine continued. In this daily routine activity, he used to go to the place of Agastya also every day. But that Yogi was never seen again. One year had passed like this. It was the New Moon Day [Pournima]. Vitthalswami used to await for the yogi at Agastya place!.....

"Vitthalswami came to Agastya's place as usual. He bowed as usual. His eyes turned to the place where he had met that Yogi for the first time. And.....!! What a great surprise....!!..... No sooner did he look at the place than his heart was full of the greatest joy !! Tears of joy gathered in his eyes!....

He hurriedly went close to that place with eager! The same yogi was sitting there absorbed in meditation sitting in the Lotus posture! Vitthalpant felt very much excited to see

him! He could not understand what to do and not to do! He had prostrated himself straight before the Yogi to pay his obeisance with great devotion. Then he stood before the yogi with folded hands and waited for him!! Three hours [Pahar] had gone, but the Yogi was still deeply absorbed in the meditation. Vitthalswami prayed once again with eager. He prostrated once again before the yogi and stood before him with folded hands very politely waiting for him to wake up from the Samdhee. It was a long wait! Those moments were felt like a great age to him!! Finally, the Yogi opened his eyes and saw Vitthalswami standing before him with folded hands in the respectful manner!

" You are Vitthalswami! Isn't it?"

"Yes Gurudev!"

" Where did you go in all these days?"

"I used to come here regularly every day. I constantly remember you!"

"And yet you could not be able to see me?"

" Gurudev, please pardon me!"

"That means you are immature to become an ascetic yet!!"

"Gurudev....."

"What do you want?"

Guru Upadesh! Initiation and instruction from the Spiritual Teacher!

"Will you follow what I tell you?"

"Yes! With an oath [pledge]!!"

"Even if, it is strange and different from the way of the world?"

Command me Gurudeva...!"

"My dear son Vitthala....."When the yogi addressed him like that, Vitthalswami was moved with emotion."

"Command me Gurudeva....."

" See, Adwait - Oneness or union with God is the

only ultimate and everlasting Truth! Its propagation should be done everywhere. Those who are engrossed in the household mundane worldly life, they have the facilities such as, Yadnya [sacrifice], Mantra, Tantra and vows etc. !! But, the Devotional Path is the most easy path to lead to the Adwait, the union with God! You should go by that path! Follow it ! The world is also going to receive it through your medium. But, you will have to give an acid test for it! You will have to go through a great ordeal!!"

" Command me Gurudeva...."

"See my son, you discard and give up this Asceticism, [the Sanyasa] and accept the state of the Household life of the man again! Rukmini, your wife is waiting for you! It is a grave sin to feel tired and bored with "the Prapanch", the Household Mundane worldly life. You observe the family life of the house hold life again!!! You will get three sons and one daughter! These four children will bring all paths such as Shaiva, Shakta, Vaishnav and others together! From their mouths only " The Paths of Yoga ,Karma and the Devotion [Bhakti]" will easily and naturally reach to the people! From the great treatise of Bhagvadgeeta which is the essence of Ved and Upnishad, the solution and unraveling of Vedant and Marg will be available and received by the common and ordinary people! God Himself is going to take birth in your house directly in person! The path will be spacious and broadened to remove the differences of castes and cults.....!!!", said the Yogi!

"Gurudev, I have become truly blessed with your blessings. Since the moment I was introduced to sage Agastya, the inspiration and the motivation had sprung in my mind to do some work for the common people!! With your instruction and counsel, the path of the Social Service has become spacious and broad !! O Gurudev, I bow to you and offer my obeisance!!" Vitthalswami once again pros-

trated himself before the Yogi and offered his obeisance to him! The tears in his were flowing down..... He prostrated once again! The Yogi had kept his hand on Vitthalpanta's head. No sooner did the Yogi touched his head with his hands, Vitthalswami's body burst in to the blooming of blossom of the strange and different vibrant and living sensational touch!! He had widened his eyes for the auspicious sight, the Darshan of his Guru!..... But the Yogi was disappeared again.....!!!

"Vitthalswami came back to his ashram with great joy! He had narrated the entire account to his Guru who was going to give him the Sanyas Initiation! He took his command to leave and came back to Alandi!! Rukminidevi recognized him and accepted him and started the family mundane life! But the Varnashram Dharma-[The authorities of the four classes of the Aryan society] outcaste and boycotted them!! Vitthalswami was not perturbed or disturbed due to that reaction. Nivrutti, Dnyanshwar, Sopan and Muktabai were born!! From the Agastya Vidya [knowledge] , the Adwait knowledge, Atharvan, and Ayurveda were introduced and came in the light for the use through the form of the Nath sampraday!! Shri Dnyandeva had made Sage Agastya's Life giving and Welfare oriented Path for the life of the common people more broad. Spacious and wide.....!! Sopan, and Muktabai told about the Path of Knowledge and Liberation [Mukti]!

In the Siddheshvar Temple of Nevasa, the Geeta that sang the greatness and glory of Vedant started manifesting and expressing through the mouth of Dnyaneshwar ,by the command of Nivruttinath in the close vicinity of Adinath Shiva Shankar!!

||Om Namo ji Adynya|Ved Pratipadya| Jay Jay
Swasamvedya Atmaroopa||

Actually God Pandurang Vishnu was making the exposition and narration directly in person through the mouth of Dnyaneshvar!!! Bhagavan Agastya was listening to these Nectarous Words in the subtle minute form on the bank of river Godavari..... Soft, gentle, smooth, co-ordination and welfare oriented Philosophy and the Devotional Path was flowing, secreting [oozing and exuding] from the mouth of shr Dnyaneshvar!!

The army of Shiva Chchatrapati travelled further by defeating the Governor of Kalyan! They saw the Jatayu Teerth on the way! Chchatrapati took the bath in the sacred holy place and drank the holy water with great devotion and faith! He took the auspicious Darshan of Kalasai seen from the long distance and came at the Pachupattagad in the Pattai ashram for the rest. When the Darshan of Pattai was taken, the meeting of very important persons in The Tryamabak province took place! All were very happy due to the successful battle at Kalyan. He came to know that, God Ramchandra had met Sage Agastya in the province of Jatayu in the Dandkaranya. Agastya Takshim's Chief of the town-Patil, Ramchandra Sant was present.

He said," Maharaj, you should certainly take Agastya's Darshan without fail. Agastya's work had become quite successful by making the resolution of the entire universe good and virtuous ![Aryamay]. The great archer, knower of three times, immortal, the one that used to fight with demons to save Devendra and to destroy the evil demons, finally the helper that destroyed the demons at the root level by drinking the ocean, the one that made the compromise between Indra Marut, Kaveri's husband, The destroyer of Vindhya's pride the knower of the Aurvidya, Jalvidya[knowledge of

water], and agriculture [Krushi Vidya] sage Agastya's ashram is on the bank of Pravara river at Akola. You should go there and take his Darshan. As a result, it will be quite easy for you to reach your goal in the successful manner!"

"Sant, you are the Chief of this Agastya province! Your suggestion is really good and beneficial to us. I will certainly visit Agastyapuree or Akola."

ShivChChatrapati had left to Akola from Pattagad with his selected riders. On the way, he saw the beautiful temples at Keleshvar and Hahakari. His mind was filled with the feeling of great devotion! When they reached close to the bank of Pravara river, Sant rushed forward!

" Maharaj, this is Pravara Amrutvahini. " There is a famous saying, "गोदा स्नानं प्रवरापानम् ।।" " Godasnanm Pravarapanam" [One should take the auspicious bath in Godavari river and drink the holy water of Pravara as teerth!!] This is really the 'Shiv Teerth"! There are high peaks of Sahya mountain, Ratnagad, Harishandra, Alang, Madan, Kalang, Jod Kille, Bitangad, Kombad Kille, Pengiri around this Shiva Teerth. Your father Shahaji Maharaj had stayed here to take care of the small child Nijam." While listening to all this account given by Shri Sant, Shivaji Maharaj's eyes were shining!!

"Sant, How is it that Amrutvahini is considered as the Shiva Teerth?"

"Maharaj, the worship of the Amrut Kalash[the pitcher of Nectar] that rose from "the Sea Churning " was performed on the heaps of jewels on Ratnagad. God Shiva who drank the poison made it flow in the form of this Amrutvahini for the people of this mortal world from his mouth!! The original fountainhead of Amrutvahini is on the Ratnagad and the temple of Amruteshvar or Siddeshvar is at the foot of the mountain. Pravara flows down from the Ban [The stone found in the river Narmada and worshipped

as God Shiva] and the socket of the Shlunka [The stone in the centre of which the Ban or emblem of Shiva is placed. The stone is in the form of and is intended to represent the Valva Yoni and the Ban is the lingam or Phallus of Shiva]. Mahadev stays here and Parvati stays in the form of Kalasabai! Her children Mahadev Koli [fishermen] stay around this place. God Rama's descendants Suryavanshi Thakar also reside here!

"Sant, what great meaning is filled in these legends! I will also become holy by drinking this holy water!" Sant instructed Dharmadhikari to do the religious rites. Dharmadhikari gave the holy water, the Teerth of Pravara to the virtuous king Shivaji !

"Maharaj, by taking the auspicious Darashan of Siddheshvar beyond Pravara, you enter in Agastyapuri.

"Patil, you tell us. We will follow you!"

Chhatrapati Shivaji Raja's mind was lost to see the self-existent Lingam of Siddheshwar and the beautiful Shiva temple .

"Maharaj, this is Agastya's Deity!! Chhatrapati prostrated before Siddheshvar with all his heart. While going behind the Ram temple, he had received the Darshan of Goddess Bhavani also! After taking Rama's Darshan, Maharaj went to the Agastya ashram! It was quite easy to go beyond the waterhole of Pravara's downward slope. Maharaj felt very happy and satisfied to experience the sweet and crystal clear water!!

"Shiv Chhatrapati stood before "Agastya's Tandala" [A rude stone, unfashioned into the head and limbs] smeared with red lead and worshipped as an idol!!] in the Agastya Temple and contemplated on Agastya!! His face started becoming very bright and full of splendor! People who accompanied him were watching him. Shri Sant's eyes were dazzled to see the splendorous face of Maharaj bright

like the Sun! Maharaj had entered in to the state of trance ! When Maharaj came back to his senses his eyes were sparkling with joy!

"Sant, Agastya met us!! We had become pure! Sant, make the proper arrangement of the ashram. Maintain cleanliness. Repair the pond properly. Do not think about the money! Sant, Moropant, Sage Agastya gave us the important advice of taking care of the farmers and the wealth of cows."

He had narrated us the solution, the path of removing the famine!! Just as he had given the imperishable arrow to God Ramchandra and caused Ravana's death, he gave us the everlasting arrow of " Obstruct water and cause that water absorb in the soil"to us also! I had become really pure ! Make the proper arrangement of this area in the vicinity of Tryambakeshar!".

"Just as you command!"

Shaha Alam Shahagaji Dagaji Piraji gave the Takshima [Joint holding of partnership] of the post of the chief of the town. Make them permanent.

"Just as you command Maharaj!

"Sant, you have made us very fortunate by giving Agastya's blessings [Prasad] .I have received the strength of Crores of the Sun!! You have made me indebted. One of your lineage manages the Deshpande Heritence [Vatan]! Isn't it? Make those heritages permanent.

"Agastya desires that Agastyapuri should become the Holy place [Teerth] like Nashik. Repair the flight of stairs leading down to the river Pravara!' By prostrating once again to Agastya, Maharaj had left! While going, he went to Ramkund, Seeta Kund and Agastya kund and took the auspicious Darashan of Agastya! A thought came in his mind while leaving. He said, " Pant, My mind has received the real strength when I came on Pachupatta Gad. We could be able to re-

ceive Agastya's blessings! We could be able to see because Yadavas had preserved it! My mind had become really quiet, free from anxiety. Therefore, give the name "Vishramgad" to Pattagad!!"

"Maharaj, just as you command!"

"With the meeting of Shiv Chhatrapati, the meeting of Shiv and Jeeva [God and the living being] had taken place and the miracle had happened! Ramadas had mentioned Agastya! Chhatrapati had received that experience! Chhatrapati, the Marathi Kingdom and saints and the entire vicinity became really blessed and successful!!

Good and virtuous woman Ahilyadevee was traveling in the whole Tryambak State! This journey takes place through the river basins of Amrutvahini Pravara in the Agastya surroundings, Mulayvardhini Mula [The river that increases the value] and the river Adhala that had given the eternal place to Sage Agastya in the Star Constellation! Ahilyadevi, the devotee of Shiva took the auspicious Darshan of Shiva and came straightway to the Jatayu Teerth at Taked! She had performed the coronation to Mother Parvati Kalasai with all her heart and reached at Ratnagad to make the circumambulation of Amrutvahini! Govind Khade greeted her with great respect at Ratnagad! She was accompanied by a very few Mahadev Koli[fishermen] people such as, Govind Khade, Zade Patil, Ramaji Bhangare! She came to Amruteshvar along with them .Vishnupant Dharmadhikari from Akole was present to do the religious rites [Pourhitya] of Amrutvahini Pravara Circumambulation! Her mind became full of joy and delight to see the pit of holy water [Teertha Kund] and the pond [pushkarini] in front of her! She gave her command to Govind Khade to make the proper maintenance

and management of the ancient Amruteshvar temple built in the Chalukya Style!!

By performing the coronation on Amruteshwar with proper rights with all her heart she had worshipped Pravara river and then her Pravara Circumambulation had started! Ahilyadevee had decided to complete all the work in the whole surroundings of these three rivers while going on her way, because she was doubtful about the act of completion of the circulation on the back ground of her extensive work of the royal kingdom. However, she took the Darshan of Ghorapadi Mata, the bouncing and gushing Tava [the Fall], and Seeta Paul[Foot of Seeta] and remembered God Ramchandra. She had done the coronation and worship of Chemdev, Khandoba and Mhalasa aai and came Agastyapuri at Akole. She had remembered the Amruteshvar temple when she had seen the Siddheshvar Temple! The grand welcome ceremony was arranged to greet her in the surrounding of Siddheshvar! After that she came to Agastya ashram. While visiting the Agastya ashrams at both places at Anakai and Akole, she had taken the Darshan of Agastya sthan in Panchavati also! With the Agastya Darshan at Pravara her Agastya Pilgrimage and Circumambulation was going to be completed! Ahilyadevee stood before Agastya and started praying him with closed eyes! Suddenly, her ears were filled with sound of the Divine Words!

"O Ahilya, you are doing the Welfare work of the people by going from places to places. The good and auspicious will happen to you with this great service that you are doing. The first duty and the prime work of the king is the prevention and removal of the famine, and to give the food, clothes and shelter to the subject! Let this Rudraksh mala be with you which you see before around my neck! ! You will get tremendous success in your work of the human welfare with the help of the Rudraksh garland! The wells will

get abundant water! Your fame and name will travel very far everywhere! I will constantly stay with you with Shiva in this form of the Rudraksha garland! You are virtuous and pious! Let the good and auspicious be done with you.....!!! Ahilyadevi felt a kind of fear first when she had heard this divine sound! When she came back to her senses, the religious priest Dharmadhikari was telling her to put forward the bowl of her hands [Onjal] ! When she had put forward the bowl of her palms, Dharmadhikari had kept the Rudraksh Mala which was placed on the Tandala [the divine stone of Agastya] of Agastya in her hands as the form of Agastya's blessings to her! He said in sweet words to her, "O Mother Ahilyadevi, you are doing the great and noble work of the human welfare by going from place to place ! The first duty of the king is to provide food, clothes and shelter for the removal of the famine! You are doing that great work! Keep this Rudraksh Mala constantly with you! With the help of this Rudraksh Garland, you will achieve great success in your human welfare work! The well will be filled with abundant ample water! Your fame will travel beyond the world at all directions. Sindhu Samrat Mandarya Agastya will always stay with you in the Shiva form with the help of this Rudraksh Mala!" said Dharmadhikari!

Ahilyadevi accepted the Rudraksh Mala with great respect in her mind. She paid her obeisance to Agastya again and again! She could not be able to keep the secret of Agastya's message received as a Drushatant[] to her. She told Dharmadhikari about it. Dharmadhikari said to her, "Agastya Deity is extremely awake and vigilant! The virtuous and those who do the work of the human welfare receive such revelations. You have become truly blessed and successful!".....

While leaving for Kotuleshvari at the south of Agastyapuri, Ahilyadevi lingered a little bit! The people of

Nashre village were waiting on the street to meet Ahilyadevi. The Trustees of the village described the word picture of Water famine, scarcity of water before Ahilyadevi! Ahilyadevi touched the RudrakshMala and made an appeal to dig the well! She said, 'O trustees, dig the well here. Do not feel worried for the economic funds. Start working!' The work of digging the well had started. And was completed also! To their surprise, the well was filled with abundant water!! Ahilyadevi old quite accurately about water and made the funds available for the work also!

"People felt boundless joy! The entire surrounding was filled with loud proclamations," Victory To Virtuous Ahilyadevi!! Kudos To Virtuous Ahilyadevi!!..... Virtuous Ahilyadevi received the proof of Agastya's blessings!! Later on she had started a big project of building the wells and the charitable rest houses for the travelers!!.....

Five ascetic yogis were staying in the Agastya Ashram! They were doing the religious pilgrimage. They visited the holy places and came to Nashik, Traymabakeshvar and Agastya Ashram to receive the Darshan. That was the period of the Freedom Fight in India! Freedom fighter Savarkar was the leader in the movement of Mahatma Gandhi which was following the path of peace and also the movement of the revolutionists and extremists [angry people]!! Akole district was also full with the blowing wind of revolution! People were thinking about freedom under the leadership of Ganesh Jagannath Joshi, Dhumaal and Navale! They were doing the work of giving the shelter and protection to the underground revolutionaries. The Mamaledar [The officer holding the government and collecting the revenue of a Taluka or the district] was the king of

the that area in those days. The Ruling power of the British was represented actively by his mouth only. There was a big competition among the authorities to show that they were the most obedient, loyal and devoted servants of the government! That Shaikh Mamledar was very arrogant and hated Hindus very much! He made constant efforts to create the terror to castrate and break the spirit of the Freedom Movement!

Shaikh Mamledar came to know that some ascetics had come to stay in Agastya Ashram. He made a report that, these people were not the hermits but the extremely dangerous revolutionaries in the dress of the hermits!! With an intention to break them down and create the terror he had decided to corrupt them! He came in to the Agastya Ashram along with his attendants. He commanded the police to catch them and bring before him!

They were brought on the Agastyakunda before the Samadhee! Their enquiry had started! That was the arrogant drama of an enquiry! The ascetics did not accept themselves as revolutionaries! They repeatedly said, "We belong to "the Akhada " The Spiritual Ascetic group of Udaseenbaba and we are visiting holy places. So, we have come here to receive Agastya's Darshan!" But, that egoistic arrogant Shaikh Mamledar officer was not going to accept any explanation of those ascetics. He commanded the attendant to call two barbers!!

"In front of Agastya's Smadhee those ascetics were defiled by making them completely bald by removing their hair on the Agastya Kund!! The habitants of the village who were passing by, saw this whole incident! Their blood boiled with anger! Some of them requested to stop this cruel action. But, who was going to stop this dirty act?"

"The news had spread everywhere! The great discussion started everywhere! The discussion became hot

and increased more! It had reached to the leaders of the village like Ganesh Jagannath, Dhumal and others! They also paid serious attention to this matter. The atmosphere became very serious! The ascetics were locked up in the custody. It had added more fuel to the situation! The entire Amrutvahini Pravara basin was awakened and became aware of the fact under the leadership of Ganesh Jagannath and Dhumal! Something has to be done! The discussions and meeting started in the active manner with an intention to create the terror not only for Shaikh Mamledar but the British Government also!!

"The mid -night was over! The first cock crowed and the entire area of Pravara woke up with a quick start! Agastya, the Image of fire and an incarnation of Rudra was giving a command, a message to all natives who were fast asleep in the Pravara surroundings," You are fast sleep! Get up O impotent ones! Get up!! Burn this arrogant officer to ashes who had defiled these innocent ascetics by putting them in the jail and who sucks and exploits the poor people !!

"That was the early morning time to take the cattle out in the wind and grazing the grass! It was a dream only! Yet it was really thrilling and exciting too!!

One owner of the cow says to the other," I saw a dream!"

The other said," I also had a dream!"

"Agastya Rishi came in the dream and said," Burn the arrogant officer who had defiled the innocent ascetics!"

"I also saw the same thing in my dream!"

'O Is it So?

The same dialogue was heard everywhere! The same experience was repeated by each one!!

The wheels turned round! All people in the whole Dangan, Pehara Khora Agastyapuree Akole and all people in the neighboring villages gathered together on the bank of

Pravara in Akole with any weapon they got in their hands! The search started everywhere! All Kerosin boxes and tins were brought from the grocery shops!

The big ring of angry people had gathered around the mansion of the Mamledar. People rushed in the house! They threw the sacks of chilli and set them on fire, enkindled them! Women and children came out of the mansion. His wife and children were taken to the safe place! When this operation as going on, the telegram wires were broken and cut off! The big trees were broken down on the earth in the streets. Akole had become like an island!!

But, the Mamledar was not coming out in any case!! The whole surrounding area was filled with the loud cheers and proclamations "Har Har Mahadev! Agastya Maharajki Jay!!" Ultimately, the decision was taken to burn the whole mansion of the Mamledar! The whole mansion was set in fire by rekindling from all sides! The angry flames of fire spread everywhere! When Shaikh Mamledar was trying to go out from the back door, he was attacked with the strokes of axes on his body!! He was killed on the threshold of his own house! The loud cheers of joy rose all around "Mamledar was cut off, Mamledar was cut off!" Agastya Maharaj ki Jay! Har har Mahadev.....!! The entire vicinity was full of these loud angry shouts!! The British government was terrified with this extreme revolution!! It was decided to take the strong action! The police force was sent! The decision was to catch the leaders of this angry movement. All leaders along with Ganesh Jagannath went under- ground! The entire Taluka was combed down. Lastly the treachery worked effectively! The leaders were caught! They were punished and had been sent to the prison in Andaman! The freedom fighter Savarkar was also there at that time! The Nagar District still has the terror of the Agastya Vicinity even today also!!...

Dagadu Asasram Baheti was a big Money- Lender of Agastyapuri In Akole! He used to give the loan to the farmers, workers and the helpless people and people caught in the difficult situation. He used to ask them to keep something as security and give loan with double interest of the original loan! One day he has made a resolution in his mind! He has decided to establish the marble image of Sage Agastya !! The devotees of Agastya liked his thought very much! They thought that Agastya temple will be repaired and a magnificent religious ceremony will take place on this occasion! The news spread everywhere and the discussion started everywhere in Akole, Sangmaner and Nashik District everywhere about the establishment of Sage Agastya's marble statue!!..

"After some days, the statue of Agastya was prepared and was brought in Baheti's house! He had placed it in his house. People in the village started making a crowd to take the Darshan with all their heart!

"On the other side, Seth Baheti started making preparation to arrange the religious Establishment Ceremony [Pran Pratishtha] of the image. He has made an arrangement of "the Seven days 's ceremony of the chanting of God Hari's name also! The Keertans of the famous Keertan Performers right from Dunda Maharaj and many others were arranged. The organizations of the people who perform The Bhajans were in the queues to perform their bhajans from the places at the distance of five miles around. The news started coming that, "the Sanskrit scholars, Ved Shastra Sampanna Groups of Brahmins were going to come from Kashi, Paithan and Nashik etc. with the help of Vasudev

Ramchandra Dharmadhikari to perform the religious ceremony! The planning of the arrangement of the Food Camp [Ananchhtra] was also done! So many things were planned. The Preparation of "The Pran Prathistha" was completed! [The rite of bringing life in to an image on the occasion of worship] .. A grand procession of Sage Agastya's image was also planned from Agastyapuri before the religious ceremony! A huge chariot was also prepared for this grand procession! Almost all villagers around the villages that were at five miles distances around brought their own bullock-carts and the pairs of bulls! Almost five hundred bull-pairs were yoked to the big chariot. Innumerable people rushed forward to pull the chariot!! The beautiful and decorative procession was moving in the town enriched with the Lezim-dances, Tipari Dances, The Dindees [palanquins with the image of the deity] of artists who were playing the percussion musical instrument known as 'Tal'!!

The entire town was decorated. Women had decorated all streets with beautiful artistic designs of Rangolis and flowers everywhere!! They had put on rich dresses and ornaments and were ready to wave the auspicious lamps [Aoukshan] around Sage Agastya's image!! The whole Agastyapuri was resounding with loud proclamations such as, "Agastya Maharaj Ki Jay!!" "Agastya Maharaj ki Jay!!" There was a lavish shower of flowers and Gulal [The red powder which the Hindus throw about at the Holi festival]!!

On the other side, the troops of Brahmins [Brahmvrund] had started the preparation work of the Sacrifice [Homa] and Havan [Oblation of offering by the fire] in the Agastya temple. The Pranprathishtha ceremony was going to take place at the Midday. The plan of the procession was made in accordance with that time! The rite of bringing life in to an image on the occasions of the Dakshinachar-worship. It accompanies the rite

Chakshurnmeelan] The Brahmvrunda - the troops of Brahmins started the Pranprathishtha Ceremony!

There was the ancient Tandala of Agastya in the sanctum of the temple. [Tandala----A rude stone, unfashioned in to head and limbs, smeared with red lead and used as an idol!] in the sanctum of the temple. No one knew whether it was self-existent or the period in which it was established before! The plan was such, that this Tandala was going to be removed and the Pranprathistha of the new image of Agastya was going to be done on that place! The Brahmins chanted the Mantras and gave permission to remove that Stone. The axes were ready to do the digging work. The digging work had started. It became loose, separate and free from all sides. But it was looking firmly set and deeply penetrated down! It was thought that the axes would be used as the levers and can be removed quite easily! Efforts started accordingly! But, the axes were not going inside as per the expectations. The slit [chink] was not found. The lever could not be adjusted. The Tandala-stone was not moving at all!!!!..... Those who were the experts of the digging work made abundant suggestions. Some came forward and made self-efforts!!.....

The discussions and chatting started on the subjects such as "Why does the images not move and what was the solution for that??" As a result, time started passing by and the auspicious moment [Muhurt] of the Pranprathishtha started becoming averted! The Brahmins tried all sorts of solutions! Shri Baheti prostrated on the ground and asked for forgiveness! The gossips of sins and virtue, pollution or defilement from the touch [Shivashiv] started spreading all around! But, Agastya who had moved others was not ready to move by himself!! Again an invocation and appeal was made with the chanting of Mantras! The axes were lifted and came forward to move the stone! As the last effort! To

their surprise the Stone -Tandala shook and vibrated for a moment but did not move at all!! The hundred years sheath of red lead ,vermilion [Shendur] on the stone had dropped down and those who had applied the axes started sweating with fear! " Agastya became angry!!!!!!

A big uproar rose.....!!!

The inhabitants of the town and devotees who had brought the image of Agastya in a magnificent procession started talking in the reverse manner!" Do not establish the image of Agastya just now! First pacify and make Agastya calm and quiet! Otherwise all will be burnt to ashes." There was only one sentence in the mouth of each and every-one." What to do? How to find the way out ?" Nothing could be understood! All programs had come to the stand still!

All arbitrators gathered together. They thought over the situation. In the meantime, Dharmadhikari, Patil and Sant thought together. They had presented their thought before the arbitrators. They were convinced with that thought! All arbitrators and Troops of Brahmins stood before the village people! Dharmadhikari made a loud proclamation and announcement. " Agastya Maharaj Ki Jay! Cudos to Agastya Maharaj!!" All people also proclaimed that announcement loudly! Then Dharmadhikari told people," Fold your hands with respect now!"

They all folded their hands together!

" Now utter these words with all your heart!

"O Brahmaharshi Agastya, we all are your children! A great mistake had happened on our part today! And that is..... We have tried to remove your ancient and traditional image to place this recent and newly made statue. Please forgive us! Forgive us, forgive us! Calm down now!! Please pardon us! Calm down please!"

All people repeated this prayer after Shri Dharmadhikari! All people became quiet! Then Dharmadhikari

Purohit said," Say this prayer with respect!

"O Agastya Narayana, O Agastya Siddheshwar, we were wrong. We made a mistake! We will not remove you from here! We will not move you. We will never try to remove you! We will not remove you!"

The large crowd of people was also uttering this statement three times in the loud voice!

Then Dharmadhikari said," The arbitrators thought over this matter. Our Dgaduseth has brought the image of Agastya with great devotion. We will establish that idol behind the Tandala[The Stone] as the decoration. We all have rubbed our nose before Sage Agastya Maharaj by holding our ears! We will establish this Tandala with the establishment ceremony [Pranpathishtha] once again with respect! Agastya had given us the proof that this was his original and chief place of Samadhee ! Therefore, the importance of this place will remain different and unique such as," The image behind the Tandala [stone] "!

So, say again,"Brahmarshi Shiva Vishnu Swaroop Agastya Maharaj ki Jay!! ' [Victory to BrahmaMaharashi Agastya Maharaj who is the form of Shiva and Vishnu].

All were convinced with Dharmadhikari's words! The ceremony started further.....

We always get the constant experience of this place as 'The most unique and extra ordinarily different place Of Agastya in Akole Agastyapur in this universe!!!!!

Om Shanti Shanti Shantihi

भगवान कार्तिकेयांनी केलेल्या गंगास्तुतीचे पुरश्चरण

‘ॐ नमः शिवायै गङ्गायै शिवदायै नमः ।
नमस्ते विष्णुरुपिण्यै ब्रह्ममूर्त्यै नमःस्तु ते ॥
नमस्ते रुद्ररूपिण्यै शाङ्क्ये ते नमो नमः ।
सर्वदेव स्वरूपिण्यै नमो मेषमूर्त्ये ।
सर्वस्य सर्वव्याधीनां भिषक्लेष्ट्यै नमोऽस्तु ते ।
स्थास्वुजङ्गममसंभूतविषहन्त्यै नमोऽस्तु ते ॥
संसारविषनाशिन्यै जीवनायै नमोऽस्तु ते ।
तापत्रितय संहन्त्यै प्राणेश्यै ते नमो नमः ।
शान्तिसन्तानकारिण्यै नमस्तै शुद्धमूर्त्ये ।
सर्वसंशुद्धिकारिण्यै नमः पापारिमूर्त्ये ॥
भुक्तिमुक्तिप्रदायिन्यै भद्रदायै नमो नमः ।
भोगोपभोगदायिन्यै भोगवत्यै नमोऽस्तु ते ।
मन्दाकिन्यै नमस्ते ते ऽस्तु स्वर्गदायै नमो नमः ॥
नमस्त्रैलोक्यभूषायै त्रिपथायै नमो नमः ।
नमास्त्रिशुक्लसंस्थायै तेजोवत्यै नमो नमः ।
त्रिहुताशनसंस्थायै तेजोवत्यै नमो नमः ।
नन्वायै लिङ्गदारिण्यै सुधादारात्मने नमः ॥
नमस्ते विश्वमुख्यायै रेवत्यै ते नमो नमः ।
बृहत्यै ते नमस्तेस्तु लोकधात्र्यै नमोऽस्तु ते ॥
नमस्ते विश्वमित्रायै मन्दियै ते नमो नमः ।
पृथ्व्यै शिवामृतायै च सुवृषायै नमो नमः ॥
परापरशताढ्यायै तारायै ते नमो नमः ।
पाशजालनिकृन्तिन्यै अभिन्नायै नमोऽस्तु ते ॥
शान्तायै च वरिष्ठायै वरदायै नमो नमः ॥
उग्रायै सुखजग्ध्यै व सञ्जीवन्यै नमोऽस्तु ते ।

ब्राह्मिष्ठायै ब्रह्मदायै दुरितघ्नै नमो नमः ।
प्रणमार्तिप्रभाविज्जन्यै जगन्मात्रे नमोऽस्तु ते ।
सर्वापत्प्रतिपक्षायै मङ्गलायै नमो नमः ॥
शरणागतदीनार्त परित्राण परायणे ।
सर्वस्यातिहरे देवि नारायणि नमोऽस्तु ते ।
निर्लेपार्य दुर्गहन्त्यै दक्षायै ते नमो नमः ।
परापरापरायै च गङ्गे निर्वाण दायिनी ॥
गङ्गे ममाग्रनो भूया गङ्गे मे तिष्ठ पुष्टतः ।
गङ्ग मे पार्श्वयोरेधिगङ्गेत्वय्यस्तु मे स्थितिः ।
आदौ त्वमन्ते मध्येच सर्व त्वं गाङ्गते शिवे ॥
त्वमेव मूलप्रकृतिस्त्वं पुमान् पर एव हि ।
गङ्गे त्वं परमात्मा च शिवस्तुभ्यं नमः शिवे ॥’

महालक्ष्मी स्तोत्र

मातर्नमामि कमले कमलायताक्षि ।
श्री विष्णूहत्कमवासिनि विश्वमातः ।
क्षीरोदजे कमलकोमल गर्भगौरी ।
लक्ष्मीप्रसीद सततं नमतां शरण्ये ॥
त्वं श्रीरुपेन्द्रसदन मदनैकमात-
ज्योत्स्नासि चंद्रमसि चंद्रमनोहरास्ये ।
सूर्ये प्रभासिच जगत्त्रियते प्रभासि
लक्ष्मी प्रसीद सततं नमतां शरण्ये ॥
त्वं जातवेदसि सदा दहनात्मशक्ति
वेंधास्त्वया जगदिदं विविधं विद्ध्यत ।
विश्वम्भरोपि विभूयादखिलं भवत्या
लक्ष्मी प्रसिद सततं नमतां शरण्ये ॥

त्वत्पुत्रमेतदमले हरते हरोऽपि
 त्वं पासि हंसि विदधासि परावरासि ।
 ईड्यो बभूव हरिरप्यमले त्वदाद्या
 लक्ष्मी प्रसीद सततं नमतां शरण्ये ॥
 शूरः स एव कुलशीलकलाकलापैः ।
 एकः शुचिः स हि पुमान् सकलेपि लोके
 यत्रापतेत्तव शुभे करुणा कटाक्षः ॥
 यस्मिन्वसे क्षणमहो पुरुषे गजऽश्वे
 स्त्रेण तृणे सरसि देवकुले गृहे त्रे
 रत्न पतत्रिणि पशौ शयने धरायां
 सश्रीकमेव सकले तदिहास्ति नान्यतः ॥
 त्वत्स्पृष्टमेव सकलं सुचितां लभेत
 त्वत्पुत्रमेव सकलं त्वशुचीह लक्ष्मी ।
 त्वन्नाम यत्र च समङ्गलमेव तत्र
 श्रीविष्णुपत्नि कमले कमलालयेऽपि ॥
 लक्ष्मी श्रीयं चकमलां कमलालयांच
 पदमांरिमां नलिनयुग्मकरां च मां च ।
 क्षीरोदजाममृत कुम्भकरामिरांच
 विष्णुप्रियामिति सदा जपतां क्व दुःखम्

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वैदर्भीय विवाह सामगायन

'आकाशानं दान दिलं । धरणीनं झेललं ।
 माझ्या लोपामुद्रेचं लगीन । ब्रह्मदेवानं पाह्यलं ॥
 लोपामुद्रा नवरी । अगस्त्य ग नोवरा ।
 पृथ्वीनी पाहिला । लक्ष्मीनारायण जोडा ॥

लक्ष्मीनारायणाचं लगीन । शिवपार्वतीच्या पुढं ।
 अगस्त लोकामुद्रा । जीवाशीवाचं मीलन ॥
 आकाशाचं दान । धरणीनं पेललं ।
 लोकाअगस्त्य लग्नानं । माणसाचं रीण फिटलं ॥
 देवा माणसाच्या साक्षीनं । पांची भूतानं देखलं ।
 सूर्यदेवाच्या कृपेनं । अगस्त्यानं बांशिंग बांधलं ॥
 अगस्त्य लोपामुद्रा । शिवपार्वतीचं रूप ।
 नारदमुनी बघा बाई । देवाला मुरळी गेलं ॥
 अगस्त्य जादुगार । त्यानं लोपाला उजविलं ।
 पितरांचं रिण बाई । एका शब्दीचं फेडिलं ।
 ब्रह्माविष्णु ग महेश । सृष्टी कवतिक पाहती ।
 धर्माचं बाप आई । लोपाची अलाबला येई ॥'

माती बांध घालताना अगस्त्यांविषयी श्रद्धा

'धरणीमातेच्या उदरी । बाई पाणी पाहिलं रांजण ।
 अगस्त्याच्या कुदळीनं । दिलं खपाखपा खणून ॥
 सूर्याजीच्या कृपेनं । सागरानं देणं दिलं ।
 वाच्यानं वाहिलं । असं आभाळी दाटलं ॥
 असं आभाळ सरलं । धरतीशीरी ओघळलं ।
 अगस्त्याच्या कुदळीनं । धरणीपदराला बांधीलं ॥
 अगस्त्यांची कुदळ । कशी चालती खपापा ।
 धरणी मातेच्या उदरी । पाणी चाललं धपापा ॥
 शिवपार्वतीचं पुण्य । मुनी अगस्त्या फळा आलं ।
 धरणीच्या कुशीतन । कृषी नशीब फळलं ।
 अरे अरे अगस्त्या । तुला गावाचा गहीवर ।

तुझी माया दाटून । कुपीकुपी भरती कुंभ ॥
शूरपद्म राक्षेसानं । पाणी धाडीलं देशोधडी ।
अगस्त्यांच्या कुदळीनं । पाणी भरीलं घडोघडी ॥
अरे अरे अगस्त्या । तुझा जन्म भान कुंभी ॥
मानसीचं शिवतीर्थ । भरलं धरणी उदरी ॥
धरणी मातेच्या पदरी । असं आभाळाचं भाग्य ।
शिवापार्वतीचं रीण । अगस्त्या कुदळीनं फेडलं ॥'



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Teaching Experience----

1) Thirty years teaching experience as The Lecturer in English in the following Junior and Senior Colleges.

Shri Shahu College of Arts Commerce and Science, Pune

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Nasikroad (Bitco) College of Arts ,Commerce and Science, Nasikroad

Symbiosis Institute of English Language (taught English language and Conversation to the Indian and Foreign Students)

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2) Taught Sanskrit language in Ahmednagar Society's High School to the students of S.S.C.

Staff Academy in the College

Active Participation in the Staff Academy of Colleges of Lecturers

Papers were written on various topics related to the Effective teaching of English, "Bernard Shaw as a Social Reformer and the Dramatist", Role of Women in India, Importance of Women's Education etc.

Guidance to the Students

I guided students of these colleges in the extra Curricular and Cultural activities such as, Drama (English and Marathi), Elocution,, Debating Competitions in English and Marathi languages, Music, group Songs Competitions. The students won many prizes.

Projects for the Students

Following projects were made to inspire the students in the colleges to select their future career and to learn to take their own decisions, develop their understanding of English Language, acquire four skills of learning English language learning such as Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing, to develop their interest and to get motivation to work in the commercial fields and occupations in future!

- 1) Articles on different subjects in the Handwritten Magazines prepared by the students
- 2) Observation of the occupations. " Vyayasay Nirikshnas" of the different people who own their industries, workshops and do various occupations. Students had taken their interviews and wrote articles on them.
- 3) the Importance of the Advertisement of the 65 th Art in the Modern World
- 4) " Ideal Teachers" . Students' Evaluation of the Ideal Teachers based on their observation, perception, and the direct interviews of the teachers who teach different subjects.
- 5) "How to develop Reading Skills in English" A project for the students. In the Junior and Senior Colleges
- 6) " Wonders of Science" project for Science Students.

Participation in the Seminars and Workshops and the Active Role in them

- 1) Attended the 10th All India Women Entrepreneur's Conference held at Bhuvaneshvar . ,spoke on the role of women in India .
- 2) world Conference on women and Wealth Generation in the New World Order " held at Baroda in 1994 and presented a paper written in English on the topic such as, ""Integrated Approach to Women's Education.
- 3). Attended the World Conference in the Public Relations held at Mumbai
- 4) All India Women's Conference on Social Sciences held at Hyderabad in 1998
- 5) Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning, in 2007- 26-27th May, workshop on Writing 'Self Learning Material' for Distance Learning.
- 6) Attended Bruno Groening Conference in Delhi in 2015 and spoke on my experience and also read poems
- 7) Training of the Omkar Sadhana Yoga Practice to 500 students for the students --Age 10 to 16 in the Sanskar and Sanskriti Shibir -- Camp arranged at Pirangut village
- 8) Gave training of the Omkar Sadhana (AUM practice) to the senior citizens in the Laughing Clubs, Health clubs in Pune, Maharashtra
- 9) Gave training of the AUM Practice to the American men and women in Bloomington (Illinois State and Austin in the Texas State)
- 10) AUM training to the boys and girls of age 10 to 15 in Blommington in Illinois State and Austin in the Texas State.
- 11). Attended and actively participated in the Yoga Shibir of Shri Randev Maharaj.
- 12) Member of the Indian Association for Women Studies and active participation in various seminars

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Participation in many Cultural and Social Activities such as Drama, music etc in Maharashtra Mandals

Conducted the Training of the AUM Sadhana (Teaching and Practice) workshops for the Indians and American citizens and Children.

Gave lectures on the subjects such as "" women's participation in the Educational and industrial Field" , importance of the Spiritual way of Life Shri Swami Samarth Maharaj's greatness in the Spiritual Field of Life

Published Books , Articles,

English

"Successful Women Entrepreneurs"(challenges and difficulties and success in the Industrial field of life)

Praise of Sadguru -- Sadguru Stavan of The Great Spiritual Master Shri Nityanand Maharaj

"The Boatman of the worldly ocean " -- The Biography of late Shri Sahastrabudhe Maharaj and the experiences of his devotees"" . This is an English Translation of the Marathi Book ' Sadguru Bhavsagar Navadi written by Shri Ambekar

"The Siddhayogi" -- Dr. Nageshkaramble Ramchandra Dhaneshvar. The Intimate Disciple of Sadguru Shri Shankar Maharaj! English translation of the Marathi Book Siddhayogi" written by Dr. N.G. Dhaneshvar

"" Pasaydan" -- the universal Prayer of Shri Dnyaneshvar Maharaj

Marathi

" Uddyogashi Jadale Nate"" (successful stories of 25 women Entrepreneurs based on their direct interviews)

Kriya Yogache Pranete Mahavatar Babaji --

" Babaji ani Kriya Yoga Parampareche 18 Siddhas" Marathi translation of the English Book of Marshal Govindan

""Adnyatacha Shodh ""Marathi Translation of Agatha Christi's English detective novel "the Destination Unknown".

Marathi Translation of Paramhans Yogananda's Articles, Speeches, How to live Series Devotional Chants in Marathi. These are published in the famous renowned Marathi Magazine Prasad!

" Abhishek Bhavaksharancha!! I wrote 108 Devotional poems on Sadguru Shri Swami Samarth Maharaj in this book (published in 2006)

Sai Baba visheshank - A special Issue on Shri Saibaba.

Marmbandhatali Thev Hee "The Collection of my articles published in various magazines.

"Gandh Darawale Anandacha" articles published in various magazines- travels to religious places, foreign countries like Germany, USA .experiences, descriptions of the musical concerts of my daughter Manasi Joshi Singh in USA, women education, Nadi Astrology, visit to Mahavatar Babaji's Cave in the Himalayas etc

Many articles are written on different subjects in the field of Education, social sciences, problems of women, role of Women , Spiritualism etc, these articles are published in magazines such as Uddyojak, Stree, Kirloskar, Naval, divyachakshu, swami Samarth AkkalkotVisheshank, Guruseva, Heritage of Shirdi Sai ,Pune Tribune, Sakal

A number of poems and articles and stories published in the Marathi On line Magazine Antaraal

Many poems are published on the Face book in English and Marathi

Many English poems and reviews on poems are published on Poetry. com I received the honour of the Distinguished Poet on the Poetry . Com

All India Radio

Talks and discussions related to the topics in the field of Education, Literature,poetry,social science, women's education, role and achievements etc

Television

Participation in the Discussion for the Programmes of Teachers, Programmes for the school children

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Manifested from Man Manas Kumbha ,the Vessel with the powerful strength of Mitra - Varuni Sages,Bhagavan Maharshi Agastya , the husband of Lopamudra achieved the great remarkable and everlasting status and place with his inclusion among Seven Rishis (Saptarshis) with his outstanding glorious and notable work and contribution for the Welfare of and Betterment of the universe!! Innumerable sacred places of Agastya are existing at all directions in this universe. There are Twenty Eight places of Agastya in India.

The bright, outstanding and super human many faceted personality of Sage Agastya appears before the reader through many popular stories such as, "The establishment of the compromise between Indra and Marut, The Sea Consumption ; (Drinking of the Sea), Destruction of Vindhya's great Ego and Pride, Manifestation of Kaveri !!

His glorious personality dazzles before us as the the Researcher and Organizer through these great popular stories, Environment, Rain, Agriculture and the field of Health and Hygiene!!

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Regards
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