

SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM

AADHI PARVVAM

17. AmrithaMatthanaSoochana (17. Indication of Churning for Amritham or Amrith)

As Soothan mentioned that once Kadhru and Vinatha have seen the white horse Uchchaisrevas, the heavenly horse of Dhevaas, which appeared during Amritha Matthanam or Churning Paalaazhi or Milky Ocean for Amritham or Nectar. Therefore, Saunaka asked Sootha to explain the story of Amritha Matthanam.

Soothan Said:

During this time those two sisters got the opportunity to see Uchchaisrevas very close and very clearly. 1

When that divine horse, the best of all horses, appeared during Amritha Matthanam, Dhevendhra, the leader of Dhevaas, and all the Dhevaas very regardfully worshiped and received with divine regards. 2

This horse is with irresistible vigor, unimaginable strength and power. It was master-piece of the creation blest with all divine auspicious marks.

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Saunakan Said or Asked:

How did or why did the Dhevaas churn Paalaazhi for Amritham? Is it not during Amritha Matthanam that Haya Sreshttan or the Noblest and Divinest Horse, Uchchaisrevas, appeared. Therefore, please narrate all about that story. 4

There is a very famous and highly adorned golden mountain called Mahaameru or Suvarna-Meru with a blazing appearance and looking like a heap of effulgence which even puts out the bright brilliance of the Sun. 5

This mountain is made of gold and when the rays of the Sun fall on it will be dispersed with shining brilliance of gold. And all the Dhevaas and

Genddharvvaas are haunting there as their playgrounds. It is boundless and inscrutable. It is so pure and sacred and unapproachable for sinners. It is most auspicious. 6

Wicked and dreadful beasts wander around it. It is illuminated by innumerable life-giving divine herbs. In height it is the highest as it is supporting heaven by its back or buttock. It is the highest mountain. 7

It is full of tall trees and surrounded by large rivers and unapproachable for others. There are innumerable attractive and charming birds and it is always filled with sweet songs of these birds. It always provides pleasure and happiness to the mind. It is a truly amazing wonder. 8

The peak of Mahaameru is with unlimited height and well adorned with innumerable precious gems and crores of Dhevaas are living on its summit. 9

The Dhevaas living there and practicing severe austerity and penance and observed excellent vows for Amrith or the Celestial Ambrosia thought of smart ways and means to obtain Amrith from Paalaazhi. 10

Thus, while Dhevaas were seriously thinking and debating about smart means for obtainment of Amrith, Maddhusoodhanan or Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan, The Supreme God, sternly told Brahmadheva. 11

Sree Mahaa Vishnu Bhagawaan Said or Instructed:

Dhevaas or gods and Asuraas or demons should join together and churn Paalaazhi or in other words Dhevaas alone cannot churn Paalaazhi and hence they should take the company of Asuraas for that effort. If so, the ocean shall produce sufficient Amrith, or the joint effort would produce good results fast. 12

Oh, Dhevaas! First you put all the herbs and then all the gems in the ocean (Paalaazhi) and churn it so that you will get Amrith. 13

So ends this section.

