

## CHAPTER FORTYSEVEN

## Bṛhaspatīśvara

*Īśvara said:*

1-3. Then, O great goddess, a devotee should go over to the Lord resorted to by *Guru* (Jupiter). It is situated to the east of Umā and south-east of Siddheśa.

This great Liṅga was installed by the Preceptor of Devas.

With great devotion, he propitiated the Liṅga for a thousand years and pleased Śarva, the consort of Umā, the Lord of the Devas. He attained all the cherished desires inaccessible to those who have no self-control.

4. Now he has the knowledge pertaining to Īśvara and the state of being adorable by Devas. He has attained the status of a planet. He rejoices in heaven only.

5-7. A man who views that Lord, never meets with a distressed condition. The affliction brought about by an adverse Brhaspati will never torment those excellent men who view the Liṅga installed by Brhaspati.

O my beloved, one who duly worships the Liṅga with royal attendance and service, or with devotional fervour, on the fourteenth lunar day in the bright half coinciding with a Thursday attains the greatest region.

8. The man who ritualistically bathes the deity with a thousand *Palas* of Pañcāmṛta devoutly, is rid of the three types of indebtedness.

9. O goddess, he becomes purified of all sins inherited from or pertaining to his mother, father or preceptor. He is rid of all *Dvandvas* (mutually opposed pairs such as pleasure-pain) and he attains salvation.

10. Thus, the greatness of the deity pertaining to (i.e. resorted to by) *Guru* has been succinctly described. He who listens to this with devotional fervour, *Guru* will become pleased with him.