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Sri mahaganapataye namahj
Sri saraswatyai namaha
Sripadavallabha narasimha saraswati
sriguru dattatreyaya namaha

Happy Gurupurnima to you all.
As I told you yesterday, we have all come here because of some good deeds done in previous births.

In this ocean of samsara, there are many bad tendencies like wild creatures trying to hurt us. We don't know the depth of this ocean of samsara. Many wild creatures are trying to attack and eat us. We must avoid them. As Shankara Bhagavatpada mentioned, the Samsara is like a deep ocean, or like a dense forest.

There are bad qualities like a venomous snakes. We have become husband and wife because of previous births' good deeds, we can lose it in one moment. Take a small example of Pavani. I can quote thousands of examples in our devotees. She was about to die so many times. Her devotion is impeccable. Both husband and wife are affectionate to each other. They could have gone separate ways due to ill health, but they stuck together. Without a kidney, she suffered a lot, and had to travel with a dialysis kit, but wanted to see the Mysuru ashram. She said, "I would die anyway, I need to see the ashram before I do. She witnessed Navaratri in Mysuru happily. and Swamiji said you will be happy go. Your husband is taking care of you like a baby. He did everything for her. Such a relationship, and friendship should be there between spouses. There are all kinds of examples in Puranas and real life. There are quarrelsome couples, and there are couples who are affectionate. There are so many examples. She had several surgeries - on the hand, on the neck. I have pain sometimes (feeling/taking her pain). She always says I am doing well. Getting a donor, and staying alive until the donor is available, it's a miracle. I won't say it's Swamiji's miracle. It's their devotion. I just told Jayesh, that it's rare to get a husband like you. This is real devotion to Guru. It's not just offering a puja, or offering Arati. It's the mental transformation happening within you, in your heart, in your intellect.

However many problems come, you should attach your mind to sadguru. If you listen to Swamiji, you would not have any problems in your household. Marriage is not just the bodily relationships, it's the mental oneness between the spouses. You must change for better. That's devotion to Guru. I am not intervening in every family affair. Many are adjusting themselves. I am very happy when wife and husband do service together. You should be like 63….facing each other. We are sometimes like 36 not even facing each other and not talking to each other. When someone asks you how is your marital life, you should be able to say 63. 80% of folks are like 36. How many are like 36? You are hiding your sins, so no one raises hands. How many are like 63? You are hiding that also. At least I will bless you to be like 63. Some of you don't even know how you are. We must all be like 63. 6 is like the 6 bad qualities - that's our body. 3 represents tapatrayas, the 3 great difficulties. A husband and wife should live together overcoming them.

Now onto the Gurupurnima Message.
Gurupurnima message:

Namostute vyaasa vishalabudde phullaravindayata patranetra|
Yena tvaya bhārata tailapūrnah
Prajvalito jnānamayah pradeepah||

The material worldly happiness and the teachings are done by the mother. By the blessings of the father, otherworldly knowledge, and philosophy should be taught. A father should teach all of this,

forgiveness, self-control, and all 10 good qualities should be taught. If the father himself doesn't have them, then there's no way to learn. Mother, father, and Guru all 3 are teachers. Who will teach children about the world? Father and Mother will lead the way. Brahmavidya (the eternal education), and self-realization can only be taught by Sadguru. All the Vedas and other scriptures teach this. Real spiritual knowledge and philosophy are only taught by Sadguru alone.

We must teach the good way of living to children at the time their mind and intellect blossom. In many houses, don't even have a picture of God, Guru, they don't even light a deepam (oil lamp). They eat, excrete, entertain themselves and do all the material things. We will not stay here forever. Raise your hands if you think you will stay in the world forever. Since we must get ready for the afterlife, we must utilize the many chances available. We are missing them. We must not miss the opportunities when our minds and intellect blossom. We must make good use of our life. Srirama also has Vashishtha as His Guru, despite being God incarnate. Srikrishna also learned the Gurutattva from Sandeepani. In Kaliyuga, god is visible to us in the form of Guru.

We know about the other worlds, and how to attain salvation. Why must Guru take birth among the human beings who are fickle-minded and are pretending and not sincere? Why must I be among you? Because of my mother's order, I wanted to stay among you to take you nearer to God. I am pretending to be like a human, so that I can stay close to you. God has descended as human in kali yuga, He is performing the rituals and all the good deeds ordained, in order to set an example to us. Many of us don't even pay attention. Let him do it. Why should we do it? That's what you think. Some women are also paying a lot of attention to material attachments, prestige, relations, and other things that don't really matter.

Guru is protecting you all the time. In Bhagavata, God Himself narrated to us the greatness of Sadguru. You will stay in this world for not more than 100 years. Count how many yeara are left in your life. In the last few years of life, you can't even read, or hear etc. When your life goes away, then you will realize how you are helpless. "Pranaprayana bhavabhiti" goes a shloka which says at the time of passing away of live, there is an immense fear experienced by us. So take care now. Pay attention to your life. You must get rid of the feeling that this body is everything.

Pruthukopanishat…in one night Guru's greatness was narrated. When kuchela asked God when you will be happy? Krishna replied, "Only when I do service to Guru I will be happy." Guru is the one that removes the spiritual hunger in us. Service to Sadguru need not be physical, like massaging His feet. Listening to Guru's words and following them is the real Guruseva. Krishna promised Kuchela, "I will enlighten only those who do such service to Guru." You must have firm belief, faith in Sadguru. you ask for firm blessings. I don't know what it is…should I hit you with my hand? You must pray that your mind should be firmly deep-rooted in the thoughts about sadguru and His teachings. Dhruva, Markandeya, Prahlada and all great devotees have done this. Prahlada was to be given kingdom, but he denied. He wanted to be close to Lord Vishnu. He said, "I don't want to rule the kingdom in the material world for 10000 years."

"Samsara sarpa ghanavaktra bhayogra teevra damshtrakarala vishadagdha vinashta murthe" - Shankarabhagavatpada narrated, the samsara is killing me like a venomous snake with terrible fangs. Shankarabhagavatpada made his soul leave his mortal body and enter into a dead king's body. The king's family ordered Shankara's body to be burned so that his soul remains in the king's body forever. Then Shankara sang the karavalamba stotra. Even when you are married, you can perform brahmacharya vrata. The vrata about not getting bad thoughts into you. Take care of each other.

Performing service to Sadguru. "Guroruchchishta bhojanam" is mentioned in gurugita. says take the prasadam given by sadguru. Keeping Guru happy is also important. "Asanam shayanam vastram" is another shloka in Gurugita which says you must please Sadguru by offering a seat, bed or anything

which pleases sadguru . Keeping the Guru happy is also liked by God. When you are near Guru, and at all times, your intellect / attention stays with Sadguru. May be 5% don't have the attention to Sadguru. When your mind is crystal clear, then put good thoughts into it. When your mind is pure, then it won't go astray.

Volunteers think, "Swamiji is coming, let's complete the decoration. let's finish all the remaining tasks." You always even dream of doing volunteering. It's all guruseva. Real devotees of Guru don't fall into illusion/wavering mind. People boast about their material possessions and achievements with statements like, "I have a tesla, I have a big house, my children are in the USA.", etc. Has anyone said, "my son has gone to India to serve in villages?" May be one in a million is there. When you have true friendship or devotion to Sadguru, you won't fall into illusion. You just think about your duty and perform it. When you want to give something to Guru, you have a guilty feeling until you give it. Service to Guru is the supreme for real devotees of Sadguru. They keep everyone happy. Real Guruseva is that. Until you die, you must be happy, and peaceful. Your intellect should not be wavering. Your mind should not be with anger.

Sadguru seems like a human. He has taken a human life, but He is transforming our intellect. He is transforming society, increasing goodness. just as you are teaching your kids, Sadguru increases good thoughts in you and removes bad thoughts. We will transform. Guru's goal is to have the welfare of the whole world. He will make you do good deeds. During corona time, people fed others, donated clothes to others, and performed service. We must offer ourselves to Sadguru. Guru is equal to God. That's why we chant gururbrahma. It's not a bad thing that he is in human form. a thorn should be removed by a thorn. Your peace should be improved by peace.

Guru is ever affectionate towards the disciple. The disciple should also have equal affection. Guru might seem like a simpleton sometimes. We should not be fooled by the looks. Krishna looked like an ordinary human when Kauravas tied him in their sabha. But Guru is never an ordinary human like us. Yogaratova…bhajagovindam shloka… When in Yoga, or sleeping on the bed, Guru's mind is always in Brahma (supreme God). But your mind is not always like that. Your mind is always in the material world, thinking about diseases, houses, etc. I went to a devotee's house. Everyone was happy there. 60% of people don't have good habits, they don't have pictures, and they have an attachment to the material world. The other 40% of people are living peacefully. I am here for them only. We must think that every second is valuable. just like every byte in the internet connection is charged. you think "has it been 2 years since that person died?" not him, you have spent 2 more years of your life since that person died. When you quarrel in the house for a day, that day will never come back. you must chant God's name every second.

Sadguru is every shining, He is always empathetic to devotees. when devotees feel pain, Swamiji takes their pain on His body. When someone is scolding Swamiji, Swamiji says let him get good thoughts. He doesn't curse them. In my boat, everyone is a good person. When a shepherd has a sheep leave the group, he keeps thinking about it but doesn't leave the 99 in the group. When a regular shepherd is like that, think about how Guru handles the devotees. Some might think Guru left us, but I never leave you. Once you come into my fold, I never leave you. You might leave your spouses for other happiness, but Guru never leaves you.

If you learn this about Sadguru, regardless how what happens in your life, like sorrow, or happiness, …. The bad way is always more attractive to humans. Like going to casinos, ….people don't go to Satsang. They say people don't have anything to do, that's why they do satsang. This is not true. The bad path attracts people more than the good path. Guru realizes this and gives his followers the ability to discern between the good and bad and keeps us ever cautious to stay in the path of light.



Everyone thinks that they are doing good, they say in beautiful English about how great they are. That's where they go on wrong path. Without their own knowledge, they go on the wrong path. At every stage for every individual, Guru is necessary. Mother earth gives us food even though we plow, we mine, we pollute. She is giving us good food, and water. etc. Guru is like mother Earth. Even when people talk bad about Guru, He doesn't care. he forgives them. Even if you commit a mistake towards Guru, He still gives you good blessings. He takes away your sin like the fire God. Wind flows over many things good and bad, it doesn't take qualities from any bad things. Similarly, Guru doesn't accumulate any bad qualities from people.

The sky is immense and infinite. Similarly, Guru's grace is limitless. God is everywhere like the never-ending space. It's very difficult to get such Sadguru. Sun is shining on everyone and giving us heat and light. Never charges us for it. The electric company might charge us for the energy, but Sun never does. Similarly, Sadguru takes away our sins, and always shines a light on us. Moon removes our heat, and Ganga removes our sins. Guru removes the taapa (heat / sorrow) and sins also.

On this Gurupurnima, may guru's philosophy be realized by you. I am sprinkling this knowledge on you. May you all be good devotees - Sat-shishyas. May every person stay near Sadguru and be helpful to society.
May you all go in the path of sadguru.
Datta is guru to hanuman, Rama and everyone.
So, let's chant dattastava and conclude Guru purnima.