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[[[SREE RAGHAVENDRA STOTRA BHAAVA DEEPIKA]]]

*AN EXPOSITION OF THE [[RAGHAVENDRA STOTRA]] OF
* AppannaAchar ^*

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Preceptor : * Poornabodha Guru Theertharu ^
Mentor : * Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu ^
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Invocation Hymns from The [[HayagreevaUpanishad]] ----

svajno.api yatprasaadena jnaana.n tatphalamaapnuyaat.h.
so.aya.n hayaaso bhagavaanhRide me bhaatu sarvadaa.
Aum bhadara.n karNebhiH shruNuyaama devaaH.
bhadraM pashyemaakshabhiryajatraaH.
vyashema devahita. n yadaayuH
svasti na indro vRiddhashravaaH. Svasti naH pusshaa vishvavedaaH.
svasti nastaarkshyo arishhTaneimH . svasti no bRihaspatirdadhaatu
Aum shaantiH shaantiH shaantiH hariH Aum || * *

Invocation Hymns from [[ga.ngaashhTakam.H]] -----

bhagavati tava tiire niiramaatraashano .ahaM
bigatavishhayatRishhNaH kRishhNamaaraadhyaami

sakalakashhabha.nge svargasopanaaga.nge
taralataratara.nge devi ga.nge prasiida
bhagavati bhavaliilaamaulimaale tavaa.nbhaH
kaNamaNuparimaaNaM praaNino ye spRishanti.
amarangaranaarichaamaramagraahiNiinaaM
vigatakalikala.nkaata.nkama.nke luThanti || * *

HARI SARVOTAMA VAYU JEEVOTAMA

|| SreeGurubhyoNamahaHarihiOm ||

IDIOMATIC PREAMBLE : -

“ Aadhi Mangala Shloka of this Exposition ” -----

**HayagreevodhgeetaVaakyiRamadeviRamapatheem |
OmthyethyathanmuKhyrdevaMasthuvathSaamaVedagyhi || (San.)**

|| ShreeRaghavendraVaaghdevataSarith|| (San.)

The ^Moola Brundavana^ of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ situated on the higher banks of River Tungabadra, which He Entered on Shravana Bahula Dwitheeya is well known as ^^Mantralaya^^. Millions' of devotees make a beeline towards ^^Mantralaya^^ every year seeking succor from various debilitating ailments, from all parts of the subcontinent irrespective of caste, creed or station in life, especially during the Annual ^Aradhana^ Day in the Month of Shravana. Nevertheless, there are several scores of ^Mruttika Brundavana^ or otherwise, where the Everlasting Glory of this Great Saint is Celebrated with much devotion and religious fervor! It is to the Divine Merit of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ and a 'Mirror' of His Meritorious Fame, that, more than any one else amongst the long lineage of *Madhwa Pontiffs ^, He is Reputed as the Famed ' Kamadhenu and Kalpavruksha ', Granting wholesome desires to all those who ceaselessly resort to Him!

The Inherent Greatness and Divinity of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is however, not confined only to His Universal Compassion for the sufferings of the poor and the needy, nor the generosity with which Boons are disbursed! The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ also happens to be One of the Greatest Exponents of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru's^ [[Tatva Vaada]] and Has Composed numerous [Tippani] or [Glosses] on most of the indefatigable [[Holy Works]] of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^ and has also Independently Commented upon the [[Teekas]] therein!

The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ has also Authored [[Holy Works]] such as the [[Khandarthas]] for all the [[Dasha Upanishad]] (excepting the Iythareeya Upanishad) apart from His other Noted Works such as [[Batta Sangraha]], [[Manthartha Manjari]], [[Geeta Vivriti]], [[Chandrika Tippani Prakashika]], [[Tarka Tandava Tippani]], [[Tatva Manjari]], [[Tantra Deepika]] to name a select few! The

Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu's^ Most Famous [[Work]] being the [[PARIMALA]] – A Gloss on the [[Sreeman Nyaaya Sudha]] of *JayaTeertha Shreepaadaru^, Is Synonymous with His Holy Name of *PARIMALACHARYA^, just as *VyasaRaajaru^ came to be known as *Chandrikacharya^ on account of His Famed Work the [[Chandrika]].

Also *Srimadh Raghavendra Teertharu^ it seems Continued the Literary Brilliance shown in His Previous Incarnation as *VyasaRaajaru^, where He Composed the Famed Literary Masterpieces of [[Chandrika]], [[Nyayamrita]], [[Tarka Tandava]], [[Bhedojeevana]], [[Mandara-Manjari]] to name a few! Thus, *VyaasaRaajaru^ and *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ are the Two Pillars of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru's^ [[Tatva Vaada]] along with the other Two Pillars Being none other than *JayaTheertha Shreepaadaru^ and *VaadiRaajaru^. These Great Saints not only Expounded in an inimitable manner, the complex Tenets of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^, but also dedicatedly followed the same in 'Toto' in their God Ordained life spans! The Supremacy of Sree Hari and all encompassing Bakti towards Him are the two cardinal tenets of [[Tatva Vaada]] of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^. The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is believed to be the Incarnation of that Great Hari Bakta in Kritayuga, *Prahlada Rajaru^! ^^Mantralaya^^ is said to be the very spot where *Prahlada ^ Performed His famed Yajnas'! Apart from the Two Avataras' of *VyasaRajaru^ and *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ in this Kaliyuga, it is also believed that He was Born as *Bahleeka^ in the Dwaparayuga! The Moola Brundavana in ^^Mantralaya^^ is made out of the very same Stone on which *Lord Rama^ Himself Sat for a while! The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu's [[Holy Works]] underlines at every stage the indispensable importance of Bakti and the Supremacy of Hari, first and foremost!!

*Appannachar^, a disciple, a contemporary, a great devotee and a close confidant of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ hailed from a tiny hamlet known as 'Bijjale' on the lower banks of the River Tungabhadra! *Appannachar^ belonged to a Famous Galaxy known as 'Householder Composers' (Gruhastha Granthakartha), an Elite Group comprising of such learned stalwarts as *Lakshmi Narasimhachar^, *Narayanachar^, *Lakshmi Narayanachar^, and *Krishnachar^. Apart from the [[Raghavendra Stotra]], *Appannachar^ is also credited with the authorship of other noted and important [[Works]] being the [[Raghavendra Gadhya]], [[Raghavendra Kavacha]], [[Raghavendra Mangalastaka]], Repetitive Rendition (Punascharaney) of [[Raghavendra Stotra]] and also a [[Tippani]] (Gloss) on the [[Thythareeya Upanishad]].

*Appannachar^ rushed headlong towards ^Manchale Kshetra^, situated on the other side of River Tungabhadra, unmindful of the swollen rapids of the River in full spate, on hearing about the impending 'Brundavana Pravesha' of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^. The most importantly famous [[Raghavendra Stotra]], a spiritual and devotional rhetoric, was thus composed by him en route towards ^Manchale Kshetra^. The [[Raghavendra Stotra]] needs to be recited, studied and invoked both as [[Guru

Stotra]] as well as [[Sree Hari Stotra]] for individual betterment as well as societal betterment.

[[S T O T R A]] TRANSLITERATION :-

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1)Sripoornabodha guruteertha payobdhipara
Kaamarimaksha vishamaksha shiraha sprushantee
Poorvottaramitataranga charatsuhamsa
Devalisevita paranghri payojalagna

2)Jeeveashabhedhagunapoorti jagatsu satva
Neechochchabhava mukhanakraganaihi sameata
Doorvadyajapatirgilairgururaghavendra
Vagdevataasaridamum vimalee karotu

3)Sri raghavendraha sakalapradaataa svapadakanjadvayabhakti madbhyaha
Aghadrisambhedanadrushtivajraha kshamasureandrovatu mam sadaayam

4)Sri raghavendro haripadakanjanisheavanaallabdha samasta sampath
Devasvabhavodivjedrumoyamishtapradomeasatatam sabhooyaat

5)Bhavyasvaroopo bhavadhukhatoola sanghagnicharyaha sukhadhairiyashali
Samastadushtagrahanigrahesho durstyaha yo plava sindhu setuhu

6)Nirastadhosho niravadyaveashaha pratyarthimookatvanidhanabhashaha
Vidvatparigneayamahavisheasho vagvaikharinirjitabhavyasheashaha

7)Santanasampatparishudhabhakti vignanavagdehasupatavaadeen
Datvaashareerthasamastadoshan hatvasanovyadgururaghavendra

8)Yatpaadodakasanchayaha suranadee makhyaapagaasaadita
Sankhyaanuttamapunyasanghivilasat prakhyatapunyaavaha
Dustapatrayanaashano bhuvimaha vandyasuputraprado
Vyangasvangasamrudhido grahamaha paapaapahastaamshrayae

9)Yatpadaadakanjarajasaaparibhooshitaanga
Yatpaadapadmamadhupayitamaanasayea
Yatpaadapadmaparিকেertana jeerna vachah
Tatdarshanam durita kananadevabhutam

10)Sarvatantra swatantra asau sri madhva matvardhanah
Vijayeendrakabjotsa sudheendrarapurtrakaha

11)Sri raghaveandro yetirat gururmea syadbyaparah
Gnyanabhakti suputraahyuhuyashahasripunyavardhanaha

12)Prativaadijayasvantabheadachinhaadaro guruhu
Sarvavidyaapraveen anyo raghaveandraanavidyatea

13)Aparokshikrutasreeshaha samupeaksitabhavajaha
Apeaksitapradata anyo raghaveandraanna vidyatea

14)Dayadaakshinyavairagya vakphatavamukhankitaha
Shapanugrahashakto anyo raghaveandraanna vidyatea

15)Agyan vismruti bhranti sanshayapsmruti kshayah
tandraakampavachahakwontyamukhaa yea cheandriyodbavaah
Doshastea naashamaayanti raghaveandraaprasaadataha

16)Om sri raghaveandraaya namaha yityashtaaksharamantrataha
Japitaadbhavitaanityamistartaahasyurna samshayaha

17)Hantunaha kaayajaan doshaan aatmaatmeeya samudbhavaan
Sarvanapipumartanscha dadaatu gururaatmavit

18)Eti kalatrayae nityam praartanaam yaha karoti saha
Ehaamutraptasarveasto modatea naatra samshayaha

19)Agamyamahimaalokea raghaveandro mahaayeashaaha
Srimadhvamataadugdaabdi chandro avatu sadanagaha

20)Sarvayaatraaphalaavaptai yatashaktipradakshinam
Karomi tava sidhasya vrundaavanagatam jalam
Shirasa dhaarayaamyadhya sarvateerta phalaaptayea

21)Sarvaabheestarthasidhyartham namaskaram karomyaham
Tava sankeertanam veada shastraarthagnyanasidhayea

22)Samsaarea akshayasagarea prakrutito agadhea sadaa dustarea
Sarvaavadya jalagrahairanupamai kamaadibhangakulea
Nanavibhrame durbhrame mitabhyayastamadiphenotkate
Dukhotkashtavishe samuddhara guromagna roopam sadaa

23)Raghavendragurustotram yahapathedbhaktipoorvakam
Tasya kushthadiroganam nivrutti starayabhavet

24)Andhopi divyadrushti syadedamookapivakpateth
Poornayu poornasampattihi stotrasyaasya japadhveth

25)Yaha pibeajjalameateana stotreanaivaabimanritam
Tasya kukshigataa doshaaha sarvea nashyanti tatksanaat

26)Yad vrundaavanamaasaadya panguhu khanjo api va janaha
Stotreanaaneana yaha kuryaat pradaksinanamaskuti
Sa janghalo bhavedeava gururaajaprasaaditaha

27)Somasooryo parageecha pushyarkaadi samaagea
Yeonuttamamidam stotramastottarashatam jeapat
Bhootapreatapishaachadi peedaa tasya najayatea

28)Yeatat strotam samuchaarya gururovrundaavanaantikea
Deepasayyोजनात gnyanam putralaabho bhaveddravam

29)Parivaadijayeo divya gnyana bhaktyadivardhanam
Sarvaabheeshtapravrudhihi syaannaatra karyaa vichaaranaa

30)Raajachoramahaavyaaghra sarpanakraadipeedanam
Na jayatea asyastrotrasya prabhaavaannaatra samshayaha

31)Yo bhaktyaa gururaaghveandra charanadvandam smaran yaha patheat
Stotram divyamidam sadaa na hi bhaveat syaasukham kinchana
Kintvishtaarta samrudhireava kamalaanaathaprasaadodayaat
Keertirdigviditaa vibhootitula saaksee hayaasyo atra hi

32)Eti sri raghaveandraarya guraaja prasaadataha
Krutam stotramidam punyam srimadbhiryappanaabhidaihi

1)Poojyaaya raghaveandraaya satyadharmaratayacha
Bhajataam kalpavrukshaaya namataam kaamadheanuvea

2)Aapaadamauliparyatam guroonaamakrutim smareat
Teana vighnaha pranashyanti sishayaticha manorataha

3)Doorvaadidvaantaravaea vaishnaveandeevareandavea
Sri raghaveandraguruvea namotyantadayaluvea

Eti sri raghaveandra stotram sampoornam

[[STOTRA]] EXPOSITION :-

Ganga, The Divine River is Famed For Her Matchless Quality of Purifying all those who Bathe in Her Midst. This River Ganga Always Adorns the Head of *Maha Rudra^ and

forcefully flows into the Mighty Ocean, ultimately. Flocks of white swans' constantly ride on the crest of the foamy waves of River Ganga. The Feet of the Supreme Lord Sri Hari, is constantly Awash with the pristine waters of the River Ganga. This River Ganga also harbors countless crocodilian creatures. Similar to this scenario of River Ganga, all those who carry out the Deeds of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ are Purified from countless sins' arising out of adhering to false philosophical innuendo and shall be Blessed with the Dawn of True Knowledge, Which is Afloat in the Mighty Ocean of [[Tatva Vaada]] of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^. The Twin Tenets of ' Pratyaksha ' & ' Pramaana ' Also Adorns the Mantle of the Supreme Lord. Many Eminent Pontiffs' themselves constantly traverse through these Mighty Waves, likened here in to the Timeless Concepts of ' Poorva ' & ' Uttara ' Mimaasa Saastra. And since these hoary Tenets constantly Uphold the Independent Sovereignty & Supremacy of Sri Hari, these [[Tatvas]] are constantly being Served by all Celestials Led by Maha Lakshmi Devi. The Conceptual (Prameya) highlighting the palpable Differences' between Jeevatma and Paramatma ; Complete Qualitative Wholesomeness & Supremacy of Sri Hari ; The Existence of the Universe in Real Time and Space ; The Hierarchy Gradations amongst all Jeevas' --- are likened here in as ferocious marine creatures eagerly gobbling up all falsely pretentious arguments of ignorant paths that attempt to deride the Supreme Sovereignty of Sri Hari.

*Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ Grants Every Boon to all those devotees' who are constantly engaged in showing devotion towards His Lotus Feet. A mere 'Darshan' of the Holy Pontiff, likened herein to the powerful Vajrayudha, is enough to pulverize all accumulated mountainous sins! On account of this the Holy Pontiff is akin to *Indra Deva^ on This Earth.

The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ has thus accumulated all His Infinite Merits only on account of His Steadfast Devotion Towards The Feet of *Sri Hari^ and *Vayu^. The Inborn Nature of the Holy Pontiff resembles that of Divine Celestials' and is similar to the Famed Celestial Tree 'Kalpavruksha' in Granting of all largesse to all devotees.

The Holy Pontiff Possess a Most Divine Countenance and Personae. The Holy Pontiff is like fiercely raging flames of fires reducing to cinders all 'Samsaric' miseries likened herein to heaps of cotton bales. The Holy Pontiff is a Perfect Picture of Contentment and an Embodiment of Bravery. The Holy Pontiff is Blessed with the Powers to Totally Destroy every evil design. Insurmountable difficulties in toto are easily overcome with the Grace (likened to a bridge) of The Holy Pontiff.

The Holy Pontiff is totally free from the snares of all desires. The Holy Pontiff's Words' often renders all opponents as mute onlookers. The depths of Knowledge that is enshrined in the Holy Pontiff's Writings' are palpable only to the most brilliant amongst eminent scholars. Through His Most Unique Style of Oration, the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu, Has Won over every other skilled orator.

The Holy Pontiff Bestows Meritorious off springs, Great wealth, Pure devotion, True Knowledge, Brilliance in elocution, Excellent levels of health and by the means of the same eradicates all the shortcomings that is being constantly churned out in our frail body forms and thus protect us from all harms.

The Sanctified Waters that have thus Washed the Holy Feet of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertha^ is Ingrained with the Powers to add sheen and luster even to the mountainous merits thus gained from innumerable Holy Rivers' right from River Ganga. This Sanctified Waters Eradicates all Miseries and Shortcomings. This Sanctified Waters is Empowered to Set right crooked limbs of the deformed. This Sanctified Waters is Empowered to permanently banish the ill effects of all Planetary influences and the miseries of all latent sins.

A mere glance at all those fortunate persons who constantly show devotion towards the Holy Feet of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ at all times and all those fortunate persons who constantly espouse the Merits of This Holy Pontiff at all times, is in itself akin to a ravaging wildfire inferno to the thick forests stacked with the tinder boxes of Sins (This being the case one need not elaborate on the Mountainous Merits gained by the Darshan of the Holy Pontiff !)

The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^, very well versed in all Saastras', has most ably dispersed the [[Tatva Vaada]] of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^. The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ , the Cynosure of the Eyes' of the Great *Vijayeendra Theertharu^ was Anointed by *Sudheendra Theertharu^.

This Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ by means of His Exalted Position of A GURU multiplies Knowledge, Grants devotion, Progeny and Full life spans, Enormous wealth, bountiful merits and Abolishes all forms of fears.

The Holy Pontiff constantly Achieves Total Victory over all other false paths that do not acknowledge the palpable differences between Paramatma and Jeevatma. There is no one else of the same 'Stature' who is more proficient in all branches of Knowledge than *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^.

The Holy Pontiff has Himself Experienced the Supreme Lord first hand. There is no one else of the same 'Stature' who is more proficient in Granting all desires than *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^.

The Holy Pontiff possess eminently rare Qualities of Mercy, Subtle disposition, Renunciation and Mastery over Speech. There is no one else of the same 'Stature' who is more empowered to dispense both curses as well as boons than *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ .

The Grace of the Holy Pontiff Abolishes many shortcomings arising out of malfunctioning actions of limbs and the resulting residual effects such as Ignorance,

Doubts, Uncertainty, Disorientation, Uneasiness, Incoherent ramblings, Palpitations of Lungs, Shortness of breath, Uncontrollable Stammering and Hopelessly tied tongues.

|| Om Shree Raghavendraaya Namaha || – This is in Itself An Apt Invocation of the Supremely Quality Filled and Supreme Deity of *Sree Ramachandra Devaru^. All those who constantly chant this Prayer consisting of Eight Consonants with correct comprehension in all its Entirety shall stand to gain the fructification of all desires.

The Holy Pontiff has Realized the Truth of Over All Supremacy of * Sree Hari ^. The Holy Pontiff Enables one to attain all the four Purushartaas and thereby Eradicates all sins that are constantly being churned out from with the temporary state of body form.

Thus all those who pray to the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ relentlessly thrice during a day shall without fail stand to gain enormous bounties of happiness during his life span and also in after life. There is no doubt whatsoever in this statement.

This Holy Pontiff's Fame is never comprehended by small minded people. The Holy Pontiff's Everlasting Fame is Similar to A Bright Full Moon ably complimenting the Ocean of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru's^ [Tatva Vaada]. This Holy Pontiff who is completely free from all sins shall always Protect us all.

The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ has accumulated Infinitely inexhaustible amounts of Merits. An individual devotee in order to gain merits of undertaking all Holy Pilgrimages should perform salutations towards the Brundavaan of the Holy Pontiff with as much as exertion as possible in accordance to one's state of physical health and ability. In order to gain the merits of partaking of all Holy Tirthas' an individual should smear his own head with the Sanctified Waters flowing down from the Brundavana of the Holy Pontiff. One should bow humbly before the Brundavana in order to get all desires fulfilled. In order to realize the import of Vedas and Sastraas one should constantly meditate upon The Holy Name of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^.

Familial ties are by nature an enormous Ocean with out any end whose depth is fathomless, constantly patrolled by draconian shortcomings, constantly battered by the waves of desires and longings, constantly enmeshed by wickedly swirling whirlpools of total uncertainty, frothing relentlessly without any semblance of beginning or an end, boiling over with cesspools of poisonous sorrows. The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ invariably rescues a devotee who is immersed in such a mercilessly unforgiving Ocean of utter depravity.

Thus all those individuals who chant this [Stotra] with pure devotion shall stand to be cured of all forms of plaguing diseases. The blind shall be restored with eyesight. The dumb shall speak forth most eloquently. Chanting of this [Stotra] bestows full life spans and great wealth. All sub-latent forms of diseases in the body shall cease to exist upon sipping The Holy Waters pre-sanctified with this [Stotra]. Even the lame who forcefully circumambulate the Brundavana constantly reciting this [Stotra] shall be empowered

with most natural gait. All those who chant this [Stotra] 108 times during the inauspicious periods of Lunar and Solar Eclipses shall never be troubled by pranks of evil. An individual who lights a lamp in front of the Brundavana accompanied by the recitation of this [Stotra] shall be blessed with the dawning of True Knowledge ; would be blessed with meritorious sons and would be empowered to attain victory over all opponents. Meritorious Knowledge and Devotion shall increase ten fold and all desires would be quickly fulfilled. None should have any doubts on this account. By the powers enshrined in this [Stotra] all adversities such as troubles from the rulers of the land, bigotry of thieves, fears of marauding wild animals, stings and bites of poisonous reptiles and inauspicious tidings shall never happen at all.

All those individuals who constantly chant this [Stotra] with unidirectional frame of mind directed towards the Holy Feet of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ shall never be ensnared by any form of sorrows. Instead, such an individual shall stand to benefit from the munificent Grace of * Sree Hari ^ and all desires of the individual would be fulfilled in great measures. The Fame of The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is Everlasting. The Glory of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is Unsurpassed. * Lord Hayagreeva ^ Himself Remains Witness To This!

D I A L E C T I C A L C O M M E N T A R Y : -

|| SaakshiHayaasyothraHi || (San.)

The ‘Initial Shlokas’ of the [Raghavendra Stotra] of *Appannachar^ likens the Meritorious [[Holy Works]] of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ to that of the Sacred River Ganga, with subtle inferences aimed at highlighting the similarities amongst the Two! The River Ganga Originates from the Feet of the Supreme Lord, likewise on account of the “Compulsory Invocations” of the Feet of the Supreme Lord contained in the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ , the same also Originates from the Feet of the Supreme Lord! It is also implied that the River Ganga is constantly being Worshipped by all Celestials’, likewise the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ are constantly being well appreciated by ‘Aparoksha Jgnaanais’ blessed with Divine Intellects! Further, the River Ganga Adorns the Head of *Maha Rudra^! The Eternal Truth Enshrined in the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ overcomes with much skill all other wantonly false interpretations of competing Schools! The River Ganga is inhabited by The Beautiful White Swan (Hamsa) and the treacherously wicked crocodile! The [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is weighed down by the ballast of the Full Force of the Supreme Truth and permanently anchored by the Supreme Sovereignty and Independence of ‘Paramatma’ as a distinct entity from the eternally subservient ‘Jeevatma’! The ‘Paramatma’ is Complete with Infinitely Auspicious Qualities! Apart from the above [Tatva], the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ Resounds with the Statement That The World is Real and that there is a “Hierarchy Gradation” amongst all Jeevas’! Similar to the manner in which the River Ganga ultimately joins the Mighty Ocean, likewise the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ specifically relates to and succeeds in substantiating the Tenets

of [[Tatva Vada]] of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^! The River Ganga Purifies all those who take bath in Her Sacred Waters, likewise the “Knowledge Streams” enshrined in the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ Sanctifies all our thoughts and purifies all our prayers by re-channeling the same into True Knowledge!

Further, the “Mid Stream” Shlokas’ of [Raghavendra Stotra] of *Appannachar^ continues to describe the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ and His Most August and Holy Personae in the manner of a devoted prayer. The [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ constantly Mirrors the Quality of His (The Holy Pontiff’s) Complete Independence in All Spheres of Knowledge! *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^, the Spiritual Heir of the Venerable *Sudheendra Theertharu^, Himself the Disciple of the Great *Vijayeendra Theertharu^, who was in the Forefront in Upholding [[Tatva Vaada]] is NOT dependent (need not depend) on any one for His Inexhaustible Wealth of Knowledge. This Most Rare Quality of “ SarvaTantraSvatantra ” is magnificently showcased in all the [[Holy Works]] of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^!

Next, the Shlokas’ of [Raghavendra Stotra] describes the ‘Qualities’ of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^. The Holy Pontiff Bestows all sought after boons’ to His devotees! A mere semblance of a Glance from the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is enough to eradicate all sins similar to the powerful weapon - The Vajrayuda, that is capable of shattering even mighty mountains into powdery pieces! The Holy Pontiff is the Monarch of Compassion! The Holy Pontiff Has ‘Earned’ all such bestowal powers through the constant Worship of the Supreme Lord! The Holy Pontiff is of most Divine Nature befitting famous Celestials. He is similar to the Celestial Tree and Equals the same in the manner of doling all largesse to devotees’. He is unequalled. There is none like the Holy Pontiff in vanquishing his opponents and make them aware of their depths of ignorance! The Holy Pontiff has also completely ignored all manners of desires! The Holy Pontiff, *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ has come to Realize the Lord of Lakshmi Devi – the Supreme Lord Himself! The Holy Pontiff has Mastered every branch of Knowledge. The Holy Pontiff Grants the collective aspirations of His entire flock! There is none more merciful in curing the sufferings of His devotees’ like *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^! There is none who is endowed in greater measures of Selfless Renunciation or Scales of Eloquence of Speech or the Powers to Bless than *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^! The Holy Pontiff’s Noble Presence is Most Auspicious and Befitting! The Holy Pontiff is like uncontrollable wild fires to the heaps of cotton bales likened herein to the unceasing miseries of Births and Re-births! The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ possesses unbridled amounts of Courage and Complementing Bliss! He is the Master destroyer of all Evil! He is the Sole Bridge for ridding obligatory blemishes that constantly attract and attach to Jeevas’ such as lust and anger. The August Countenance of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is Unexceptionable! The Holy Pontiff brow beats all His opponents in debate into mute submission. It is only the learned who can really appreciate such Pre-Eminence of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^! The Holy Pontiff by the Force of His Masterful Eloquence always defeats all those who are morally wrong. The Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ Blesses us with Meritorious progeny, Grand wealth, Pure

devotion, Depths of True Knowledge, Good body strengths and Unmatchable eloquence in speech. The Holy Pontiff destroys all latent evils that clings to all subservient Jeevas' and thereby is a perennial Protector, Always!

The 'Final Shlokas' of the [Raghavendra Stotra] deals with the 'Uses and Virtues' of reciting the same. Herein it is mentioned that ---- Reciting the [Stotra] with devotion cures terminal diseases like leprosy ; Meditating upon the [Stotra] like a 'Japa' enables perfect eye sight even to the blind ; The deaf and dumb become eloquently energized by the powers enshrined in correct utterances of the [Stotra] ; The [Stotra] grants longevity and prosperity in full measures and in all manners ; Sipping the Sanctified Waters pre-Blessed with this [Stotra] instantly cures all latent internal malfunctioning diseases ; The lame and cripple who perform 'Pradakshina' of the 'Brundavana' reciting this [Stotra] become fleet of foot by the Grace of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ ; He who repeats this [Stotra] 108 times during the Umbra and Penumbra Regions of The Eclipse of the Sun and the Moon and also during 'Yogas' such as " Pushya and Arka " is never tormented or harassed by evil spirits ; The person who lights a lamp near the Brundavana of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ reciting this [Stotra] begets 'True Knowledge' and is Blessed with male off springs ; This [Stotra] enables without doubt the ability to overcome all adversaries in disputes ; Develops Knowledge and Devotion and fulfills all mitigating desires ; The virtues of this [Stotra] is such that festering troubles caused by the Ruling Kings' or losses caused by roving bandits or torments of marauding wild animals like Tigers or poisonous reptiles such as snakes' or crocodiles' shall never arise ; the Grace of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ will destroy all ills arising out of sensory organs being -- ignorance, forgetfulness, illusions, doubts, epilepsy, tuberculosis, trembling of the limbs and stammering. One can attain without any doubt whatsoever all desires by repeating or meditating upon the [Mantra] encompassing the Eight Consonants of -- [Om Sree Raghavendraaya Namaha] : He who prays three times a day that this Holy Saint who has Perceived the Supreme Lord would automatically be free from all bodily sins committed by oneself or caused out of familial attachments', The [Stotra] shall Grant all 'Purusharthas' (Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha) to such an individual (engaged in its repeated invocation) and he would enjoy all round happiness and all his desires would be granted in this World as well as the next ; In short the person who recites this Divine [Stotra] with unwavering devotion towards the Holy Feet of *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ will never be subject to any sufferings, on the contrary he shall obtain, by the Grace of the Supreme Lord all his desires in an overwhelming measure complimented by everlasting fame and prosperity. This is indeed True since none other than *Lord Hayagreeva^ bears Witness to this !! This Assurance said Carries with it the Stamp of Approval of the Holy Pontiff Himself, since it was 'Given' by *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ Meditating on *Lord Hayagreeva^ from within the ^Moola Brundavana^. Thus this [Stotra] though composed by *Appannachar^ carries the fullest sanction of none other than *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ and overwhelmingly vouchsafed by *Lord Hayagreeva^ Himself! The last part of the [Raghavendra Stotra] may be construed as a "Prayer". The Greatness of the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ is Indeed Impossible to Fathom! May the Holy Pontiff, Who Is Forever Pure in Spirit,

Who is similar to the Full Moon to the Limitless Milky Ocean symbolized by the Great [[Tatva Vaada]] of *Sriman Madhwacharyaru^, Protect all of us at All Times!

“ I humbly perform ‘Pradakshina Namaskaara’ according to my individual capacity in order to obtain the wholesome fruits of all pilgrimages ; I smear my head with the Sanctified Waters’ of the ‘Brundavana’ of this Eminent *Yogeshwara^ and at once attain the benefits of having bathed in every Holy Springs (Tirtha) ; I prostrate whole length before the Holy Pontiff to get all my inner wishes fulfilled ; I constantly sing the Praise of the Holy Pontiff in order to imbibe the import of all Vedas and Sastras”.

Also this prayer is directed towards quick deliverance of an individual devotee from the coiling snares of Samsaric Ocean. This Samsaric Ocean which is the outcome of Prakriti (Nature) is an Ocean without end , deep and insurmountable ; Is filled with ‘ Kama and Krodha ’ likened in the [Stotra] to dangerous marine creatures ; Is the source of constant danger containing the whirlpools of illusory pleasures ; Is constantly beset with raging foams of innumerable fears and contains deadly poisons of misery. Thus to an individual devotee who is immersed in such an inescapable Ocean, the only means of Succor is the Holy Pontiff *Srimadh Raghavendra Theertharu^ , The Sure Savior who Uplifts all His devotees’ from the very depths of such an Ocean!

“ Anthya Mangala Shloka of this Exposition” -----

**ThrayeeMayaayaYajnaayaYajneyshaayaaMalaayaCha |
SarvaTantraSvatantraayaSarvaMantraSvaroopiney ||**

**VenkateshaNamasthubyamBramheshaadhiNamaskrutha |
VedavedyaayaShaanthaayaVishnaveyParamaatmaney || (San.)**

**SrimadhRaghavendraGuruAnthargathaBharathiRamanaMukyaPraanaanthagath
aSeethapathiSreemanMoolaRamaArpanamastu*******

[[SreeRaghavendraStotraBhaavaDeepikaSamaaptaha]]

**{ A humble dedication to the Eternal Devotion of Countless “Past – Present –
Future” Devotees of GuruSaarvabhoma Raghavendra Swamigalavaru,
Mantralaya }**

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