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“Vinayaka Chaviti Birthday Celebrations” at Radhamadhavam, Vizag

Message by Master Parvathi Kumar on 08th of September, 2013

Today is the grand occasion of Vinayaka chaviti and I felt that it would very auspicious if we do Puja together as a group. So we have gathered here this evening with that purpose. There is lot of difference between conducting Puja individually and as a group. So though most of you perform Puja at your home together as a family, it is more fruitful when we conduct at a larger group here.

Kapila is one the names of Ganapati. Kapila is Ganapati, Kapila is Dattatreya and Kapila is Hanuman. It is also a very auspicious coincidence that today we are commencing the teachings of Kapila in Bhagavatam.

From next year onwards, let us all celebrate Vinayaka Chaviti in the same manner as a group and we will also have a discourse on Ganapati as well. Let this be our tradition from next year because Ganapati is very pleased when Puja is done as a group.

Ganapati is the Lord of Groupings in creation. He is the Lord presiding over Jupiter. He is present in our Muladhara (base centre) along with kapila, Dattatreya and Hanuman. All four represent the one divine principle and performing Puja to Ganapati is equivalent to performing Puja to all other deities. The Puja need not be performed on a grand scale. It can be very simple and Ganapati is more pleased when he is offered leaves, grass, etc. You can as well perform Puja in area surrounded by plants and trees instead of closed room. That is why we have the tradition



of creating such an ambience even in a closed room by hanging many fruits, leaves, etc. from a wooden support (called Palavellu).

All the intelligences have their acceptance in Ganapati and all of them are pleased when Ganapati is pleased. That is why Ganapati Puja is most significant among all rituals. Even when performing grand rituals or events we start with Ganapati Puja. We should worship Ganapati on a daily basis either by performing a short Puja or by at least chanting his names.

Ganapati ensures that stability is established in us. He is the Lord of all wisdom in creation. His number is 12 and it is also the number of Jupiter. On some other day we will discuss many significant aspects of Ganapati.

-Swasthi