

100th Prerna Festival -

Topic - **Small things can make a big difference**

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Notes -

There was vision of SP of what could possible beyond ourselves, by god's grace then incredible things can happen.

- Universal truth that small things can make a very big differences either positive or negative.
- For eg - malaria. It is tiny little mosquito. Some of you are college guy may be proud of your strength, so compare your arms with mosquitoes arms. You may going to very prestigious university. Compare mosquito's brain with yours.
- You may be proud of your eat - compare mosquitoes digestive capacity to yours which is inconceivably tiny but that mosquito you don't knew about it when you are sleeping and planning and dreaming just bite you and flew which you didn't even seen. And that begins very tiny and you are in critical condition to hospital for malaria.
- This small things can made a big difference.
- That little spark is just a very small and when you matched it form matchbox it is tiny spark but if that little spark left into wrong place that little spark can create a forest fire can burned into 1000s of miles of trees, homes, buildings, etc.
- In chicago, there is chicago fire - according to one lady she was milking the cow which is not far away they were also slaughtering the cows. And may be cows has revenge - there was a little lantern lighten like a candle - a cow hit that candle and that burned entire city of chicago burned to the ashes.
- This small things can made a big difference.
- For eg - a person driving a car in a moment of inattention can be a crash that many people would be dead.
- It's the nature of the world that small things are imp to be attentive too.
- According to scriptures - the living force that animates every living being, and all species is aatma. And within this material creation we see what souls are accomplishing in so many levels of this world
- Aatma is the 1/10k of the size of the tip of the hair - this is what who you are.
- Great scientist, geniuses that consciousness is the manfesting from aatma which is impossible by material senses even with sophisticated machines.
- And the body whoever may be world champions wrestlers or cricket players. Physical body begins with tiny little seeds when mother and father comes together that cannot even perceived by your eyes enter into mother's womb and then it multiplies and that seed grow up and few years later that seed becomes sachin tendulkar or chattrapati shivaji or many living beings.
- Recently I was in redwood forest in california - I seen that tree which is the 2nd largest tree in the planet earth which is very huge and at the same time I seen a little seed if you just allow that seed in a favorable condition then we can bring out our potential.
- And this is very imp part of being successful in anything in your life.

- To understand the smallest thing - what is the potential?
 - Some of the most gigantic portion of earth began as a small family store with husband and wife with it and has 1000s of people.
 - Because there was determination, vision, faith in what is possible and that faith is can only rescue us from complacency. And discouraged from setbacks. Because setbacks are crucial to be strong.
 - Especially matters the love where love is expressed through details.
 - A mother's love is in little details - I remember my mother she was very loving and I used to say why you are wasting your time in all this little things and when I grew up those little thing I thought that she was wasting time but that's what transformed my life.
- One disciple of SP - she was working in a back of temple and SP was walked in there and SP smiled and said to her that are you happy now? And that's what an only interaction b/w SP had with her and she said that moment of smile and compassionate glanced and simple question of concerned that's what nourished her to overcome strength in everytime of difficulty to remain hopeful and be happy.
- Recently I was invited in Beverly hill in conference to speak on leadership where there was very most popular powerful leaders of sports, business and science on panel. So I said what can I say about leadership and many things I can talk about which was quite interesting and they moved my heart and move a swami's heart is very very difficult.
- Mr milken was very genius in strategy which talking about good leadership - it was about how to enthuse maximum creative efficiency in an employee?
- He said - if you don't pay a person enough for their basic comforts and needs, they will always in an anxiety.
- Conclusion is as much as important to brahmacharys as everybody else.
- There will be always insecurity of jobs, getting unstable, looking for the jobs and when you give them enough then they actually has confidence and then you get on the level of creative efficiency.
- Now this is very imp that - No matter how much more you give the person, the creative efficiency does not go any higher.
- If that comfort zone is 100\$, 500\$, million or 100 million\$, you don't get any more productivity.. However if you give a person a sense of appreciation or gives valued of what he or she doing or if you give a feeling of love then their productive source get way beyond it.
- Little things of kindness and giving an encouragement to the heart even in the financial world - what to speak of anywhere else - it is a greatest initiative, incentive and inspiration in any amount of power of money, power and prestige.
- This seems like a small thing to say a thank you to a person or to say that it is wonderful of what you are doing is what we truly appreciates you that makes a big difference.
- As a swami I will never be get marry and I don't know much about married life but because so many married people come with problems - I know too much about marriage life.
- Whenever people come to me that its like they have so much unique problem which is almost little small things which can make a big difference.
- On a spiritual platform, it is the small things are the way we express our love to god that we may be do great things but the love is so much about what we put in the detail.

- There is a beautiful story of krsna who living in dwarka and naradmuni taking away from somewhere and all the queens of dwarks begging please don't take away and it was agreed by satyabhama and others who are bringing jewels and diamonds one side of scale and krsna would sit on other and whatever weighed is as much as krsna they will take instead of krsna.
- And rukmini wants krsna to be with her so rukmini told take away all these jewels and she took only single tulasi leaf with love and devotion on the scale then scale moves upwards and krsna got defeated and he stayed with rukmini.
- Patram pushpam phalam toyam- krsna says in BG that its only love and affection that attracts me. One offers me with love and devotion a leaf, water, a flower I accept it.
- SB says not only krsna accepts but also he conquers by devotees and get defeated by devotees with the small gesture.
- There was a kolevecha sridhar who was in poverty and ragged lived in a single tiny room who don't have any furniture and he manages his life by selling by banana tree.
- SPOG himself LCM gone to sridhar to argue the prices of banana leaf for 3hrs every day. He does as a love for the devotee. Everyday LCM would eat his meal on banana leaf where kolevecha sridhar given to him which looks everything is very delicious for LCM
- But that small things made a big difference which had conquered the heart of absolute.
- LCM said bhakti means to begins in our heart as bhakti lata bheej as a little seed and we have that seed and when we came in contact with guru or great devotee then that seed is awakened in our hearts and when we took serious and watered that seed through our spiritual practice by chanting and hearing and seva to devotees then it grows and becomes a plant and later on tree and get awakened fruits of prema bhakti which quench all hunger and thirst of heart forever.
- Just by moments association of great soul our whole lives get transformed because of that seed begun to grow.
- Sadhu sanga sadhu sanga lava matra - this is declaration of scriptures that even moment association with the lover of god can open the doors of supremely perfection of liberation
- Lava matra means 1/12th of a sec.
- Even that 12th of a sec if our heart is receptive to receive the grace of great soul then that opens the door of supremely perfection.
- All 6 goswamis and all acharyas -shankaracharya, ramanujacharya - they honored gopis as the highest and fully enlightened transcendentalist.
- Gopis are greater than yogis who can kill people by saying mantra or read other's mind.
- A greatest yogis consider gopis to be so far more advanced than anyone else.
- Gopis does small things by conquering krsna by smile or make garlands, milk cows,etc. every little other details with so much care because there is samsidhir hari toshanam - when we actually keep focused to please krsna.
- In human relationship, if you wanna please any object of our love with those who will responsible for in the big things. But filling the big things needed details.
- Samsidhir haritoshanam - real perfections of our material and spiritual duty is to please lord hari.
- If you have actually has a consciousness to please devotees, lord, where we put every heart into it.
- Unfortunately people are so distracted with what really matters.

- SP gives eg that one lady decorates the cage with so much elegance and when friend comes and looks inside that the bird is starve to death. Because she forgot to give little water to the bird.
- This is the story of real world now - in trying to accomplishing it we missed the purpose of our lives by distracting from maya.
- We are so much distracted with so many things. It is said that cultural society loves people and uses things and today's world, we use people and we love things.
- There would be no quality life and fulfilment to the heart.
- Our greatest inspiration for us is SP. When they read SP's books, hear lectures their hearts melt with gratitude and love
- Once SP went to US in cargo ship for 38 days. He has sea sickness, cardiac rest. SP had a big vision of potential of god's grace. Someone is sponsoring a little room and SP would travel 8 miles to cook the book in gopal agarwal house.
- SP made wonderful veg food to everyone and he did not even tell anyone about their against in meat eating. They love so much what SP made for them - they didn't make anything except what SP cooked. Because it was not the taste of the food but it was the love which SP had conquered them.
- NY has immense money, sensual enjoyments, crimes, casinos and everything
- SP left Vrindavan in staying in Manhattan and invited in one apartment where 4 people came - he did kirtan and they liked it. He was so enthusiastic.
- The prediction of Haridas Thakur and LCM that Krsna's name would be chanted all over the world be fulfilled.
- If many of us did this kirtan with 4 people and then we would be probably be depressed that what I am wasting my time for? BUT whether there were no results in present eyes but he seen the potential and opportunity and he has faith in vision that's when take to small things to big different.
- If you live in a spirit of devotion then we can attract the grace of god.
- SP seen the potential of god's grace that what's possible and actually great things in the world begins with seed and purpose
- SP had that vision but we will benefit more if we understand what Krsna teaches us through the great soul.
- SP prayed to be a puppet of god's grace. Mukham karoti vachalam - one just focussed on that conduct and access the grace of lord then blind man can see and lame man can cross mountain and dumb man can speak. This is the power of god's grace which is limitless and to access that grace why we come together to try to enthuse and inspire each other with character, integrity to make difference in this world to access the grace with the sincere grateful and humble heart is to chant the holy name of the lord

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna