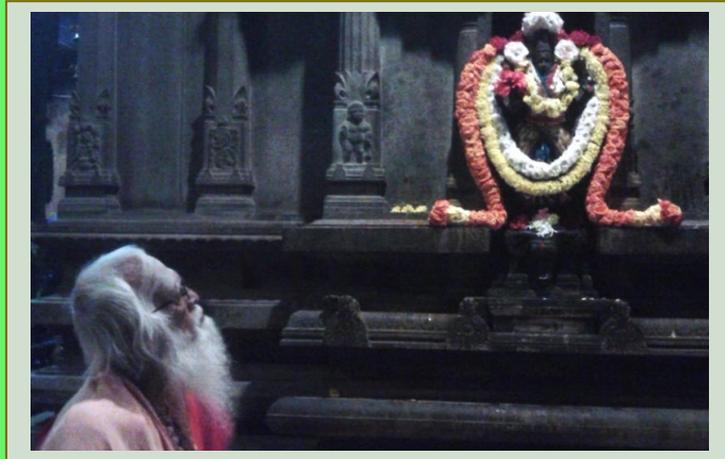


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*Anecdote on Swami Purushottamananda Maharaj
Narrated by Swami Shantananda Puri Maharaj*

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A lady devotee of my Guru Maharaj named Mrs. Wattal had a house in Allahabad. In one of the Kumbha Melas which took place in Allahabad, she went to the main place for a holy dip accompanied by her mother-in-law, elder sister and her 6-month-old child in her arms. They had their holy dip without trouble but just then the naga sanyasis/sanyasins, got very angry due to some incident. There ensued one of the biggest stampedes. People began to run in all directions stamping on the bodies of those who fell down.

The two old ladies managed to go to one side but the lady with the child was caught in the middle of the commotion, and fell down with the child. While falling, she cried loudly, "Gurudev, save me." And in a second, her body was to be trampled by the people running helter skelter. In a trice from nowhere two or three mounted policemen came on their horses with whips in their hands and began to whip the people mercilessly so that the mob dispersed to the other side and they lifted Mrs. Wattal and the child and escorted them to a long distance away on the main road.

As Mrs. Wattal had a number of highly-placed police officers as her in-laws and other close relatives posted in various places in UP, she went to the local office of the Superintendent of Police to express her gratitude to him. When she went and related the anecdote to the superintendent, the latter was astonished and told her, "Madam, I proposed to the Government in the beginning itself to lend us some mounted police during the Kumbha Mela period but my proposal was refused outright. So, Madam, not a single mounted

policeman was deployed at that spot and I cannot understand how two of them appeared there and saved you.”

Immediately Mrs. Wattal knew that it was only her Gurudev [who is my Gurudev also], who saved her at the nick of time. She went out shedding profuse tears of gratitude.

When you have completely surrendered, your prayers are granted. While falling down, Mrs. Wattal cried, “Gurudev save me” and that saved her. The Guru and the Lord are the only reliable sources who never ever let you down in life.

**** Hari Om ****

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