Shri Raghavendra GuruStotra
Composer : Sri Appanacharya
Meaning : Sri Raghvendra Patwari

The first Shloka of Gurustotra is described through similies, Upamas and Roopaka Alankara.

Sri Raghavendrateertha’s Vani - works are like the flow of the sacred Ganga. As the flow of the Ganga is constant, sacred and forceful, so also are the works of our Rayaru.

Ganga joins the ocean, the birth place of Chandra - the father of Budha. Ganga is on the head of Lord Shiva - Sri Rudra Devaru. Sri Rudra Deavaru is Kamaari who is having the third eye on his forehead. On the abundant waves, Ganga is quite happy that several Hamsas are swimming happily and at the same time this Ganga is born from the sacred feet of Sri Hari, who is worshipped by Brahma and all the Gods. Sri Raghavendrateertha’s Vani - Vaak Ganga is Swimming in Poorva Siddhanta and Uttara Siddhanta like a Swan- Hamsa means also Yati, and is regarded by the Yatis and the Kings who were expert and efficient in Karmakaanda and Prastaanatrayee.

Sri Raghavendra Gurugalu has composed commentaries, Tippanis and definitions to the works of Sri Sri Madacharya’s Tatvas - Philosophy. Also composed independent works - Granthas
Sri Madacharya’s Panchabheda, Jeevea Eesha Bheda, Sri Hari is Sarvottama, Omniscient and Omnipotent, This world is true. All these points are elaborately described in the works of Rayaru, so the GuruVaani of Rayaru is as sacred as the Ganga river. In the Ganges we find crocodiles swallowing goats. Here the Siddhanta, Prameya, commentary and the works of Rayaru are the crocodiles which swallow the goats of Durvaadi. It means Rayaru won the Durvaadis by clarifying Harisarvottama and did the Uddhaara to all of us. The Vaani of Rayaru - the Vaak of Rayaru is nothing but the Stotra of Sri Hari’s Sacred lotus feet worshipped by all the Gods, is doing the welfare to the Manukula.

shri raaghavendraha sakalapradaataa svapaadakanjadvayabhakti madbhyaha |
aghaadrisambhedenadrirshtivajraha kshamaasurendro.avatu mam sadaayam || 3 ||
Rayaru bestows everything in life. Those who are surrendered with devotion to the lotus feet of Rayaru, they will get all the Chaturvidha Purushaartha. By the Darshana of Rayaru all our effects of bad deeds Paapas will be vanished by the Divya Drushti of Rayaru. Rayara Divya Drushti is Vajraayudha. Our accumulated Paapas are the mountains. By the Darshana of Rayaru we will become pure and Sacred. At the sametime Rayaru is too magnanimous to excuse us, forgive us. Our Kshamasheela Sri Raghavendraru is equal to Devendra, So we pray Rayaru to Protect us always.

Always worshipping the lotus feet of Sri Hari, Rayaru has attained everything. A Sober divine nature of Rayaru is fulfilling the desires of the devotees like Kalpavruksha and Kamadhenu. I Pray to Rayaru to fulfill all my desires.

Though born in Daitya - Asura Kula, Prahaladarajaru had all the divine qualities, attained all the wealth, Sri Hari Bhakti by the Paramanughra of Sri NarasimhaDevaru - Sri Hari.

By the Pathana of this Shloka with full devotion, the devotees will get their desired things - Ishtaartha Siddhi.
bhavyasvaroopo bhavaduhkhatoolasanghagnicharyaha
sukhadhairyashalee |
samastadushtagrahanigrahesho | durtyayopaplavasindhusetuhu || 5 ||

The personality of Rayaru is quite pleasing, tall, healthy, always smiling, Nitya Mangala Roopa. Just as the fire burns the cotton, Rayaru burns, destroys all the family worries and miseries in life. Gururaya is capable of providing relief from all the wicked elements, Bhoota, Praeta, Cruel Grahas etc. Rayaru bestows Happiness and courage to His devotees. Rayara Anugraha will make us to cross all the greatest difficulties in life. So Sri Appanacharya said : Duratyayopa Plava Sindhu Setuhu

nirastadosho niravadyaveshaha pratyarthimookatvanidaanabhaashaha |
vidvatparigneyamahaavishesho vaagvaikharinirjitabhavyasheshaha || 6 ||

Our Sri Raghavendrateertharu is pure and sacred as He is free from all the perverted qualities - Manovikaara. A Holy auspicious personality. Rayaru simply made the Vaadis dumb, that they cannot debate further and put forth their thoughts. The great Knowledge of presentation and style - Vaagvyakhari of Rayaru cannot be excelled by the Shesha who had thousand hoods.

In those days Mantralaya Rayaru won all the strong Vaadis, PratiVaadis, and debaters.
There was a great Sanskrit Scholar by name Sheshavarma. He was not defeated by anybody till that day. Rayaru with the abundant knowledge of Vedas, Shastras, Madhwa Siddhanta defeated in Vaada by the style in which Rayaru talked continuously with Sheshavarma. Nirjita Bhavya Sheshaha. Sheshvarma accepted the defeat.

santaanasampatparishuddhabhakti
vigynaanavaagdehasupaatavaadeen datvaa |
shareerottha samastadoshaan hatvaa |
sanovyaadgururaaghavendraha || 7 ||

Mantralaya Rayaru bestows the best Santaana - noble children, able citizens, pure Bhakti, Satvika Aishwarya - Wealth, undisputable and unalterable firm faith and devotion of Bhakti, Sri Hari Bhakti, extraordinary Knowledge, good speaking capacity - Supaatavaadeen.

Bestows good health, and destroys all the effects of bad deeds - Daihika, Aadi, Vyadhi and all the Paapas. Such a Noble, Able, Great Sri Raghavendrateertharu Protect us. So Rayaru imparts everything to His devotees and Protect in this world.

By the Pathana of 5th, 6th, and 7th Shlokas the devotees will get relief of the trouble shooting elements and acquire Vaak Siidhi, Santaana and Aishwarya.
Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhouma’s Padodaka is more sacred and Punya than the Teerthas of Ganga, that destroys the difficulties of:

Adhyatmika - Adi Daivika Adi Bhoutika. The born childless woman will get Yogya Santaana. The born handicapped will become completely full flegded by Rayaru. By the Padodaka of Rayaru we will get relieved by the cruel sight of Shani, Mangala, Rahu and Ketu. The ill deeds effects Paapa which cannot be removed by Repentance i.e. Praayaschitta, will also be Vanished and Tarnished. Such is the Miracle of Rayara Padodaka. Devotees please know that how our Rayaru is Punyamurty, So I always Say Rayaru a Boon to Manukula. I here by always Worship and Propitiate Sri Raghavendrateertharu.

Devotees who take the Darshana of Sri Raghavendrateertha’s Lotus Feet and apply
the Padadhooli to their bodies, Devotees who always remember the Sacred Feet of Rayaru heartily, Devotees engaged in describing the miracles of Rayaru by their speaking skill-Vaak Chaaturya, Devotees dedicated their life to Describe the greatness of Rayaru are really great. By mere Darshana of these devotees Paapas will be vanished, all their family worries will be destroyed as wild fire does to a thick forest. Then the Darshana of Mantralaya Sri Raghavendrateertharu will yield much more Punya and Bhagya!

sarvatantra swatantro asau shrimadhwamatavardhanah |
vijayeendrakaraabjottha sudheendravaraputtrakaha || 10 ||

Rayaru’s all the works are all independent - Sarva Tantra Swatantra, Full of Knowledge and Pratibha do not expect anything. So Rayaru Contributed much to the Commentary and Glorified the Dwaita Siddhanta. So we all Regard and Worship Rayaru as Sri Madhwa Mata Vardhanaha. Our Sri Raghavendrateertharu is the Varaputra of Sri Sudheendrateertharu who took Ashrama by Sri Vijayeendrateertharu.

shri raaghavendro yatirat gururme syaadbhayaapahah |
gnyaana bhakti suputraayuryashaha shri punyavardhanaha || 11 ||
Sri Raghavendra Yatirat means Sri Raghavendra the Yati Chakravarti, the Emperor of Pontiffs kindly free me from all the fears. Please bestow Good Knowledge, devotion, Good Santaana, Good life Span (Ayussu), Wealth and Punya.

Imparting and bestowing all this, Rayaru will enhance the Punya and capable of imparting Mukti,
Such a Great Guru Raghavendra remove all my fears. Rayaru is Punya Vardhana

prativaadijayasvaantabhedachinahaadaro guruuhu |
sarvavidyaapraveeno. anyo raaghavendraanna vidyate || 12 ||

In the religious discourses of Shastra and Gnyana there were none to conquer Rayaru. Rayaru was learned and efficient in all the field of Knowledge Vidya. No one can excel Rayaru in Vidya

aparoksheekritashreeshaha samupekshitabhaavajaha |
apekshitapradatavaanyo raaghavendraanna vidyate || 13 ||

Aparoksheekrutasheershaha - Rayaru, during Prahlada actually Seen Sri
NarasimhaDevaru and attained fullest Anugraha.
No one is equal to Sri Guru Raghavendra in fulfilling the desires of the devotees.

dayaadaakshinyavairagyavaakpaatavamukhaankitaha
shaapaanugrahashakto.anyo raaghavendraanna vidyate || 14 ||

Mercy and Kind, fulfilling the desired things of the devotees, Vairaagya, VaakChaaturya - Vaakpaata the noble qualities are glittering on the face of Rayaru. In protecting the Sajjanas and controlling Durjanas there is none except Sri Raghavendrateertharu

agnyaanavismitihbraanti sanshayaapasmritikshayaah
tandraakampavachahakaunthymukhaaye chendriyodbhavaah || 15 ||

Foolishness, lunatics, fits, tuberculosis, trembling, fearfulness and several other diseases relating to our body will be completely Vanished by the Anugraha of Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhouma
doshaaste naashamaayaanti raaghvendraprasadaadataha |
“OM shri raaghavendraaya namaha” ityashtaaksharamantrataha |
japitaadbaavitaanityam ishtaarthaaha syurna samshayaha || 16 ||

Sri Raghavendraya Namaha, in Sanskrit DevaNaagari Lipi is of Eight Letters. This is the Beejakshara Mantra by Sri Bhikshaalaya - Bichali Sri Appanacharya a Great Devotee of Rayaru. Devotees Chanting daily with Devotion understanding the meaning of this Mantra will get everything in life.

This is the Great Mantra. This Mantra is the Prime in the 32 Shlokas of Gurustotra and the Essence of Gurustotra. Sri Raghavendra carries the name Sri Hari Vayu and Rayaru. Ra +Agham =Ragham, burning all the accumulated Doshas. Vendra = Giver of all the Desired things. The word Raghavendra means Swayam Sukhi, Sukhaprada, Aghahara, Vaanchchitaprada etc. meanings are there. Just like:

Om Namo Narayanaya Namaha  
Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya Namaha.

So Bichali Sri Appanacharya with Great Devotion has uttered this Ashtakshara Beeja Mantra of Rayaru:

Om Sri Raghavendraaya Namaha.

By Chanting 108 times with Complete involvement the Devotees will be blessed getting all their Desired things in life.
| hantu naha kaayajaan doshaan aatmaatmeeyasamudbhavaan | sarvaanapi pumarthamscha dadaatu gururaatmavit || 17 || |

Rayaru  Cleanse the Doshas and the Paapas of His devotees and also the their relatives.
Bestows Chaturvidha Purushaartha:Dharma - Artha - Kama - Moksha

| iti kaalatraye nityam praarthanaam yaha karoti saha | ihaamutraaptasarveshto modate naatra samshayaha || 18 || |

Devotees Praying and Chanting Rayaru with this Stotra with Complete Devotion daily three times will enjoy wealth, happiness in this World and also in Paraloka. There is no doubt about this!
Ordinary people cannot understand the greatness of Rayaru, the Miracle of Rayaru. In this World always doing good to the devotees by the Anugraha of Sri Hari. Rayaru is quite pleasing like A Moon to the Ksheera Samudra of Dwaita Siddhanta. Such a Gururaya Protect me always.

We will attain the Punya of all the Yatras, when we perform the Pradakshina of Rayara Brindavana. Rayaru is too Kind, no such hard and fast rule regarding Pradakshinas, as per our strength and mite, we have to do Pradakshina. Yatha Shakti. The only thing is Devotion must be there. Rayaru is having Special Knowledge, the Power of Sarva Siddhi. So I here by adore the Brindavana Abhisheka Jala on my head as I get the Punya of all the Holy Teerthas Holy Dip - Snaana - Bath.

Devotees how Sacred and Punyavanta is our Rayaru. Everything is for the Benefit of the Devotees.
shirasaa dhaarayaamyadya sarvateerthaphalaaptaye |
sarvaabheeshtaarthasiddhyarthham namaskaaram karomyaham || 21 ||

To get the Desired Purushaartha - Things I do Namaskara to Rayara Divya Brindavana.
To attain the Knowledge of all the four Vedas and the entire Sachhastra of our Sri
SriMadacharya
I here by do your Stotra - Naama Sankeertana.By taking the Sacred name of Sri
Raghavendra
we get the Knowledge of Vedas and Shastras.

tava sankeertanam vedashastraarthagnyaanasiddhaye |
samsaare.akshayasaaagare prakrutitto.agadhe sadaa dustare |
sarvaavadyajalagrahairanupamaihi kamaadibhangaakule |
nana vibhramadurbhrame.amitabhayastomaadiphenotkate |
duhkhotkrishtavishe samuddhara guro mam magnaroopam sadaa || 22 ||

As the Ocean is wide and deep with the cruel Creatures like crocodiles, full of poison,
Strong and forceful waves,whirls and rich bubbles of that Ocean we are unable to
Cross that Ocean.In the same way in our life, we are encircled with all the unwanted
qualities of Raja, Tamo, ill deeds, ill feelings of Kama, Krodha Dwesha,Moha, Mada,
Maastarya. We are really stuck deeply in the life and afraid of Sorrows.

Sri Raghavendrateertha is the only Saint who can help to Cross from this sorrowful life.
Devotees who Chant this Sri Raghavendra Stotra daily with full devotion, the incurable diseases will be cured soon including Leprosy and Skin diseases. Devotees how Siddhi is our Gurustotra.

Devotees Chanting the Gurustotra with Devotion: the born blind will attain good eye sight, the dumb will become a good speaker, a great rator, those who have little span of life ill get long life span, the poor will become rich and wealthy.

By the Pathana of this Gurustotra the Devotees have obtained all these things in their life.

The only thing is Believe Rayaru, Pray with Devotion. Sri uruJagannathaDasaru has Said:
Devotees holding the Padodaka in their hands anting the Stotra of Gururaya, Pronouncing Om Sri Raghavendraya Namaha and drink the Padodaka of Rayaru with Bhakti all the diseases, even though they relate to PurvaJanma - Janmantara will be cured within no time. The Abhimantrita Padodaka with Om Sri Raghavendraya Namaha has got that much of Power and Siddhi. Tasya Kukshi Gata Doshaaha - diseases pertaining to the stomach will be Vanished within no time.

Those who do not have limbs to walk, strength to walk, will simply move with their body and perform the Pradakshina Seva to the Rayara Brindavana Chanting the Gurustotra
with devotion got legs to walk fast freely by the Anugraha of Sri Gururajaru. For this statement Sri Kamalesha VithalaDasaru is the witness to all of us. How Gurustotra and Rayaru are important to us

| sa janghaalo bhavedeva gururaajaprasaadataha |
| somasooryoparaage cha pushyaarkaadisamaagame || 27 ||

During the time of Sun Eclipse, Moon Eclipse and Pushya Nakshatra falls on Sunday, Amavaasya, Pournima, Janma Nakshatra, We have to perform the Ashtottara of Sacred Sri Raghavendra Gurustotra of Bichali Sri Appanacharya, it means we have to Chant with Devotion Gurustotra for 108 TIMES to attain Siddhi. Such Devotees will never be affected by any wicked elements. Dear Devotees Sri Raghavendra Gurustotra is such a powerful Siddhi Stotra. The very Composition is fully based on Bhakti of our Bichali Appanacharya, a true Devotee of Rayaru, who has Composed Spontaneously, that too the Stones of Brindavana were placed one by one.

| yo.anuttamamidam stotramashtottarashatam japet |
| bhootaprettapishaachaadi peedaa tasya na jaayate || 28 ||
Chanting the Gurustotra with Devotion the Devotees have to keep the Nanda Deepas before Rayara Brindavana. The Devotees will get Suputra - very good son - the Devotees will also get perfect knowledge i.e. Sameechina Gnyana.

yetat strotam samuchchaarya gurorvindaavanaantike |
depasamyojanaajgynaanam putralaabho bhaveddhruvam || 29 ||

By the Pathana of this Gurustotra the Vaadis will be successful in Vaada. Either in the Debate or in the religious discourse the Devotees will not defeated by anybody. All the Desired things will be obtained by the Anugrha of Rayaru, All sorts of comforts and
happiness will be increased here and also in paraloka. There is no doubt that.

Bichali Sri Appanacharyaru has said with great confidence and has given a challenge, a real Bhakta of Mantralaya Rayaru.

raajachoramahaavyaaghrasaranakraadipeedananam |
aa jaayate.asya stotrasya prabhaavaanatra samshayaha || 31 ||

King’s cruelty, thieves, tigers, serpents, crocodiles etc. will not affect the Devotees by the Pathana of this Stotra and this is the Miracle of this Holy Sri Raghavendra Gurustotra.

It seems Rayaru himself has suffered all when he was Prahlada the firm faith and the Strong belief of Sri Hari, Hari Bhakti saved from all the dangerous calamities.
Devotees who remember the Lotus Feet of Sri Raghavendraru and always do the Pathana of this Sacred Stotra with Devotion, will never get any sorrows or worries in their worldly life. Devotees will get all their Desired in their life by the Paramanugraha of Sri Kamalanatha - Sri ManNarayana.

Appanacharya with folded hands Pronouncing the Stotra through Ashukavitva came near the Brindavana and stopped after:

KeertirDigviditaavibhutiratula. His grief and sorrow made him dumb. The last stone of the Brindavana was placed. Appanacharya cannot see the face of his beloved Gururaya. At that time Rayaru was Chanting Hayagreeva Mantra sitting in the Brindavana. After listening all Rayaru said:

SAAKSHIHAYASTOTRAH I and Completed the Stotra.
To this Gurustotra Sri Hari Vayu Guru are highly pleased, and came out from the mouth of the great Devotee Bichali Sri Appanacharya.
Sri Raghavendrateertha Gurusarvabhoumaru is the Able Yati for Archana, Vandana and Aradhana -. Poojyaaya. Always indulged in the Aradhana of Sri Hari - SatyaDharmaRataayacha. Devotees who have Surrendered fully, for them Rayaru is Kalpavruksha and Kamadhenu. So I here by offer my Sashtaanga Namaskara to this Great Sri Raghavendrateertharu, Mantralaya Rayaru.

इति श्रीमदपपणाःचार्याः क्रितम्
|| श्रीराघवेंद्रस्तोत्रम् सांपुर्णम् ||
|| OM श्रीराघवेंद्रगुरवंतार्गता-
bhaaratiramanamukhyapraanantarargata-
lakshmiramanashrikrishanaarpanamastu  ||

|| Harihi OM ||