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Essence of Chanakya Sutras
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“Happiness is the Goal of Humanity”.

On this main theme the great master Chanakya wrote two invaluable and timeless volumes of Kautilya Arthashashtra and Chanakya Sutras. In the following article the essence of Chanakya Sutras are re-presented in Poetic-simple way. Chanakya was a teacher, mentor and Path maker. His teachings through two volumes are very very useful for everybody in everyday life.

Now let us see the genius of Vishnu Gupta Chanakya through first 20 and last 26 of Chanakya Sutras (out of the Total 568 Stangas in the book Strategic Leadership by Guruji Shri G. Narayana.

1. **“Sukhasya Moolam Dharma”**
Root of happiness is doing Right.
Cause of happiness is doing right,
In right time, right way do right.
2. **“Dharmasya Moolam Artha”**
Root of doing right is Wealth.
Cause of wealth is sure wealth,
Generate wealth and be in health.
3. **“Arthasya Moolam Raajyam”**
Root of wealth is Enterprise
Means of wealth is enterprise,
Organisation is an enterprise.
4. **“Raajyasya Moolam Indriyajaya”**
Root of enterprise is Healthy Organs.
When organs healthy Organisation’s health
Take care of functions for enterprise health.
5. **“Indriya jayasya Moolam Vinaya”**
Root of healthy organs is Humility.
In managing functions be friendly,
In managing organs be friendly.
6. **“Vinayasya Moolam Vruddhopaseva”**
Root of humility is Respecting Elders.
Respect elders for humbleness,
Respect seniors for right success.

7. ***“Vruddhopa Sevaya Vignaanam”***
Wisdom from respecting Elders.
 By learning from elders wisdom comes
 From apprenticeship with wise experience comes.
8. ***“Viganaanena aatmaanam Sampadayet”***
Self can be gained through Wisdom
 When wisdom is gained self is gained,
 When self is gained all is gained.
9. ***“Sampaaditaatmaa Jitaatmaa Bhavati”***
Winner of self is self winner.
 Gainer of self is self winner,
 Success comes to self winner.
10. ***“Jitaatmaa swarthe samyujyet”***
Winner of self wins all Wealth.
 Once winner is ever winner,
 Self winner is all wealth winner.
11. ***“Artha Sampad Prakruti Sampadam Karoti”***
 Economic wealth for environment wealth.
 From economic wealth environment wealth
 Environment wealth gives overall health.
12. ***“Prakruti Sampadhani Anaayakamapi Raajyam Neeyate”***
 Environment health ensures enterprise health even when leader is absent.
 When well established is environment wealth
 Even though leaderless continues wealth.
13. ***“Prakruti Kopah Sarva Kopebhyo Gareeyat”***
 Environment anger is greatest anger.
 Environment anger is great anger
 Do not be cause for the group anger.
13. ***“Avi Neeta Swami Laabhaad Aswami Laabhah Shreyaad”***
 Being leaderless is better than being with bad leader.
 Leaderlessness is better than bad leader.
 Great difficulties from wrong leader.
14. ***Sampaadyaatmam Anviched Sahaya Vaan”***
 Winning leader ensures helpful colleagues.
 Effective leader develops excellent colleagues
 Manages enterprise along with colleagues.

16. **“Na Asahaayasya Mantra Nischaya”**
Without Colleagues there is no strategy.
With colleagues only strategies come
In team only sound discussions come.
17. **“Naikam Chakram Paribramayati:**
Vehicle does not move on one wheel only.
With only one wheel vehicle doesn't move
With only one view plan doesn't move.
18. **“Sahaaya Sama Sukha Dukha”**
Share happiness, unhappiness with colleagues.
With your colleagues always share
Success and difficulties both you share.
19. **“Maani Pratimaaninam Aatmani Dviteeyam Mantram Utpadayet”**
Point and counter point result in right strategy.
From point and counter point strategies come
From ascent and descent alternatives come.
20. **“Avineetam Sneha Maatrena Na Mantre Kurvati”**
Strategy is not to be discussed with men without principles.
With men without values, policies; don't plan
Even though a friend, include not in plan.
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543. **“Tattvagnanam Kaaryameva Prakashyati”**
Knowledge of “That” brightens the works.
Let your divinity reflect in what you do
Your excellent works are offering to God, true.
544. **“Vyavahaaro Pakshapato Na Karyah”**
Taking sides is to be avoided in business conduct.
With equality treat stake holders all
With biased approach business will fall.
545. **“Atma Hi Vyavahaarasya Saakshi”**
Self is the witness of business (you are witness !!)
For your business witness you are
Accuser, defender, advocate, judge you are.
546. **“Sarva Saaksheehi Atma”**
Self is witness of all.
Yourself is supreme witness of all
Your ego is false witness of all

547. *“Na Syaata Koota Sakshee”*
Being false witness is to be avoided.
Never you become false witness
Being false witness is being useless.
548. *“Kuta Saakshino Narako Patanti”*
False witnesses will experience hell.
Being false witness is going to hell
Come what may, truth, noble witness will tell.
549. ***“Prachhanna Paapaanam Saakshino Maha Bhootani”***
Great elements are witness for secret sins.
When wrong is done in secrecy none may see
But the great elements and yourself will surely see !
550. ***“Aatmana Paapam Aatmaive Prakaashyati”***
Own sins will be declared by own self.
When one does wrong he can not hide
His own self will be witness from opposite side.
551. ***“Vyavahaaro Antargatam Aakara Soochayati”***
Body language speaks about intention and conduct.
Your body speaks its language and tells truth
Let truth be reflected by words and body, both.
552. ***“Aakaara Samvaranam Devaanaam Ashakyam”***
It is impossible for any one to cover the expressions of face.
Lot is told by expressions of face.
Truth will come out just even in a trace.
553. ***“Chora Raaja – Purushebhya Vittam Rakshet”***
People’s money is to be protected from thieves and officials.
Thieves and officials steal the wealth
Watch them both and protect on this earth.
554. ***“Durdarshanaa Rajaanah Praja Naashayanti”***
A bad leader tortures his people.
When one tortures his people near is his end.
Troubled people will start his downward trend.
555. ***“Sudarshanaa Rajaanah Praja Ranjayanti”***
A good leader makes his people happy.
When leader loves his people he will shine
Beloved people will worship him as divine.

556. ***“Nyaaya yuktam Rajaanaam Maataram Manyate Prajaa”***
 A leader who gives justice is considered as their mother by people.
 Give justice and love people and protector, be
 Support them, nourish them and mother; be.
557. ***“Taadrisha Raajah Iha Sukham Tatah Swargam Apnoti”***
 A leader who makes his people happy and gives justice to all will be joyful now, here and thereafter.
 Take care of people and ideal leaders be
 Work for their well being a real man be
558. ***“Ahimsa Lakshano Dharmah”***
 Not harming anyone is essence of Dharma.
 Non violence in the essence of right path
 Usefulness to all is the sense of that path.
559. ***“Swashareeram aadi para Shareeram Manyate Sadhu”***
Good people consider own body as others’ body.
 This body is the means to serve everyone
 Every-bodyness is being the useful one.
560. ***“Maammsaa Bhakshanam Ayuktam Sarveshaam”***
It is not appropriate to eat meat.
 Be vegetarian do not eat meat
 As yourself all beings you treat.
561. ***“Na Sansaara Bhayam Gnaanavataam”***
Knowers have no fear in this world
 Do not have fear of any one in this world
 Do not cause fear to any one in this world.
562. ***“Vignaana Deepena Sansaara Bhayam Nivartate”***
Light of wisdom removes fear of this world.
 Fear is darkness wisdom is light
 With knowledge make this life bright.
563. ***“Sarvam Anityam Bhavati”***
All is impermanent
 There is nothing permanent, all will change
 Man thinks he is forever, how very strange !!
564. ***“Krumi sharun mootra Bhaajanam Shareeram Punya Paapa Janma Hetu”***
This Body made of elements becomes caves for merit and demerit.
 Consider this body just as means
 Think to be useful, what it means.

565. ***“Janma Maranaadeeshu Dukhameva”***

Birth and Death are Grief only.

Cause of grief are birth and death
Serving humanity is beyond them both.

566. ***“Tapasyaa Swargamaapnoti”***

Penance gives Happiness.

Contemplate, introspect, temper your thought
With inside light your worries become not.

567. ***“Samaayuktasya tapo Vivardhate”***

Forgiving enhances penance.

Forgive and forget share your joy
Give and get love and just enjoy.

568. ***“Tasmaat Sarveshaam Kaarya Siddhi Bhavati”***

Through Penance and Joyful life all efforts just get Realised.

In this way be a responsible joyful one
Realising own potential reach that ONE.