



Jayaguru

Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
Branch: America Saraswata Sangha
864th Sangha Puja Session Report

Date- May 21, 2023

Time- 07:15-11:45 (ET)

Pāliās- Aishee and Braja Bhai

For the attendees list, please check the sangha website.

Minutes of the First Session

The first session started at 7:30 am ET after singing of *pratīkshā* songs “*Milana Mandire Mora*” and “*Andhāra E Mo Kuṭira Duāre*” by Gyan Bhai and Rashmi Ch. Maa respectively. Sanujit Bhai performed *ārati* and then Suprit Bhai led the singing of *bandanā* and *stotra bandanā*. After reading *Parichaya Patra*, devotees, led by Braja Bhai, prayed to Shri Shri Thakur for the smooth functioning of the *sammilanis*. Then Biswa Bhai read “*Bandanā, Prārthanā, and Prārthanākārinka-prati*” sections from Sangha Sebaka, volume 49, part four. This was followed by reading of verse 32 from Shri Shri GuruGeeta by Sonalisa Maa. Braja Bhai requested Shri Shri Thakur to accept *Bālyā Bhoga* and join the second session after a short rest. He also requested devotees present at NSM to have *prasād*. The first session concluded after “*Jayaguru*” *kirtan*.

Minutes of the Second Session

The second session started at 10:00 am ET after *Praṇām Gāna*, which was preceded by *ābāhan* songs “*Antara Mandira Bharichhi Maa Go*” and “*Tuma Roopa Lāgi Ākhi Jhure*” sung by Nihar Bhai and Milu Maa respectively. Brundaban Bhai sang *bandanā* “*E Nayan, Kara Kara Guru Roopa Darashana*” and Soumya Bhai read the section titled “*Sādhanā of Surrender*” from Nigama Upadesha. Gyan Bhai presented the minutes of the last Sangha Puja session. Then Ajit Bhai read from Shri Shri Thakur Mahatmya and Subhashis Bhai offered a summary of the reading in English. Anjali Maa sang the song “*Tumari Charaṇe Śaraṇa Neichhi Tume Mo Jivana Kāraṇ*”. Kishor Bhai read an excerpt from the English translation of Samsara Pathe, Part One. The title of the topic was “*Financial Problems of the Householders*”. Braja Bhai conducted the Q/A session, first offering a quick discussion on the topic read from Sangha Sebaka during the first session, and then answering questions from bhaktas. Then the Young Aspirants’ Session started with Sreeja singing the prayer “*SajaLa Nayane Kusuma Anjali Mora*”. Bhakti Maa led the discussions. Then Aishee and Braja Bhai did *bhāba binimaya*. After that, Braja Bhai invited Shri Shri Thakur for *Madhyāhna Bhoga* and evening puja. He requested devotees present at NSM to have *prasād*. Shilpi and Sonia Maa invited Shri Shri Thakur and all devotees for the next YA session and for the next Sangha Puja respectively. Braja Bhai prayed to Shri Shri Thakur and requested all devotees to forgive all *sebakas* and *sebikās* who performed *sebā* during the Sangha Puja for any mistakes they might have committed. Finally, Arpita Maa sang the last song “*Dinanātha Ehi Bhikshā Kare ŚriCharaṇe*”. The second session ended with “*Jayaguru*” *kirtan*. Then a short discussion on sammilani preparations and other matters ensued. Biswajit Bhai took attendance after which the devotees bid farewell to each other until the next sangha puja.

Shri Shri Thakur Charaṇāśrita
Aishee and Braja Bhai