



Jayaguru

Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
Branch: America Saraswata Sangha
818th Sangha Puja Session Report

Date- June 12, 2022

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

Palias- Gyan, Braja Bhai, Thakur Bhai

For attendees list, please check sangha website.

Minutes of the First Session

The first session started at 7:30 am ET after singing of *prateekshaa* songs “*JaNaae Pade Jodi Kara*” and “*Bhaaba Raajara Bhaabara Thakur*” by Suvendu Bhai and Amrita Maa respectively. Sanujit Bhai performed *aarati* and then Uditaa sang *bandanaa* and *stotra bandanaa*. After reading of *Parichaya Patra*, devotees prayed to Shri Shri Thakur to protect the world from COVID-19 pandemic, for smooth functions of the *sammilanis*, and for proper daily puja at Nigam Smruti Mandir, all of which were led by Braja Bhai. Then Prabir Bhai read “*Bandanaa, Praarthanaa, and Praarthanaakaarinka-prati*” sections from Sangha Sebaka, volume 39, part three. Biswajit Bhai sang the song from the above-mentioned Sangha Sebaka. This was followed by reading of verse 97 from Shri Shri GuruGeeta by Soumya Bhai. Braja Bhai requested Shri Shri Thakur to accept *Baalya Bhoga* and join the second session after a short rest. He also requested devotees present at NSM to have *prasaad*. The first session concluded after “*Jayaguru*” *kirtan*.

Minutes of the Second Session

The second session started at 10:00 am ET after *Pranaam Gaana*, which was preceded by *abaahan* songs “*Bije Patha Chaahin Rahichhi Anaa*” and “*PraNaraMaNi Najaae Haji*” sung by Nihar Bhai and Gyan Bhai respectively. Smita Bai Maa sang *bandanaa* “*Bandana Ghena Priyatama Taba Sundar Pada Praante*” and Sandeep Bhai read the section titled “*Aasana, Basana, Bhsana*” from Nigama Upadesha. Sukanya Maa presented the minutes of the last Sangha Puja session. Then Anup Bhai read from Acharya Prasanga and Biswajit Behera Bhai offered a summary of the reading in English. Brundaban Bhai sang the song “*Aaji ta Pahili Raja*”. Debi Das Bhai read an excerpt from the English translation of Sansara Pathe, Part One. Braja Bhai conducted the Q/A session answering questions from bhaktas. Then the Young Aspirants’ Session started with Sreeja singing the prayer “*Bhuli Mun Paaruni Priya*”. Swati Maa led the discussions. Then Gyan, Braja Bhai, and Thakur Bhai did *bhaaba binimaya*. After that, Thakur Bhai invited Shri Shri Thakur for *Madhyaahna Bhoga* and evening puja. He requested devotees present at NSM to have *prasaad*. In the absence of Eva, Rashmi Choudhury Maa invited Shri Shri Thakur and all devotees for the next YA session, and Amitav Bhai did so for the next Sangha Puja. Thakur Bhai prayed to Shri Shri Thakur and requested all devotees to forgive all *sebakas* and *sebikaas* who performed *seba* during the Sangha Puja for any mistakes they might have committed. Finally, Debashis Bhai sang the last song “*Deber Durlabho Tabo Charano Jugal*”. The second session ended with “*Jayaguru*” *kirtan*. Then a short discussion on sammilani preparations ensued. Biswajit Bhai took attendance after which the devotees bid farewell to each other until the next sangha puja.

Shri Shri Thakur Charanashrita
Gyan, Thakur Bhai, and Braja Bhai