



Jayaguru
Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
America Saraswata Sangha

914th Sangha Puja Session Report

Date & Time: June 9th, 2024 7:15 AM - 11:55 AM ET **Palia:** Shilpi, Mahesh Bhai and Prabhakar Bhai

Adhivaasa Puja (June 8th, 2024, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ET):

Adhivaasa puja started with the singing of *Stotra Bandana* at 7:00 PM right after the evening nitya puja. After the bandana, a few topics from *Nigama Upadesha* and *LeeLaa Prasanga* were read. Then, Mahesh Bhai invited Shree Shree Thakura, Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants to attend the sangha puja scheduled for 7:30 AM ET next morning. The session concluded with evening prayer, '*Baanchhaakalaptaru*' and *Jayaguru Mahanaama*. After the session, *Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura. Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were served with *Prasada*.

First Session (June 9th, 2024, 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM ET):

The morning session of the puja started at 7:15 AM ET with the singing of *Pratikshaa* songs, '*Hrudaya Mandire Raasa Bedi Pare*' by Bhakti Maa followed by '*Aanandamaya Nigamaananda Jaya*' by Anjali Maa. During that time, all the devotees joined the puja either at Nigama Smruti Mandira or via tele-conference. Prabhakar Bhai offered mangala aarati to Shree Shree Thakura followed by bandana and stotra bandana led by Smita Bai Maa. Biju Bhai read verse 86 from Shree Shree Guru Gita. Braja Bhai led the reading of *Parichaya Patra* followed by prayers for *Sammalini* and *Bhaktanibaasa Nirmana*. Subrat Bhai read Sangha Sebaka 5th Year Part two (*Bandana, Prarthana* and *Prarthanakarinka Prati*). In this topic, we learnt that true knowledge enables one to progress on the path of liberation. Our own conduct and nature would influence how we are treated by others. After the reading of Sangha Sebaka, Prabhakar Bhai invited Shree Shree Thakura, Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants to attend the second session of the sangha puja that was scheduled to start at 10:00 AM ET. The first session concluded with *Jayaguru Mahanaama*. After the session, *Balya Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura. Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were served with *Prasada*.

Second Session (June 9th, 2024, 9:45 AM to 11:55 AM ET):

The second session of the puja started at 9:45 AM with the singing of *Prateekshaa* songs, '*Dayaamaya He! Kholdia Hrudayara Duaara*' by Briundaban Bhai followed by '*NilamaNi Ki Mora Nayanare Rakhibi*' by Gyan Bhai. This was followed by *Pranaama Gaana* and opening of

the curtain at *Naata Mandira*. Debashis Bhai sang *Bandana 'Bande Nikhila Maanasa Taba Sarasa Pada Sundara'*. Sandeep Bhai read the topic, '*Preserve The Ideals*' pages 272 to 273 from *Sadguru Swami Nigamananda Upadeshamrita*. In this topic Shree Shree Thakura emphasized that He is always present in our hearts. We must always conduct ourselves expressing His ideals. Lipsita Maa read the minutes of our last sangha puja. Jagannath Bhai from NSS led reading of various scriptures and the discussion on Thakura's teachings. He emphasized on the importance of balancing all activities through the lenses of Gyan, Bhakti and Karma. We must remember and prepare ourselves with the ideals that every action we perform is a seba. The Universal Mother is carrying out that seba through us. Then, Udita Maa sang prarthana song '*CharaNa Tumara Saragu Bali, Keun Saraga Mun Maagibi Aaau'*. Jagannath Bhai continued and answered some of the questions asked by the fellow members of AMSAS. The Young Aspirant session started with the *Prarthana Sangeeta 'Atula Tumari Bipula Daanara Pratidaana Naahin Naahin'* sung by Aditi Maa. Shreya Maa led the YA session with gathering the attendance of the YAs. Shreya Maa discussed various topics on *Swaroopa* and ways to realize that. Then, Shilpi, Prabhakar Bhai and Mahesh Bhai did their *Bhaba Binimaya Seba*, followed by invitations for *Madhyaahna Bhoga* and Evening Puja. Shreya Maa and Rama Bhai invited Shree Shree Thakura, all bhai, maa and YAs to the next Sangha Puja scheduled for June 16th, 2024. Suprit Bhai invited Shree Shree Thakura, all bhai, maa and YAs to their Grihaasan Pratisthaa Barsikotshava Puja scheduled for June 15th, 2024. After that, Mahesh Bhai prayed for forgiveness from Thakura, all Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants for any irregularity in seba. The session concluded with Bidaya Prarthana, '*Dayaamaya ShreecharaNe Kare Nibedana'* sung by Subhendu Bhai. The curtain was closed at *Naata Mandira* with Jayaguru *Naama Kirtana* and *PraNaam*. Biswajit Bhai took the attendance of all Bhais and Maas present for the Puja. *Madhyaahna Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura followed by *Prasada Sebana* by the devotees.

Attendees: Attendance sheet is available in the member section of AMSAS web site, jayaguru.org at http://www.jayaguru.net/members/member_references

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