



Jayaguru
Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
America Saraswata Sangha

971st Sangha Puja Session Report

Date & Time: Aug 17th, 2025 7:15 AM - 11:55 AM ET **Palia:** Suhani, Snigdha Maa and Shreya Maa

Adhibaasa Puja (August 16th, 2025, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM ET):

North Carolina Pathachakra Puja was held in lieu of Adhibaasa puja from 7:00 PM through 9:00 PM. At the end of the session, Shree Shree Thakura, Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were invited to attend the sangha puja scheduled for 7:30 AM ET next morning. After the session, *Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura. Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were served with *Prasada*.

First Session (August 17th, 2025, 7:15 AM to 8:45 AM ET):

The morning session of the puja started at 7:15 AM ET with the singing of *Prateekshaa* songs, '*Ede Daradiyaa Kielo Sajani*' by Nirlipta Maa followed by '*Kebe Aasiba Mo Kunja Duaare*' by Rashmi Choudhuri Maa. During that time, all the devotees joined the puja either at Nigama Smruti Mandira or via tele-conference. Sanujit Bhai offered mangala aarati to Shree Shree Thakura followed by bandana and stotra bandana led by Biswajit Ray Bhai. Sonali Maa read verse 30 from Shree Shree Guru Gita. Then, Biswajit Ray Bhai led the reading of *Parichaya Patra* followed by prayers for *Sammalini* and the building of *Bhakta Nivas*. Subrat Bhai read Sangha Sebaka 18th Year Part three (*Bandana, Prarthana* and *Prarthanakarinka Prati*). In this topic, we learnt that everyone looks for happiness. However, both happiness and sorrow are inevitable and are always there in life. Hence, we must always try to overcome sorrow with the knowledge we have gained so far and pray for advancing in our quest for true knowledge. Then, Shreya Maa 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, *Baalya Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura. Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were served with *Prasaada*.

Second Session (August 17th, 2025, 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, '*Murali Baajuchhi Keun Dura Banare*' by Sukanya Maa followed by '*Kaahaara Bainshi Baajuchhi Sakhire*' by Bhakti Maa. This was followed by *Pranaama Gaana* and opening of the

curtain at *NaaTa Mandira*. Shreya Maa sang *Bandanaa 'Aaji E Shubha Lagane'*. Mahesh Bhai read the topic, '*The Real Development through Spiritual Power*' pages 85 through 87 from *Sadguru Swami Nigamananda Upadeshamrita*. In this topic, Shree Shree Thakura emphasized that it is essential to gain and practice spirituality through good moral character. One doesn't attain spiritual growth by reading books or delivering lectures. We must practice it with devotion. Udit Maa read minutes of the last Sangha puja. Sushri Maa read "Nilachale Thakura Nigamananda, pages 220 through 224 followed by the summarization by Biswa Bhai. Leela Maa continued to describe several incidents from saal 1339. She beautifully recounted how Pragyananda Maharaj felt when he saw Shree Shree Thakura for the first time. Subhendu Bhai sang *Praathanaa Sangeeta*, "*Madhur Madhur Banshi Baje Ei Sei Brundaban*". Kishore Bhai read the topic, *Kulakundalini Tatwa*, Pages 61 through 64 from *Yogi Guru*. In this topic, we read that awakening of Kundalini Shakti is essential for gaining true knowledge. True knowledge is not attained just by reading hundreds of scriptures or listening to advice of Gurudev. Awakening Kundalini by performing yoga helps one attain perfection. This was followed by reading of the concluding sections by Biswajit Ray Bhai from *Prarthanakarinka Prati from the Sangha Sebaka* that was read in the morning session. The Young Aspirant session started with the *Prarthana Sangeeta*, '*Bainshi Tumara Prabhu Jaahaapaain Baaje*' sung by Shimran. Bhakti Maa led the YA session with gathering the attendance of the YAs. Bhakti elaborated on the birth of Lord Krishna and significance of Janmaastami. Then Suhani, Shreya Maa, and Snigdha Maa did their *Bhaba Binimaya Seba*, followed by invitations for *Madhyaahna Bhoga* and Evening Puja. Saraswat and Sonali Maa invited Shree Shree Thakura, all bhai, maa and YAs to the next Sangha Puja scheduled for August 24th, 2025 on behalf of all *palias*, Saraswat, Sonali Maa, and Dipti Maa. After that, Shreya Maa prayed for forgiveness from Thakura, all Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants for any irregularity in seba. The session concluded with the singing of *Bidaaya Praarthanaa*, '*Dayaamaya ShreecharaNe*' sung by Suprit Bhai. The curtain was closed at *Naata Mandira* with Jayaguru *Naama Kirtana* and *PraNaam*. Biswajit Ray Bhai took the attendance of all Bhais and Maas present for the Puja. *Madhyaahna Bhoga* was offered to Shree Shree Thakura followed by *Prasaada 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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