



Jayaguru

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

Date- Aug. 30, 2026, **Time-** 07:15-12:00 (ET)

Pāliās- Pratyusa, Braja Bhai, and Tarini Bhai

For the list of attendees, please check Sangha website.

Minutes of the First Session

The first session started at 7:30 a.m. ET with the singing of the *pratikhā* songs “*Kebe Āsiba Mo Kunja Duāre*” and “*Kāhāra Bainśi Bājuchhi*,” sung by Rashmi C. Maa and Bani Maa, respectively. Sanujit Bhai performed *ārati*, after which Nihar Bhai led the singing of *bandanā* and *stotra bandanā*. This was followed by Sandeep Bhai’s reading of verse 83 from *Shri Shri GuruGeeta*. After the reading of *Parichaya Patra*, the devotees, led by Braja Bhai, prayed to Shri Shri Thakur for the smooth functioning of the upcoming *sammilanis* and for the expansion of the Nigam Smruti Mandir. Rahmi P. Maa then read the sections titled “*Bandanā, Prārthanā, and Prārthanākārinka-prati*” from *Sangha Sebaka*, Volume 31, Part One. Braja Bhai requested Shri Shri Thakur to accept *Bālyā Bhoga* and join the second session after a short rest. He also requested the devotees present at NSM to have *prasād*. The first session concluded with “Jayaguru” *kirtan*.

Minutes of the Second Session

The second session started at 9:45 a.m. ET with *Praṇām Gāna*, preceded by the *ābāhan* songs “*Sāta Sure Bandhā Tuma*” and “*Kāhāra Bainśi Bājuchhi*,” sung by Bhakti Maa and Anjali Maa, respectively. After *Praṇām Gāna*, Sibani M. Maa sang the *bandanā* “*Manare Bandanā Kara Tu*,” and Binay Bhai read the section titled “*Āsana, Basana, Bhuṣaṇa*” from *Nigama Upadesha*. Sanujit Bhai presented the minutes of the last Sangha Puja session. Manas Samantaray Bhai, a member of the Cuttack Branch Sangha of the Nilachal Saraswata Sangha, joined the Sangha Puja as the NSS representative. His discussion focused primarily on Thakur’s biography and performing *seba* in the Sangha. Brundaban Bhai then sang the song “*Atula Tumari Bipula Dānara Pratidāna Nāhin Nāhin*.” The Young Aspirants’ Session then began with Pratyusa singing the prayer “*Sapata Sāgara Sarajichhi Jie*.” Bhakti Maa conducted the YA session, after which Pratyusa, Braja Bhai, and Tarini Bhai engaged in *bhāba binimaya*. After that, Tarini Bhai invited Shri Shri Thakur Maharaj for *Madhyāhna Bhoga* and evening puja. He also requested the devotees present at NSM to have *prasād*. Due to Barada Bhai’s absence, Biswajit Bhai invited Shri Shri Thakur Maharaj and all devotees to attend the *Gruhasan Barsikotsav* of Barada Bhai and Sonia Maa, to be held on the morning of Saturday, September 5. Brundaban Bhai then invited everyone to their *Gruhasan Barsikotsava*, to be held on the evening of Sunday, September 6. Prayushi then invited Shri Shri Thakur Maharaj and all devotees to the next YA session, and Smita Bai Maa invited everyone to the next Sangha Puja. Tarini Bhai prayed to Shri Shri Thakur Maharaj and all devotees to forgive any mistakes that the *sebakās* and *sevikās* may have committed while performing *seba* during the Sangha Puja. Finally, Debashis Bhai sang the last song, “*Dayāmaya ŚriCharaṇe*.” The second session concluded with “Jayaguru” *kirtan*. A few updates regarding Sangha matters followed. Biswajit Ray Bhai then took attendance, after which the devotees bid farewell to one another until the next Sangha Puja.

Shri Shri Thakur Charanashrita
Pratyusa, Tarini Bhai, and Braja Bhai