



Jayaguru
Nilachala Saraswata Sangha, Puri
America Saraswata Sangha

988th Sangha Puja Session Report

Date & Time: Dec 21st, 2025 7:15 AM - 11:55 AM ET **Palia:** Pratyusa, Kalpana Maa and Smita Bai Maa

Adhibaasa Puja (December 20th, 2025, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ET):

Adhibaasa puja started with a *Prateekshaa* song, '*Dhusara Sandhyaa DhuLi DharaNire Nayilaa*' sung by Smita Bai Maa. The session started with all the devotees reciting bandana and stotra bandana. The session included reading of a topic from Nigama Upadesh and Mahapurusa Prasang from Sangha Sebaka 7th year part one. At the end of the session, Shree Shree Thakura, Bhais, Maas and Young Aspirants were invited by Smita Bai Maa 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 (December 21st, 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, '*Andhaara E Mo KuTira Duare Nakari Aau Uchhura*' by Rasmi Choudhury Maa followed by '*Aasa Aasa Rasaraaja Raasa Bihaari*' by Smita Bai 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. Anjana Maa read verse 47 from Shree Shree Guru Gita. Then, Brajendra Bhai led the reading of *Parichaya Patra* followed by prayers for the 75th *Sammalini and building of Bhakta Nivas*. Subrat Bhai read Sangha Sebaka 22nd Year Part three (*Bandana, Prarthana and Prarthanakarinka Prati*). In this topic, we learnt that one should perform every action as it is a service to God. While engaged in action, one's mind should always be reciting His Holy name. Then, Smita Bai 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 (December 21st, 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, '*Jete Dekhuthile Tuma Roopa ThaaNi*' by Debashis Bhai followed by '*Priyatama Daaka Shubhe ta*

Aajire' by Brundaban Bhai. This was followed by *Pranaama Gaana* and opening of the curtain at *NaaTa Mandira*. Milu Maa sang *Bandanaa 'SharaNa Maage Deba CharaNa Tale'*. Sudhasini Maa read the topic, '*The Power of Faith*' pages 114 through 116 from *Sadguru Swami Nigamananda Upadeshamrita*. In this topic we learnt how simple faith would help one attain divinity. As examples, Thakura has mentioned two simple devotees, an innocent brahmin who had simple faith that the vision of Shree Krishna would liberate him instantly and Chanda Biswas of Sagar gram having an unshakable faith that by reciting Lord Bisnu's name only once in lifetime would get him liberated. Bani Maa read minutes of the last Sangha puja. Pallabita Maa read *Nilachale Thakura Nigamananda*, pages 260 through 265 followed by Anup Bhai summarizing the reading in English. In this section, Leela Maa has narrated about Naresh Pakadasi Bhai in detail. Once, Naresh Bhai was chronically ill and was unable to walk and thought that he was going to die soon. He decided to visit Shree Shree Thakura one last time and travelled all alone to matha with just enough money and a lot of determination. With Thakura's blessing and the power of His prasad helped Naresh Bhai fully recover from the disease. Sibani Mohanty Maa sang *Praathanaa Sangeeta*, "*Tiki Mora NaaTi Saadhanaa Ta NaanTi*". Sweta Maa read Chapter, *YogaKalpa*, Pages 93 through 96 from *Yogi Guru*. In this topic, we read about *Laya Yoga* and *Guhya Visaya*. *Laya Yoga* is hundred times more fruitful than *Dhyaana*. Hence, all should focus more on practising *Laya Yoga* than resorting to *Japa* etc.. This was followed by Brajendra Bhai's discussion on the section from *Prarthanakarinka Prati* from Sangha Sebaka that was read in the morning session. The Young Aspirant session started with the *Prarthana Sangeeta*, '*Tumaku Nijara Kari Paarilini Jeebana Galaa Mo Sari*' sung by Divyam. Bhakti Maa led the YA session with gathering the attendance of the YAs. Bhakti Maa discussed various aspects of The Power of Speech after the reading of the article by Bobby. Then Pratyusa, Smita Bai Maa, and Kalpana Maa did their *Bhaba Binimaya Seba*, followed by invitations for *Madhyaahna Bhoga* and Evening Puja. Saanvi and Biju Bhai invited Shree Shree Thakura, all bhai, maa and YAs to the next Sangha Puja scheduled for December 28th, 2025 on behalf of all *palias*, Saanvi, Biju Bhai and Sonalisa Maa. After that, Kalpana 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 Uditia Maa. 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 Sevana* 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

Shri Shri Thakuracharanashritaa,
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