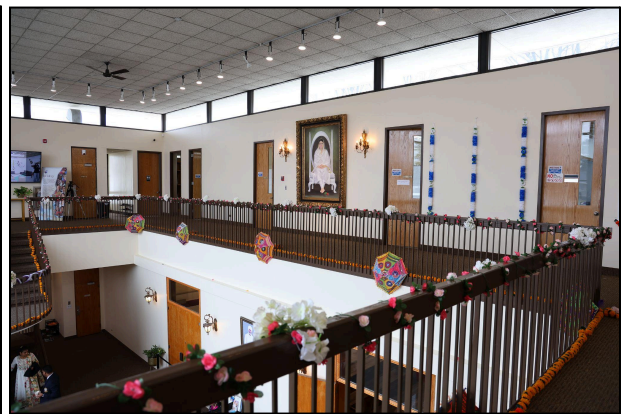


## Sant Nirankari Mission NIMA Inauguration

**Date:** Sunday, March 16, 2025

**Venue:** Oneness Center, Westbury, NY

With the blessings of Her Holiness Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the Sant Nirankari Mission celebrated a historic milestone with the inauguration of the first international chapter of the Nirankari Institute of Music and Art (NIMA) at the Sant Nirankari Oneness Center in Westbury, New York. Established under the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation, NIMA is dedicated to structured education in music and arts, fostering spiritual enrichment through artistic expression. It offers training in vocal and instrumental music, art, and more, blending artistic discipline with devotion. Open to all, NIMA extends beyond Mission members, welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds to engage in spiritual and artistic growth.



## Inauguration Ceremony

The event commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by esteemed dignitaries and saints of the Mission. Devotees gathered in large numbers, celebrating NIMA's vision and listening to speakers highlight the significance of structured artistic training as a transformative platform for devotional expression.



A virtual session followed, where esteemed saints from India joined via Zoom, offering their blessings and emphasizing music's profound role in spiritual practice. Their messages underscored the importance of structured training in fostering divine connection and global harmony. The presence of revered saints, both in person and virtually, deepened the sense of unity among attendees. Distinguished guests included Rev. Vinod Vohra Ji, Rev. Joginder Sukhija Ji, Rev. Vinod Gandharav Ji, Rev. Darshan Singh Ji, Rev. Dr. Iqbaljit Rai Ji, Rev. Harloveleen Bajwa Ji, Rev. Sheelu Keswani Ji, and Rev. Arun Ahluwalia Ji.



In his address, Rev. Vinod ji mentioned that NIMA has a distinguished faculty, including individuals with PhDs and master's degrees in music. He also added that NIMA offers two provisions: one for hobbies and the other as an academic subject. If pursued as a subject, students undergo tests, practicals, and exams, which eventually lead to certification or academic degrees in music.

At the end, Rev. Sukhija ji addressed the congregation and mentioned that he is glad New York has started NIMA with the blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, marking the beginning of its expansion into foreign countries. He highlighted Satguru Mata Ji's vision that this institute should not be limited to Indian music but should also embrace Western music. He emphasized the importance of involving local people in New York to make NIMA a diverse forum for anyone interested in teaching or learning music. The Sant Nirankari Mission foresees a future where exchange programs will take place, with faculties from the Western world coming to India and Indian faculties traveling abroad to share and impart their musical knowledge.





## Sufi Sandhya

Later in the day, a Sufi Sandhya program enriched the spiritual experience, as melodious bhajans resonated deeply with the audience. This musical tradition added diversity to the celebrations, emphasizing the Mission's embrace of all forms of artistic spiritual expression. The ambiance was one of serenity, with attendees fully immersed in devotion through music.

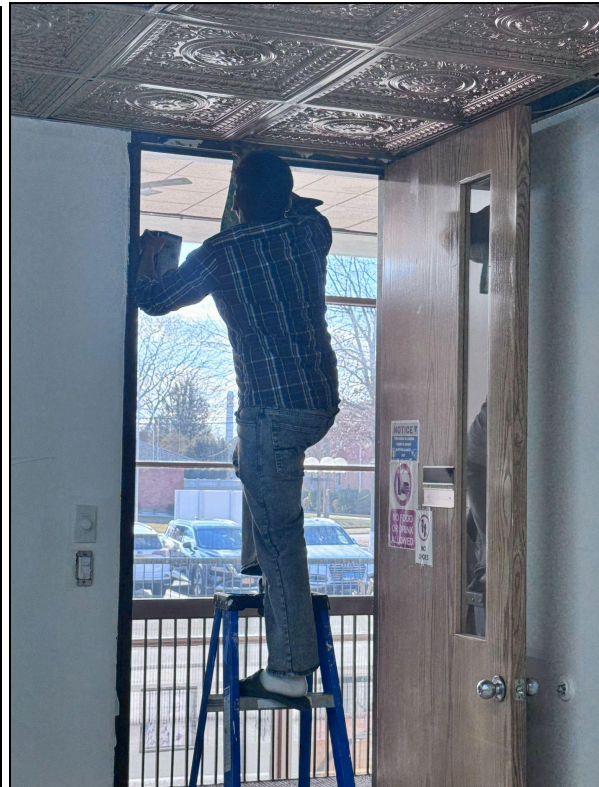
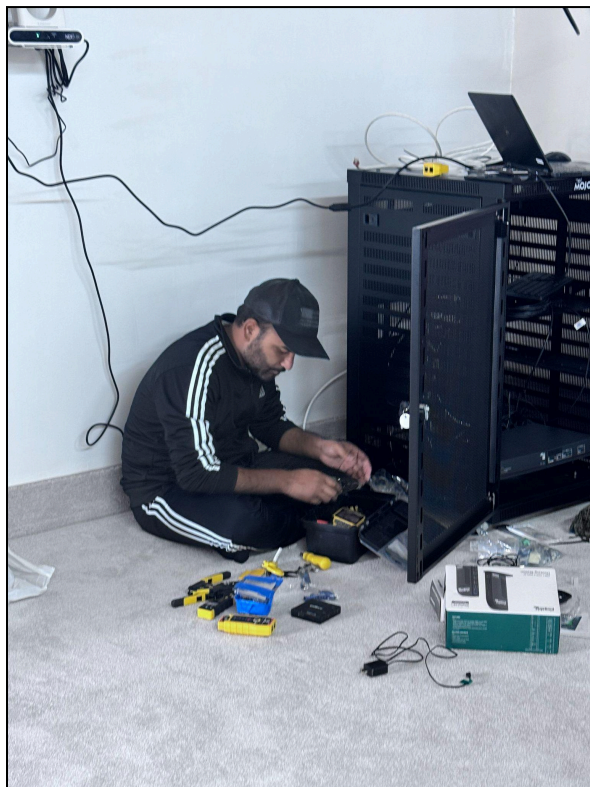




## Community Effort & Dedication

The inauguration's success was made possible by the NY-CT branch's selfless dedication. Volunteers worked diligently, assisting attendees, providing information about NIMA's programs, and ensuring that the Mission's core values were reflected in every aspect of the event. Their commitment to seva was evident in the meticulous preparations, from organizing langar to extending warm hospitality to all guests.

Weeks of tireless efforts from sevadars and volunteers culminated in a seamless event, embodying the spirit of selfless service and unity. Many devotees expressed gratitude for the opportunity to contribute, considering their participation a privilege and a form of devotion.



## A New Journey Begins

With the divine blessings of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj, the NY-CT branch looks forward to NIMA's continued growth, ensuring that music and art remain powerful conduits for devotion and harmony. This inauguration

marks the beginning of a profound journey—one that will leave a lasting legacy of spiritual enrichment through artistic expression.









