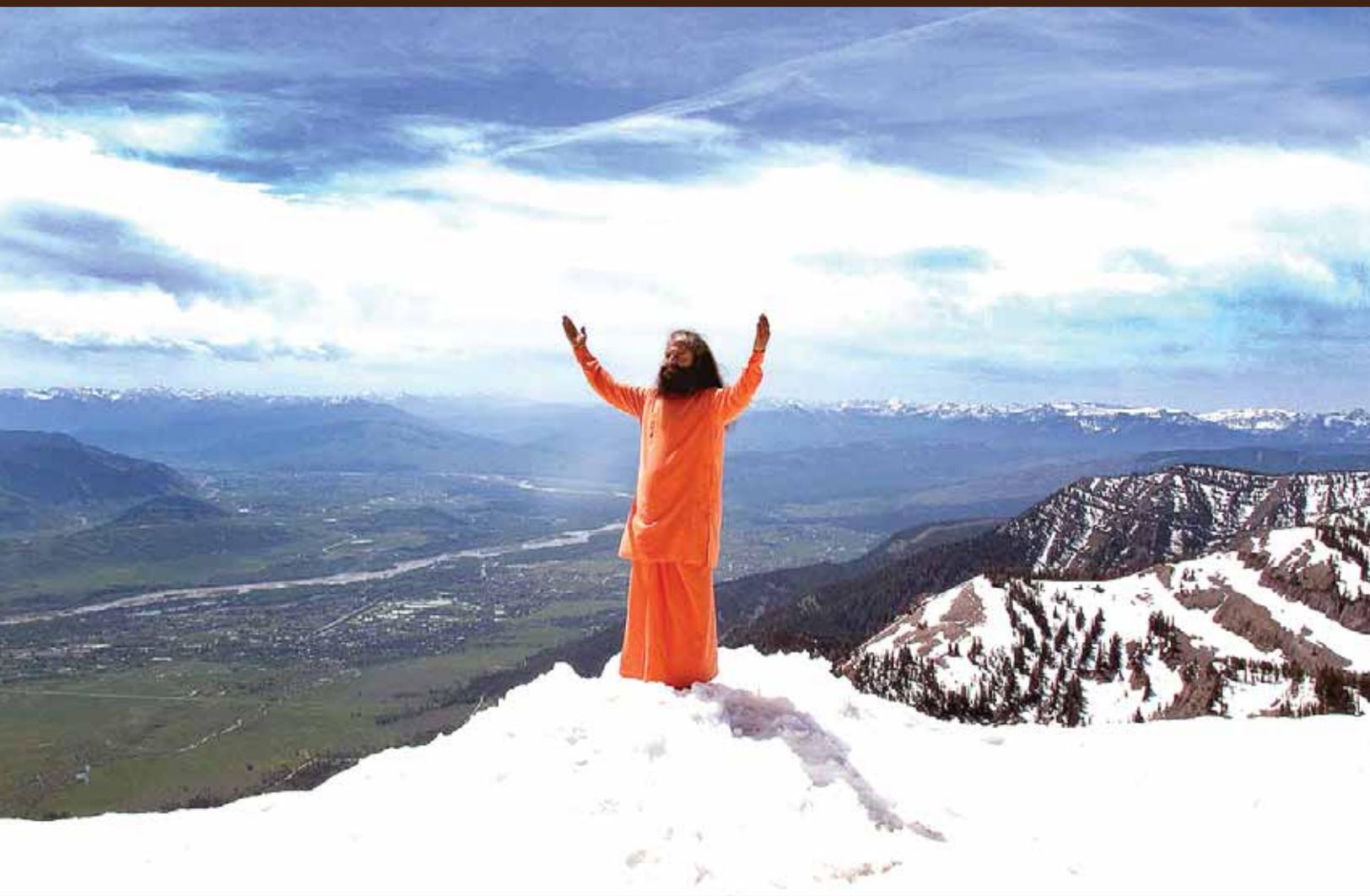




Parmarth Niketan

Quarterly Newsletter

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Featuring the 2010 summer tour with Pujya Swamiji





Shri Hasubhai Shah, Pujya Swamiji, Shri H.R. Shah, Pujya Bapuji

July 5 ~

Pujya Swamiji visited the Raritan Exposition Hall in Edison, New Jersey to grace Pujya Sant Shri Morari Bapuji's divine Ram Katha, which was organized and sponsored by Shri H.R. Shah, head of TV Asia, and his team.

Pujya Bapuji and Pujya Indira Betiji previewed and blessed Pujya Swamiji Chidanandji's new

Encyclopedia of Hinduism. The Encyclopedia is a project of the India Heritage Research Foundation, and is the culmination of over fifteen years' work by more than 1000 top international scholars. This divine compendium is a groundbreaking resource of knowledge, exploring every aspect of the wisdom and culture of Mother India.



Thousands of Indians gathered together in Edison, synchronistically in the very same hall where the first yagna for the Encyclopedia of Hinduism was performed in 1993! It is truly a divine blessing to see this groundbreaking work come to fruition.

It was wonderful to have so many saints, devotees and members of the IHRF team together for this great event. Please check the **IHRF website** for the release date of the Encyclopedia and to reserve your sets or **click here** to receive an e-mail detailing where and when this divine work can be obtained.



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Bapuji



Pujya Indira Betiji and Pujya Bapuji sign the encyclopedia



Sadhvi Bhagawati addresses the crowd



Pujya Goswami Indira Betiji speaks



Hasu Shah (President IHRF), Chandu Patel (IHRF Trustee), Pujya Indira Betiji, Pujya Swamiji, Pujya Morari Bapuji and Shri HR Shah display the new encyclopedia.



Shri HR Shah, head of TV Asia, addresses the audience. Standing on stage are many of the IHRF trustees and supporters and the katha organizers, including IHRF President Hasu Shah and Harsha Shah, IHRF Trustees C.Z. Patel and Jyotindra Patel, Rekha Mashruwala, supporters and devotees Kenny Desai and katha organizers Ram Gadhavi, Dr. Navin Shah and others.



Shri L.K. Advaniji at Parmarth



H.H. the Dalai Lama warmly greeted at Parmarth

(The Encyclopedia was officially launched in April at a Kumbh Mela program in Haridwar and Rishikesh which was attended by thousands. The Encyclopedia was blessed by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Pujya Swami Ram Devji, and numerous other saints and dignitaries. Click to see the [Youtube video](#) and pictures from that event, and the [April newsletter](#) detailing all the festivities.)



June 18-19 ~

Pujya Swamiji graced the opening of the new Canton Hindu Temple with His presence and blessings. The new, significantly larger temple is built on a plot of land behind the previous temple, which Pujya Swamiji has graced several times with His presence.

The new premises are beautiful and grand, and the opening ceremony was a full two-day event, filled with Pran Pratishtha, yagna and Pujya Swamiji's divine discourses.

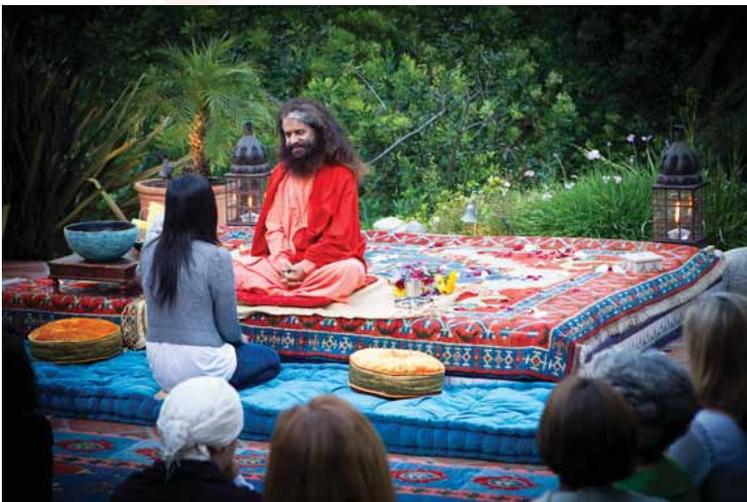




Sadhvi Bhagawati, Pujya Shankaracharyaji, Pujya Swamiji, Gurmukh and Gurushabd at Golden Bridge



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Shankaracharyaji share a moment



Swamiji giving darshan in Los Angeles

June 15-16 ~

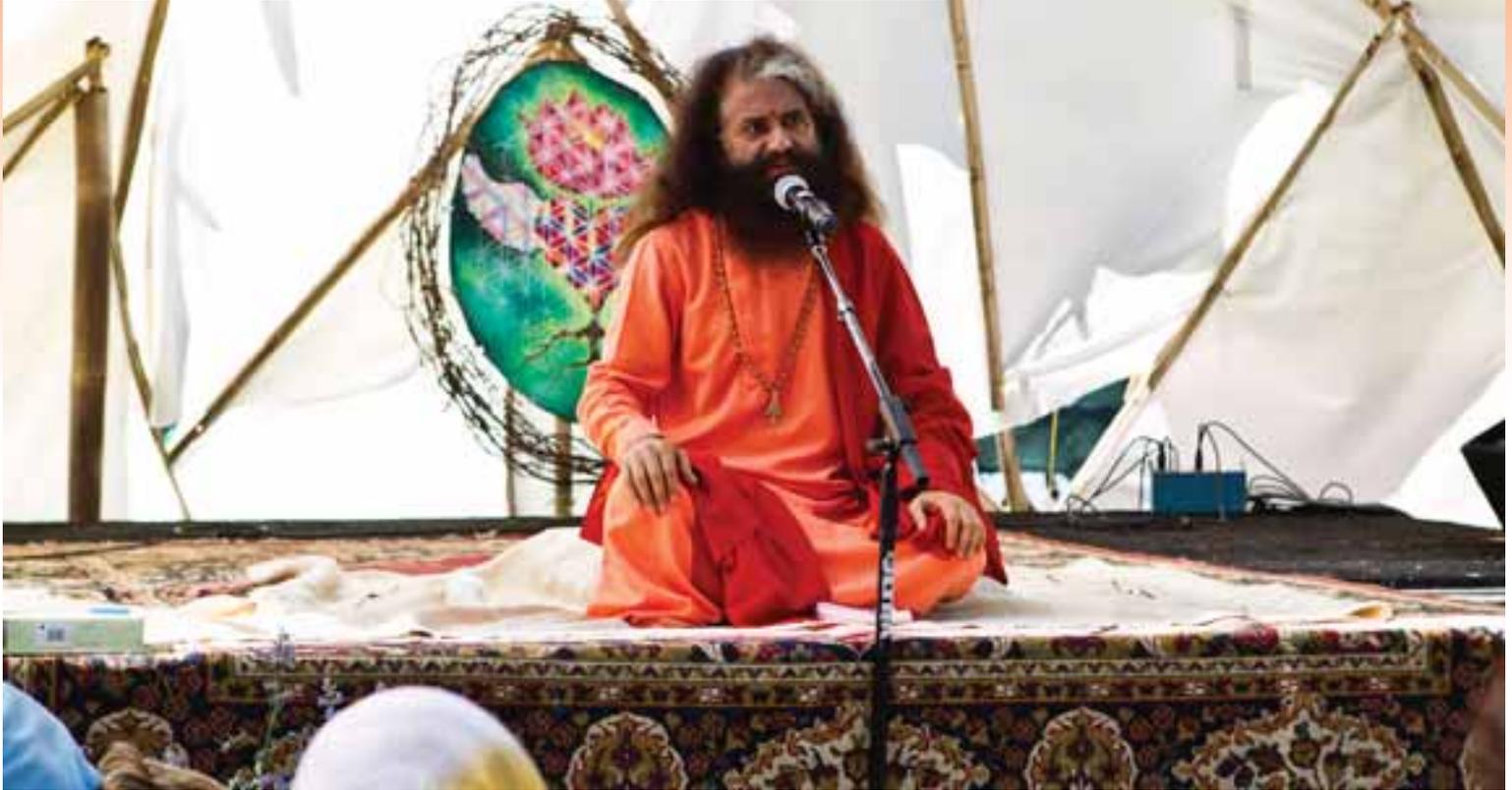
Pujya Swamiji returned to Hollywood, California where He gave an inspiring and uplifting lecture at Golden Bridge Yoga in Los Angeles. He encouraged His beloved Hollywood audience to "...not just check your Twitter, but also check yourselves!"



Swamiji with Dawn Baillie

Pujya Sri Shankaracharya Swami Divyanand Teerthji joined the special program with his unique wisdom and inspiration.





Pujya Swamiji addresses the festival

June 12-13 ~

Pujya Swamiji was a headline speaker at the Harmony Festival in Santa Rosa, California. The Harmony Festival, now in its 35th year, is a yearly event which has grown to an audience of 35,000 people.

The festival features exhibits and programs dedicated to yoga, meditation, ecological living and spirituality, as well as music. (Two of this years' highlights were Lauren Hill and divine kirtan with Jai Uttal). Pujya Swamiji spoke on the "Wisdom Stage" and gave a beautiful lecture on how to live the Harmony Festival in our daily lives and have harmony every minute of every day.



Pujya Swamiji sings at Harmony Festival





June 11 ~

Pujya Swamiji gave darshan at the home of Smt. Satya and Shri Krishan Kalraji in Danville California, in the hills of the Eastern Bay Area, East of San Francisco.





Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Bhaishri offer puja at the spectacular new mandir

May 29-30 ~

Pujya Swamiji graced the opening of the Wembley Mandir in Wembley, London with His presence, along with Pujya Sant Shri Rameshbhai Ozaji (Bhaishri), Pujya Rambapa and other respected saints.





Pujya Swamiji with Pratibha Advaniji, Shri L.K. Advaniji, Shri Nishankji and his wife Smt. Kusum Pokharialji

April 16-18 ~

Pujya Swamiji traveled high into the Himilayas to the origin of the Ganges River for the official launch of His Ganga clean-up program. A beautiful program was given on the banks of Mother Ganga, with speeches by Honorable Respected Shri L.K. Advaniji and Respected Shri Dr. Ramesh Pokharialji (Nishankji), the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.



Pujya Swamiji giving direction to local officials for aspects of the Ganga Clean up and beautify Gangotri programs



Sivamani leads the procession

World famous drummer Sivamani led a procession through the streets, followed by hundreds of school children committed to cleaning up the Ganga. This inspiring event was covered by several representatives of the media.





Recent Projects |

Gangotri Ganga Clean-up Ceremony (continued)



Pujya Swamiji worked tirelessly, meeting with Gangotri priests, residents, shopkeepers and leaders committed to the cause and making plans for the work to begin.



Swamiji rings the temple bell



Opening day of Goddess Ganga temple, Gangotri



Local news media interviewing Swamiji



Heading towards the function



Hundreds of volunteers



Sacred pledges were made by all, vowing to keep Ma Ganga "Clean, Green and Serene!"



Enthusiastic supporters

This program marks the beginning of Swamiji's "Clean, Green and Serene" campaign, but His team has already achieved great success in cleaning Ma Ganga with grass-roots volunteer clean-ups and successful lawsuits prohibiting industry from dumping toxic waste into the water.



Special Guests & Events At Parmarth | Sevak Dental Camp



Dr. Saroj Joshi performing divine seva

May 25th ~

A special ayurvedic dental camp was inaugurated on May 25th. In a beautiful act of seva and dedication, Dr. Saroj Joshi from Gujarat tirelessly treated all who came for assistance.



Dr. Saroj Joshi, Pujya Swamiji, and Shri Srikant Vyasji at the inauguration of the medical camp





Special Guests & Events At Parmarth | Rama Katha



May 20-27 ~

During the last week of May, a special Rama katha was held at Parmarth. Pujya Sant Shri Srikant Vyasji graced the ashram with his inspiring presence, and held everyone captive with his recitation of the life and message of Bhagawan Shri Rama. This divine

event culminated in a dance performance by the children. Each year Acharya Shrikant Vyasji's kathas are the highlight of the summer season, as the sound of his uplifting and ecstatic voice fills Parmarth Niketan.



Pujya Swamiji, Pujya Sant Vyasji and children in costume



Pujya Sant Vyasji at aarti



Pujya Sant Vyasji at the divine havan



Special Guests & Events At Parmarth | Baisakhi Snan



Pujya Swamiji showers His blessings



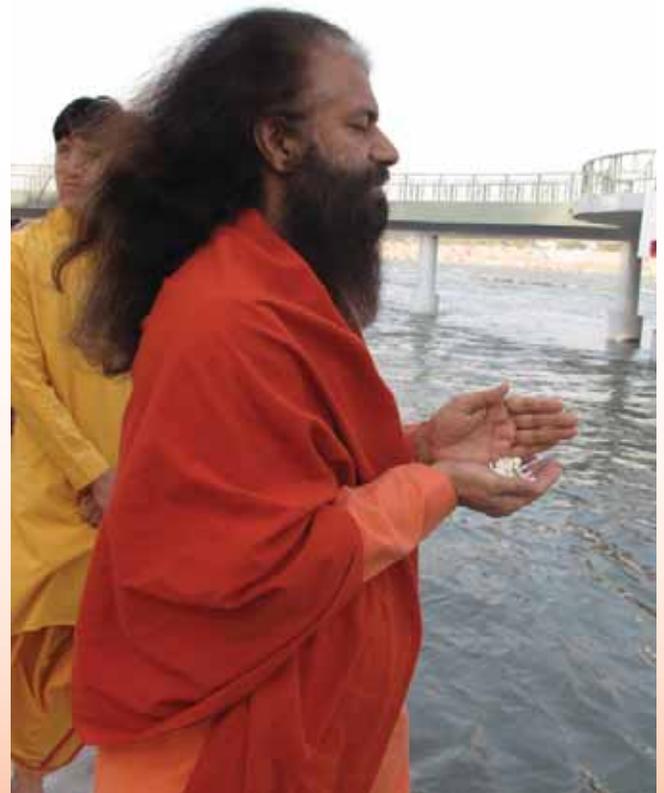
Parmarth residents pray before the sacred snan



Basking in the grace of Mother Gangaji

April 14 ~

On the sacred day of Baisakhi, the final main snan day of the Maha Kumbh Mela, we had a special, divine snan, led by Pujya Swamiji. Early in the morning, we gathered together on the banks of Mother Ganga, where Pujya Swamiji led us in prayer. Then, to the sound of Vedic mantras being chanted by the rishikumaras of Parmarth Gurukul, first Pujya Swamiji bathed and then everyone else bathed. The Kumbh Mela officially continued until the 30th of April, but the 14th was the last of the main snan days.



Pujya Swamiji offers prayers to Mother Ganga

Special Guests & Events

At Parmarth | Visit by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

April 13 ~

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Chauhan brought his whole family to Parmarth to have a special Baisakhi and Kumbha Mela snan in the waters of Mother Ganga and to have blessings and satsang from Pujya Swamiji.



Honorable Shri and Shrimati Shivraj Chauhan



Honorable Shri and Shrimati Shivraj Chauhan on the banks of Ma Ganga with Parmarth Rishikumars



Special Guests & Events

At Parmarth | Visit by the Chief Minister of Goa



Pujya Swamihi blesses Honorable Shri Kamatji



Honorable Shri and Shrimati Kamatji

April 12 ~

The Chief Minister of Goa, Honorable Shri Digambar Kamat, and his divine wife visited Parmarth for the darshan of Gangaji and blessings from Pujya Swamiji.

Shri Kamatji originally met Pujya Swamiji in February at the home of Shri Anilbhai and Shri Mukeshbhai Ambaniji in Mumbai, and pledged that he would come home to Parmarth Niketan whenever he was in the Rishikesh area. It was wonderful to see his devotion and dedication.



Pujya Swamiji, Pujya Lokesh Muniji and Shri Shindeji



Pujya Lokesh Muniji, Shri Shindeji, and Pujya Swamiji



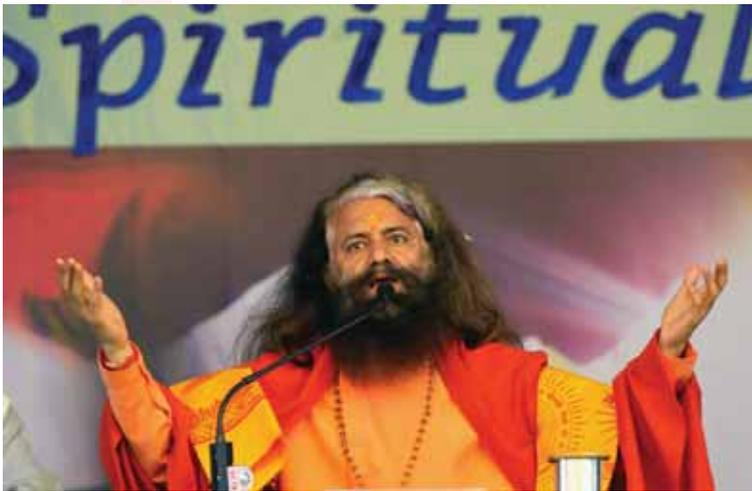
May 8 ~

Pujya Swamiji was a keynote speaker at a large event in Delhi on behalf of "Saving the Girl Child." Shri Sushil Kumar Shindeji, Central Power Minister and Sachin Pilot, State Minister for Telecommunications, Government of India were also present. The event was organized by Pujya Lokesh Muniji and Pujya Imam Umar Iiasi.

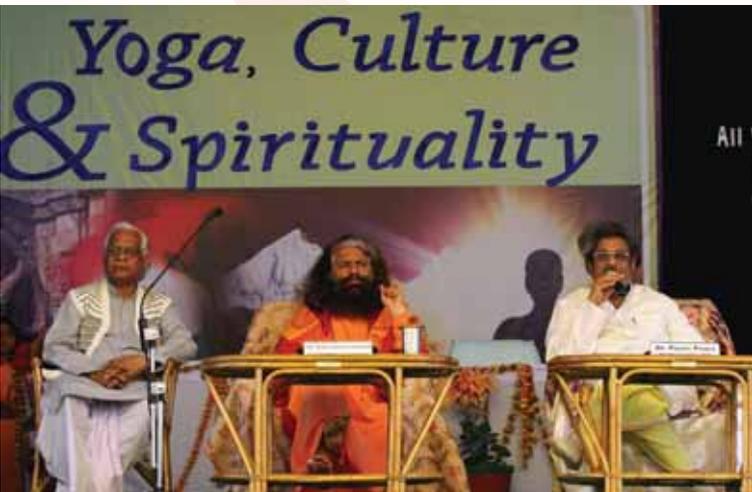
Pujya Swamiji is committed to working for the upliftment of girls and women in India and runs several projects towards this objective.



Pujya Swamiji and Dr. Pranav Pandiyaji



Pujya Swamiji speaks



Swamiji and Dr. Pranav Pandiyaji (far right) at the event



Sadhvi Bhagawati speaks

March 8 ~

Pujya Swamiji traveled to Shantikunj Ashram, Dev Sanskriti Vishwa Vidyalaya, which is run under the guidance of Dr. Pranav Pandiyaji. Pujya Swamiji delivered a special address at the Science and Spirituality festival. He spoke on the importance of spirituality in our lives, and with His unerring wit commented, "...while science may connect us to the internet, we need spirituality to connect to the innernet!"





Two divine rainbows appeared to greet Pujya Swamiji

On the way to Canada, Pujya Swamiji stopped at Niagra Falls to bask in the remarkable beauty. It was His first visit there in thirty years, and while He marveled at how commercialized the area has become; He commented that the grand beauty of the falls was as pure and divine as ever!





Swamiji basked in the glories of nature while traveling through the mountains of central USA.



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