

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ALBUQUERQUE VISIT:

Pujya Gurudev reached Albuquerque, New Mexico on 23rd of June'09. Dr. Kishore Manne made very nice arrangements for Gurudev's stay at his residence which is near the foot hills of Sandia Mountains.



On 24th, the organizers of Pujya Mata Amritanandamayi's programme invited Gurudev to the music concert of India's great Sarod Vidwan Ustad Amzad Ali Khan in the presence of Mata Amritanandamayi in hotel Marriot. Pujya Gurudev's student Sri Pavan accompanied Ustad ji on tabla. Mata ji and other members of the programme expressed their happiness on Swamiji's Visit.



In the evening Gurudev went to Hindu Temple Society of New Mexico. Pujya Gurudev's two day discourse programme is organized here. After Sri Pavan introduced Gurudev to the devotees, Pujya gurudev gave the first discourse with a great detail on the 'Karma Yoga'.





On 25th, Dr. Kishore and Pavan took Gurudev to Santa Fe, the capital of New Mexico. Pujya Gurudev went round the streets of Santa Fe which literally resemble Indian Village streets. In the evening all returned to Albuquerque and Gurudev gave the second discourse on 'Jnana yoga' at HTSNM.



For 26th & 27th, Pavan and Sireesha had planned for a two day trip by road to Carlsbad Caverns and White Sands - must see places in NM. This lovely couple had put all their love and efforts and made this road trip a memorable one for Swamij and Jyothsna ji.





On 28th morning Sri Richards, a qualified teacher of Vedanta had come to Dr. Kishore's residence along with his students to meet Sri Swamiji. Sri Richards has a very indepth understanding of the Vedanta Sastra. He is teaching



Upanisads and Prakaranams in Santa Fe and Albuquerque for the past 20 years. He requested Pujya Gurudev to participate in a discussion on the subject 'Is it necessary to devalue the world to progress towards the Brahma Nishtatvam'. Gurudev gave clarity about the Jeeva, Jagat and Iswara and Atma Jnana Nishata. He also felicitated Sri Richards for his commendable work of Sastra adhyapanam. All the

members felt immensely benefited by the discussion.



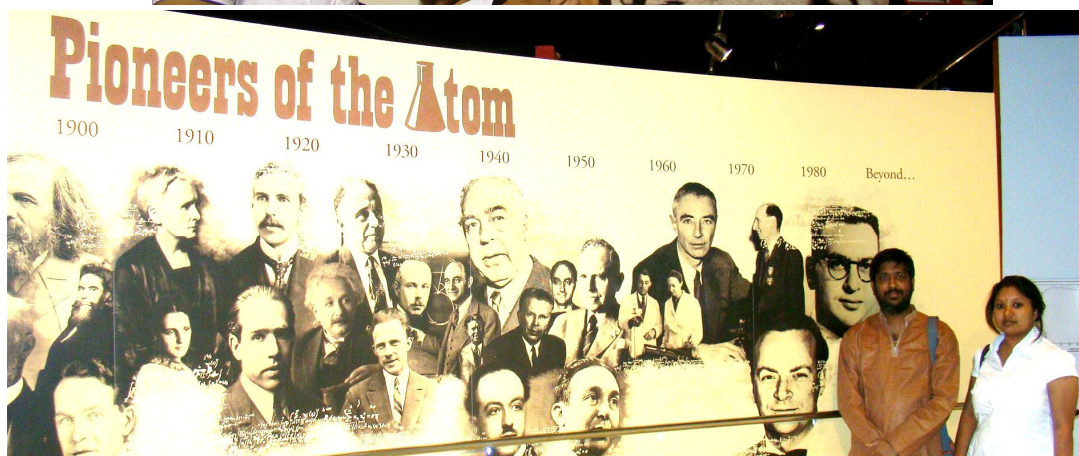
On 29th, early in the morning Swamiji went for a balloon ride. Albuquerque is known for this and there is a mega balloon fiesta here every year in the month of October. In the afternoon he spent some time on the serene Sandia Peak.



In the evening Pujya Gurudev conducted a meditation session and explained about how to handle worries and other problems that mind has.



On 30th Gurudev went to The National Museum of Nuclear Science and History and spent a good amount of time there.



In the evening, the celebrated Sarod maestro Sri Ustad Amzad Ali Khan Ji came to Swamiji and spent the evening with him. There was a great flow of wisdom and insights about life in this meeting. Sri Ustad ji has presented an album called 'Yaraa' for which he has composed music to Pujya Gurudev. Sri Prem Siddharth ji has felicitated Sri Ustad ji with shawl and expressed his love and reverence to this great musician.



Pujya Gurudev left for Chicago on 1st July to participate in the 17th TANA conference in Rosemont Convention Center.

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