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# Adi Shankara

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**Why is in news?** PM condoles passing away of Dwarka Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati

Also known as Dwarka Sharada Math is **one amongst the four cardinal peethams established by the saint Adi Shankara.**

Located in the **city of Dwaraka, Gujarat.**

It is to preserve and **propagate Sanatana Dharma and Advaita Vedanta, the doctrine of non-dualism.**

**Their Vedantic mantra or Mahavakya is Tattvamasi** (That thoart) and as per the tradition initiated by Adi Shankara it **holds authority over Sama Veda.**

Other Peeths include **Badrikashram Jyotirpeeth** in the north (Uttarakhand), **Govardhan Peetha** in Puri in the east (odissa), and **Sringeri Sharada Peetham** in south (Karnataka).

Adi Shankaracharya was an early 8th century Indian philosopher and was born in Kerala, who consolidated the **doctrine of Advaita Vedanta.**

It is a **Hindphilosophy** which **focuses on Brahman, atman, vidya (knowledge), avidya (ignorance), maya, karma and moksha.** It refers to the **idea that the soul or Atman is the same as Brahman.**

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