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Only IAS Academy by Grandson of "Peruntholaiyar Kamarajar"

Adi Shankaracharya

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Prime Minister of India has recently visited the birthplace of Adi Shankaracharya in Kochi

Adi Shankara also called Adi Shankaracharyawas an Indian Vedic scholar and teacher (acharya).

He was born **11th May 788 AD**, at Kaladi near Kochi, Kerala.

He took Samadhi at the **age of 33, at Kedar tirth.**

He was a **devotee of Shiva.**

He propounded the **Doctrine of Advaita Vedanta** and wrote many commentaries on the Vedic canon (Upanishads, Brahma Sutras and Bhagavad Gita) in Sanskrit.

He was **opposed to Buddhist philosophers.**

Major Work: Brahmasutrabhasya (Bhashya or commentary on the Brahma Sutra), Bhajagovinda Stotra, Nirvana Shatakam, Prakaran Granths.

Other Contributions: He was responsible for reviving Hinduism in India to a great extent when Buddhism was gaining popularity.

He established four Mathas in the four corners of India at **Shingeri, Puri, Dwaraka and Badrinath**– for propagation of Sanathana Dharma.

He advocated the **existence of the soul and the Supreme Soul.** He believed that the Supreme Soul alone is real and unchanging while the soul is a changing entity and that it does not have absolute existence.



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