

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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