



KAMARAJ IAS ACADEMY
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Adi Shankara

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- Shankaracharya known as Adi Shankara, 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 was propounded the **Doctrine of Advaita** (Monism) 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.

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