

## Adi Shankara

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- Shankarachya 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.
- <u>Major Work</u>: 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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