

108-Ft Statue Of Adi Shankaracharya 'Statue Of Oneness' In Omkareshwar

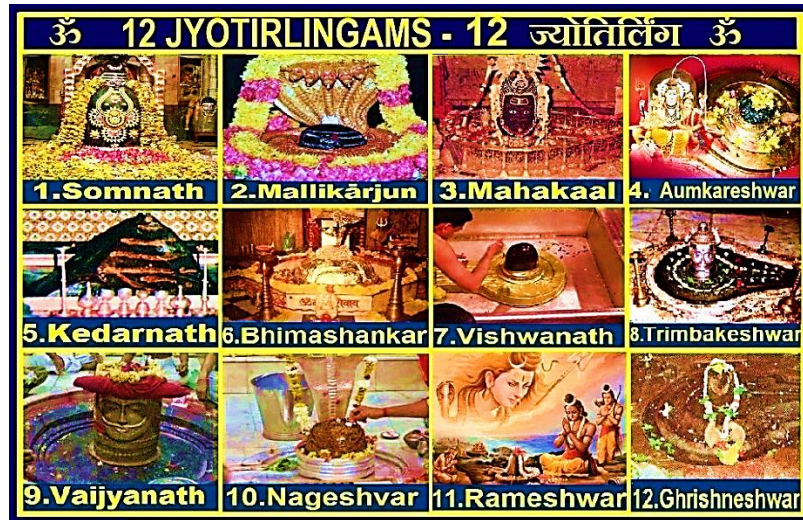
Why In News

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Thursday Unveiled A 108-Foot-Tall Statue Of The 8th-Century Spiritual Leader Adi Shankaracharya In Omkareshwar Town.
- **Ekatmata Ki Pratima' Or 'Statue Of Oneness'** Of Adi Shankaracharya In Omkareshwar Unveiled In Mp's Omkareshwar.
- The State Cabinet Had Approved This Project Last Year To Celebrate The Life And Philosophy Of The 8th-Century Hindu Philosopher And Saint.



History

- The 'Statue Of Oneness', Conceptualised Around Six Years Ago, Depicts Shankaracharya **As A 12-Year-Old Child** When He Is Said To Have Visited Omkareshwar.
- Omkareshwar Which Has One Of The Twelve Jyotirlinga Shrines — Said To Be The Most Sacred Abodes Of Shiva.



Design By

- The Design For The Statue Was Conceptualised By Painter **Vasudeo Kamath**, Who Found Inspiration In Raja Ravi Verma's Depiction Of Shankaracharya.
- The Statue Is Installed Under The Guidance Of Sculptor **Bhagwan Rampure** And Painter Vasudev Kamath.



Budget

- The Bjp Government In Madhya Pradesh Had Earlier Given Its Approval For ₹ **2,141.85-Crore** Project For The Statue Of Adi Shankaracharya Along With A Museum In Omkareshwar.



About The Statue

- It Is Situated On Mandhata Mountain In Omkareshwar, The City On The Banks Of Narmada River.
- Weighing 100 Tonnes, The Statue Was Conceptualised By An Indian Team Of Artists, A Sculptor And Engineers.



- The Metal Casting Was Done In **China's Nanchang City** And Shipped To Mumbai In Several Batches.
- The Idol, Installed On A **75-Foot Platform**, Is Made Up Of Bronze That Contains 88% Copper, 4% Zinc And 8% Tin. Its Internal Structure Is Made-Up Of High-Quality Steel.



Acharya Shankara Museum

- “In The Acharya Shankara Museum, **The Life And Philosophy Of Acharya Shankara** Will Be Displayed Through The Most Modern And Innovative Ways.
- All Structures Will Have Visible Imprints Of Indian Culture Along With Traditional Indian Art And Architecture.



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About Adi Shankracharya

- **Born In Kerala**, Adi Shankaracharya Is Believed To Have Reached Omkareshwar After Becoming A 'Sanyasi' At A Very Young Age, Where He Met His **Guru Govind Bhagwadpad**, Stayed In The Religious City For Four Years, And Attained Education.



- He Is Believed To Have Attained **Samadhi At Kedarnath**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Unveiled A 12-Foot High Statue Of Adi Shankaracharya At Kedarnath.
- He Is Credited With The **Doctrine Of Advaita Vedanta**.
- He Wrote Commentaries On Brahmasutras. His **Popular Works** Include- Vivekachudamani, Saundaryalahari, Bhajagovindam, Shivananda Lahari.
- To Preach And Protect The Dharma, He Founded Ashramas/Mathas At Sringeri In Karnataka, Dwarak In Gujarat, Puri In Odisha And Badrinath In Up.

