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A JOURNEY OF ONENESS

ADVAITA AWAKENING YOUTH RETREAT 2024



Acharya Shankar Sanskritik Ekta Nyas
Department of Culture
Government of Madhya Pradesh



CELEBRATING THE LIGHT OF ADI SHANKARACHARYA

The Acharya Shankar Sanskritik Ekta Nyas tirelessly works to perpetuate the teachings of Adi Shankaracharya and his philosophy of Advaita Vedanta for the betterment of humanity

Acharya Shankar, also known as Adi Jagadguru Shankaracharya, was a revered sage who devoted himself to reviving the cultural and spiritual essence of Bharat. Through his teachings of Advaita Vedanta, he purified Hinduism in just 32 brief years of his life. In modern times, when humanity is plagued by stress and desperation, it is crucial to celebrate the legacy of Acharya Shankar and to spread his philosophy of Advaita Vedanta to the masses. The Government of Madhya Pradesh is steadfast in its commitment to this noble cause and has established the Acharya Shankar Sanskritik Ekta Nyas, under the Department of Culture to carry out ambitious projects in the service of Acharya Shankar. A mammoth project is on at Omkareshwar, his jñana-bhumi.

ACHARYA SHANKAR SANSKRITIK EKTA NYAS

The Nyas endeavours to spread the teachings of Advaita Vedanta to shape a superior humankind

The Acharya Shankar Sanskritik Ekta Nyas is a registered trust in Madhya Pradesh, founded in 2017-18 under the provisions of the Madhya Pradesh Public Trust Act, 1951. The trust is presided over by the Honorable Chief Minister of the State, who serves as its chairman, along with 14 other esteemed trustees.

The purpose of the Nyas is to promote and propagate the teachings of Advaita Vedanta as expounded by Acharya Shankar. Through his teachings, he aimed to revive and unify the ancient Sanatana culture with the goal of creating a better human being, society, nation, world, and ultimately, a better humanity.



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DISCOVER YOUR INNER SELF: JOIN THE ADVAITA AWAKENING YOUTH RETREAT

Dive into the timeless wisdom of Advaita Vedanta and immerse yourself in its rich culture at the Youth Retreat. Guided by experienced Sannyasins and Acharyas, these retreats offer a unique opportunity for young people to explore the teachings of Acharya Shankar and awaken their innate spirituality. With a focus on hands-on learning and dynamic activities, this life-changing experience will leave a lasting impact on all who attend.

Objective

To ignite a spark in youth and inspire them to spread the message of oneness in society through a deep understanding of Advaita Vedanta.

What to expect

- An introduction to the concept of Advaita Vedanta
- Engaging Session on the Prakaran Granthas of Acharya Shankar
- Rhythmic Shloka Chanting
- Thought-provoking Q & A sessions
- Gentle yoga and meditation practices
- Abhivyakti: a platform to showcase your talents
- A rejuvenating sattvik routine
- Enlightening excursions (Teertha Darshana)

Join us and embrace the path of self-discovery and spiritual fulfillment

Register now www.oneness.org.in



Camp 1 — 22 Feb - 02 March

Venue: Rishi Chaitanya Ashram,
Ganaur, Sonipat, Haryana

Acharya: Anandmurti Gurumaa

Grantha: Tattvabodha

Languages: Hindi

Seats: 50



Camp 02 — 11 - 20 March

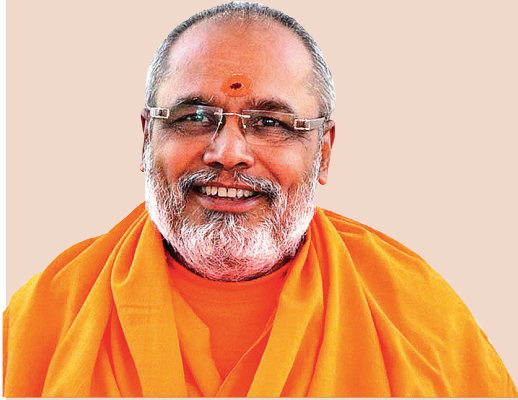
Venue: Arsha Vidya Mandir,
Rajkot, Gujrat

Acharya: Swami Parmatmananda
Saraswati

Grantha: Tattvabodha

Languages: Hindi

Seats: 50



Camp 3 — 05 - 14 April

Venue: Chinmaya Gardens,
Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Acharya: Swamini Vimalananda Saraswati

Grantha: Drig-Drishya Vivek

Languages: English

Seats: 50



Camp 04 — 18 - 27 May

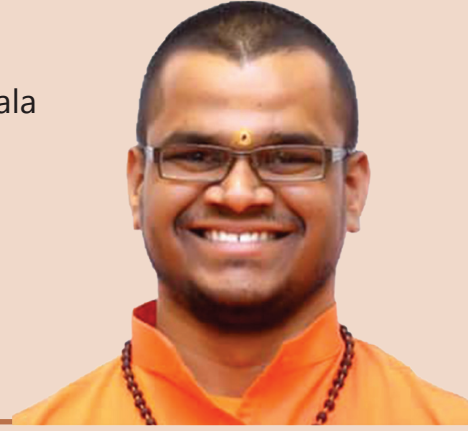
Venue: Chinmaya International
Foundation, Veliyanad, Kerala

Acharya: Swami Avyayananda
Saraswati

Grantha: Tattvabodha

Languages: English

Seats: 50



Camp 05 — 21 - 30 June

Venue: Chinmaya Tarangini,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Acharya: Swami Mitrananda
Saraswati

Grantha: Prashnottar-Ratnamalika

Languages: English

Seats: 50



Camp 06 — 05 - 14 July

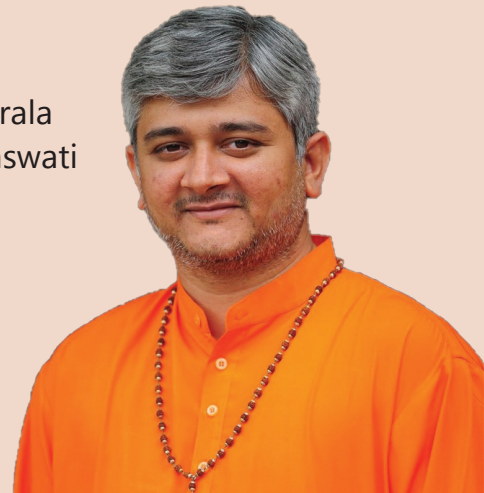
Venue: Chinmaya International
Foundation, Veliyanad, Kerala

Acharya: Swami Swatmananda Saraswati

Grantha: Sadhana Panchakam

Languages: Hindi

Seats: 50



Camp 07 — 01 - 10 August

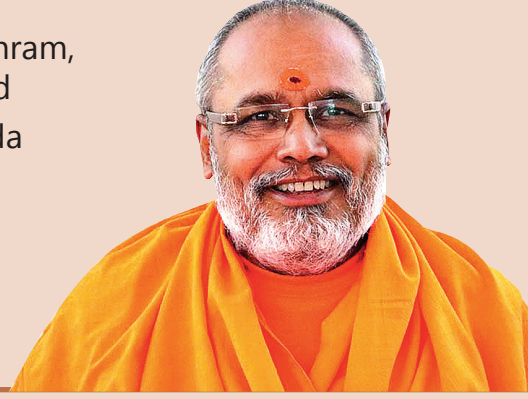
Venue: Swami Dayananda Ashram,
Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

Acharya: Swami Parmatmananda
Saraswati

Grantha: Tattvabodha

Languages: Hindi

Seats: 50



Camp 08 — 08 - 17 September

Venue: Chinmaya Gardens,
Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Acharya: Swamini Vimalananda Saraswati

Grantha: Aparokshanubhuti

Languages: Hindi

Seats: 50



Camp 9 — 06 - 15 October

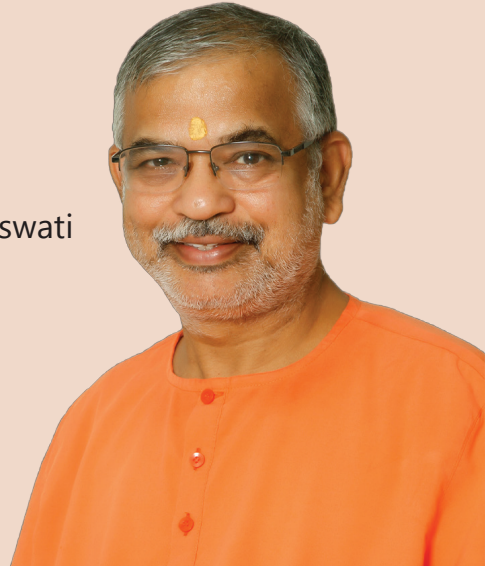
Venue: Chinmaya Vibhooti,
Pune, Maharashtra

Acharya: Swami Advaitananda Saraswati

Grantha: Atmabodha

Languages: Hindi

Seats: 50



Camp 10 — 21 - 30 November

Venue: Chinmaya Tarangini,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Acharya: Swami Mitrananda
Saraswati

Grantha: Bhaja Govindam

Languages: English

Seats: 50





- **Selection Process:**

Participants are selected through online registration

- **Eligibility:** Anyone between the ages of **18 and 40** may register

- **Preference:** Preference will be given to genuine seekers having the capacity to popularize the wisdom of Advaita

- **Fee:** The camp is free for the selected participants. They can expect their travel, lodging, and food expenses to be fully taken care of by the organizers. 3AC train ticket will be booked/reimbursed

- **Registrations:** Free registration is available at www.oneness.org.in

YOUR GUIDES

ANANDMURTI GURUMAA

Pujya Anandmurti Gurumaa Revered Gurudev Anandmurti Gurumaa is the visionary founder of Rishi Chaitanya Ashram, a spiritual haven that serves as the epicentre for a myriad of transformative pursuits. This distinguished ashram, situated in Ganaur, Sonapat, Haryana is dedicated to the study of Vedanta, the practice of Yoga, exploration of various ancient sciences such as Astrology, Acupuncture and Ayurveda. Anandmurti Gurumaa's foresight has led to the creation of a space that encapsulates different dimensions, ensuring the comprehensive growth of seekers and aspirants.

Gurudev Anandmurti Gurumaa, renowned for enlightening discourses and life-transforming meditation retreats resonating worldwide, has shared profound insights through numerous multilingual books. Her works delve into the depths of spiritual wisdom, providing in-depth expositions of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Patanjali Yoga Sutras, and Upanishads, including the Ken Upanishad, Amritbindu Upanishad, and Prashna Upanishad. Anandmurti Gurumaa's contributions extend to insightful commentaries on the scriptures of Sri Adi Shankaracharya, encompassing Nirvana Shatakam, Aatmabodha, Sadhana Panchakam, Bhaj Govindam, Viveka Chudamani, Tattvabodha along with other Vedantic scriptures namely Vedanta Saar, Drig Drishya Viveka, and Vichar Chandrodaya.

As a living embodiment of spiritual wisdom, compassion, and selfless service, Anandmurti Gurumaa inspires seekers to embark on a profound journey of self-realization. Her teachings foster a deeper understanding of life's purpose and the boundless potential within each individual. Anandmurti Gurumaa's presence continues to illuminate the path for those seeking inner peace, wisdom, and spiritual awakening.

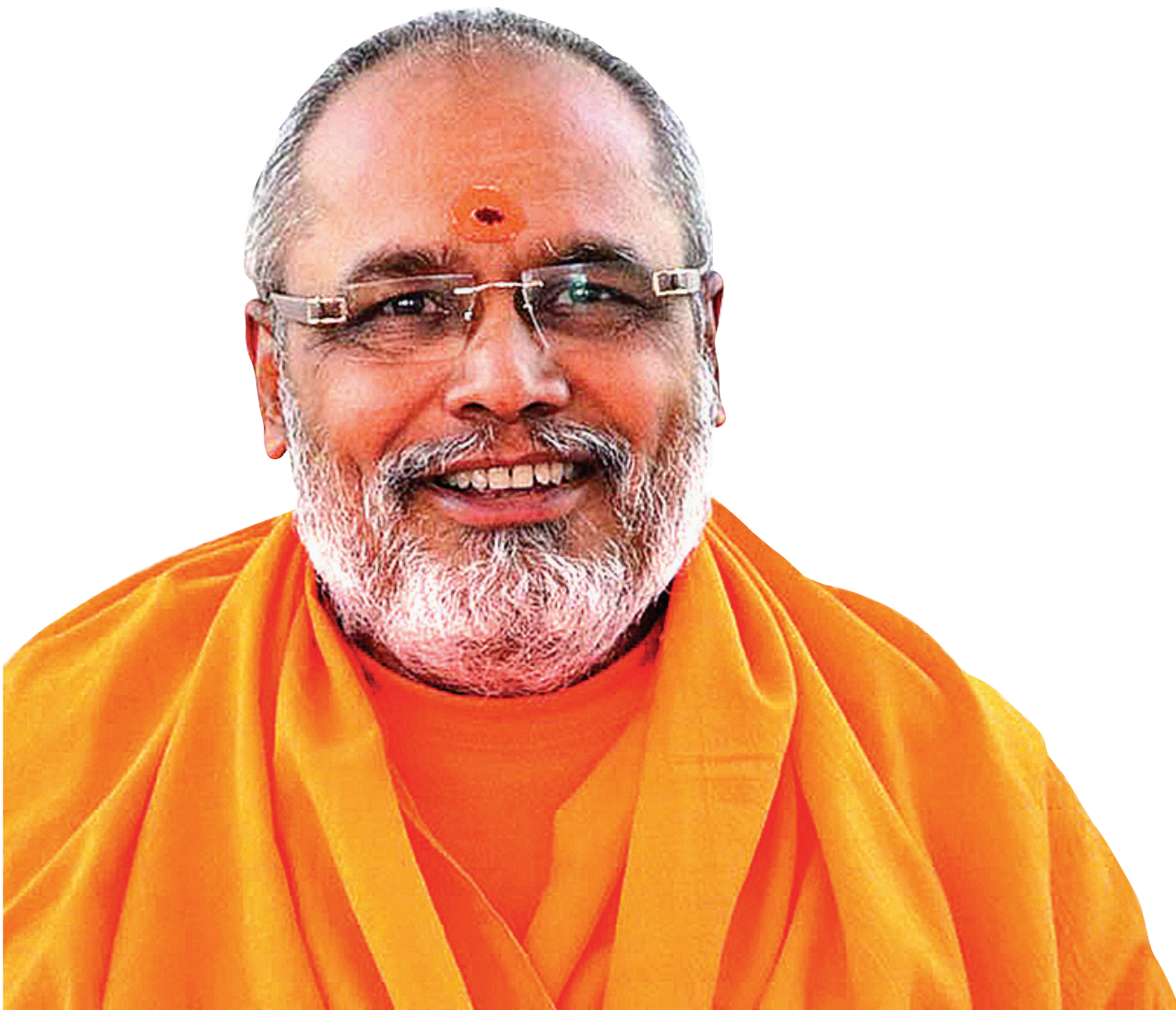


SWAMI PARAMATMANANDA SARASWATI

Pujya Swami Parmatmananda Saraswati is a renowned spiritual leader and a senior disciple of Param Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. He embodies knowledge and an abundance of compassion. As the founder Acharya of Arsha Vidya Mandir, he is dedicated to promoting the Vedic way of life.

Swamiji's simple and loving personal life is a reflection of his devotion to spirituality. His teachings, clear and insightful, offer a unique perspective on the vision of the scriptures, as well as the challenges of modern life. He presents complex ideas with systematic and rational explanations, using relatable examples to bring his lessons to life.

Swamiji has a deep concern for society and this is reflected in his numerous social and educational initiatives. He offers Vedic wisdom to a diverse range of people, including students, teachers, and government and private sector employees, through customized programmes. These programmes focus on scriptural study, character building, cultural values, and soft skills development, among others. Swamiji is the convener of Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha and represents Bharat and Sanatana Dharma in various international conferences.



SWAMINI VIMALANANDA SARASWATI

Pujya Swamini Vimalananda is a senior disciple of Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda Saraswati.

After acquiring an Honours degree in Architecture, her travels made her reflect on life and move from designing of the world of outer space to the seeking of the sacred inner space. The Chinmaya Mission Vedanta Course deepened her spiritual knowledge.

Her passion for education found fulfilment in concretising her Guru's vision into the Chinmaya Vision Programme (CVP) which now largely reflects in the National Education Policy (NEP) recently introduced in India by the Central Government (July 2020). Her multifarious contribution in the field of education as she headed the Chinmaya Mission Educational Cell for 25 years touched the lives of millions.

A dynamic leader, a serious seeker, a spiritual practitioner, a prodigious learner, a visionary educator, a nature lover, a prolific writer and a popular speaker, she travels around the world guiding seekers of all age groups. Her simple style of talking has captivated the intellectual and faithful alike. Her sense of aesthetics and depth of knowledge reflects in all her activities, including her writing.

She has authored books on a variety of subjects –Vedantic commentaries, Indian Culture series, answering youth queries, child-centred activities and Education theories. Her books are very popular as are her YouTube talks.

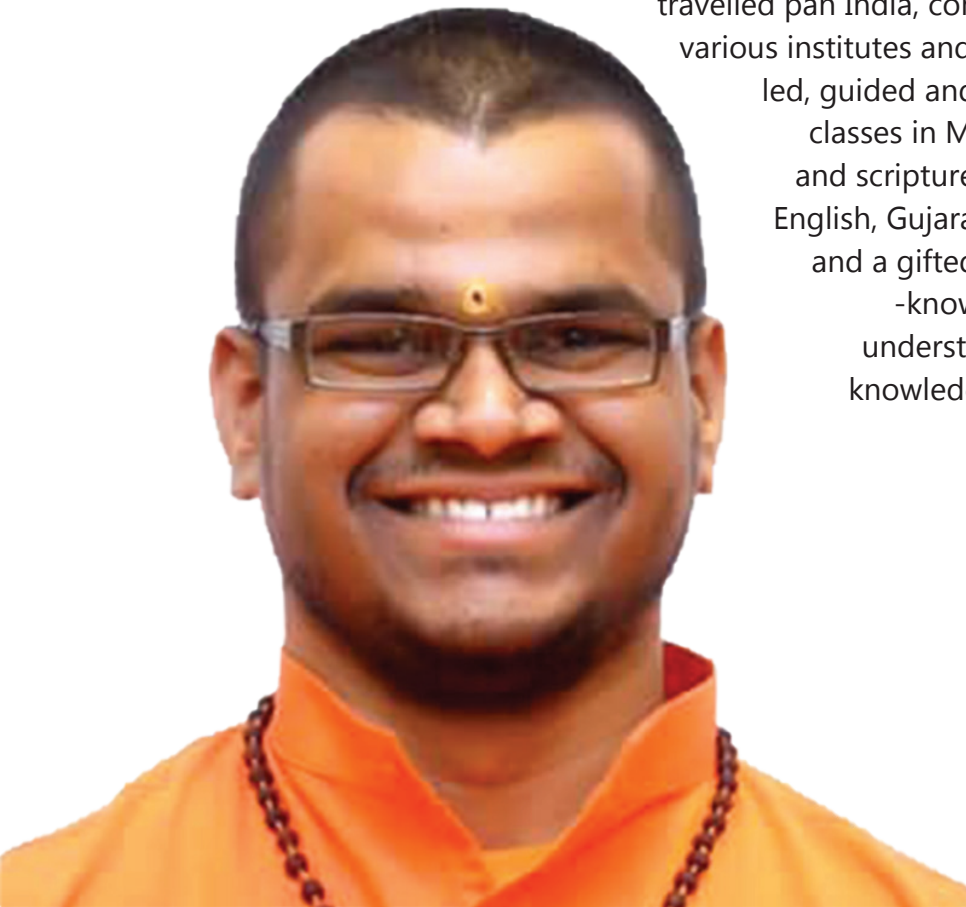


SWAMI AVYAYANANDA SARASWATI

Pujya Swami Avyayananda Saraswati was born and brought up in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Swami Avyayananda's spiritual journey started at the age of 7 at the weekly Balavihar classes held at the Ahmedabad centre of Chinmaya Mission. This early exposure to Indian Scriptures and the deep impact created by Param Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda's aura and talks turned Swamiji into a dynamic member of the Chinmaya Yuva Kendra where Swamiji was involved in various city, State and National level programmes. After formal education in B.Tech (Dairy Technology), Swamiji served as a spiritual guide at the Chinmaya International Residential School (CIRS) at Coimbatore for over three years.

Swamiji's inner calling spurred Swamiji to once again become a student of the 13th batch of Vedanta Course in English at Sandeepany Sadhyalaya the Gurukula of Chinmaya Mission in Mumbai. Swamiji considers himself blessed to have studied the scriptures under the tutelage of Pujya Swami Tejomayananda, an apostle of Vedanta. After completion of the Vedanta Course, Swamiji was given Brahmacharya deeksha and a new name Brahmachari Atharvana Chaitanya, and was posted to "ParamDham" centre of Chinmaya Mission Ahmedabad, Gujarat, where Swamiji served for over 13 years. As Brahmachari Atharvana Chaitanya, Swamiji conducted various study classes, spiritual camps, seminars and workshops in various colleges and corporates touching on various aspects of life. Swamiji also played a very active role in post-production of "Upanishad Ganga" - A tele series based on Upanishads directed by Shri Chandra Prakash Dwivediji under the banner of Chinmaya Creations. Swamiji also conducted a Basic Purohit Course, at Chinmaya Gardens Ashram in Coimbatore imparting knowledge of various Puja Vidhis, Havans and Vedic rituals to young students. Swamiji's talks on "Facing the Challenges of Life" at the North East Youth Conclave organised by the Government of Sikkim were well received by the 700 odd Youth attendees.

In 2018, Swamiji was initiated into Sannyasa as Swami Avyayananda Saraswati by Swami Swaroopananda, global head of Chinmaya Mission. Swamiji has travelled pan India, conducting discourses & workshops in various institutes and corporate houses. Swamiji has also led, guided and conducted volunteer trainings and classes in Mission Centres. A scholar of Sanskrit and scriptures, Swamiji discourses with felicity in English, Gujarati, and Hindi. As a profound thinker and a gifted orator, Swami Avyayananda is well-known for his discourses focused on the understanding and application of Scriptural knowledge for seekers of all strata and ages.



SWAMI MITRANANDA SARASWATI

Pujya Swami Mitrananda is a dynamic disciple of Gurudev, H H Swami Chinmayananda.

He serves as:

- * Spiritual Mentor of Chinmaya Mission.
- * Director National Projects, All India Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (AICHYK).
- * Publisher of Chinmaya Udghosh – an international youth magazine.

Swami Mitrananda is an inspiring tutor, daring adventurer, vibrant speaker, creative writer, vigilant administrator & a mentor for many youngsters across the world.

As the Director of AICHYK, he has spear-headed many innovative, nation-wide projects such as the Youth Empowerment Programme(YEP), Awakening Indians to India, Family Quiz among others.

Swami Mitrananda uses powerful tools such as outdoor experiential learning, adventure, travel, biking, car rallies, theatre, writing and creativity to convey the profound message of Vedanta propelling individual's to tap into their hidden potential.

Through the Youth Empowerment Program he has trained more than 300 youth to serve India.

He also initiated CIM (Chinmaya Institute of Management), Chennai Chapter which is reaching out to colleges and corporate organisations with a blend of Management and Spirituality.

A highly sought-after speaker in the corporate circle, Swami Mitrananda regularly lectures on Upanishads, Geeta and many other traditional texts. He travels across the world attracting the attention of even the most uninterested person.



SWAMI SWATMANANDA SARASWATI

Pujya Swami Swatmananda is one of the most dynamic leaders of Chinmaya Mission. Currently posted at Chinmaya Mission-South Mumbai, he completed the Vedanta Course from Sandeepany Sadhanalaya, Mumbai from 1998-2000 after his graduation in Commerce and software engineering. He has been serving in Chinmaya Mission Mumbai since 2000.

He expounds the philosophy of Advaita Vedanta through talks on the Bhagavad Geeta, Upanishads and other texts of Vedanta & bhakti through camps, meditation retreats, interactive sessions and discussions for youth & adults.

Children love him dearly and look forward to his annual summer camps on various themes of spirituality, India, Hindu Culture etc.

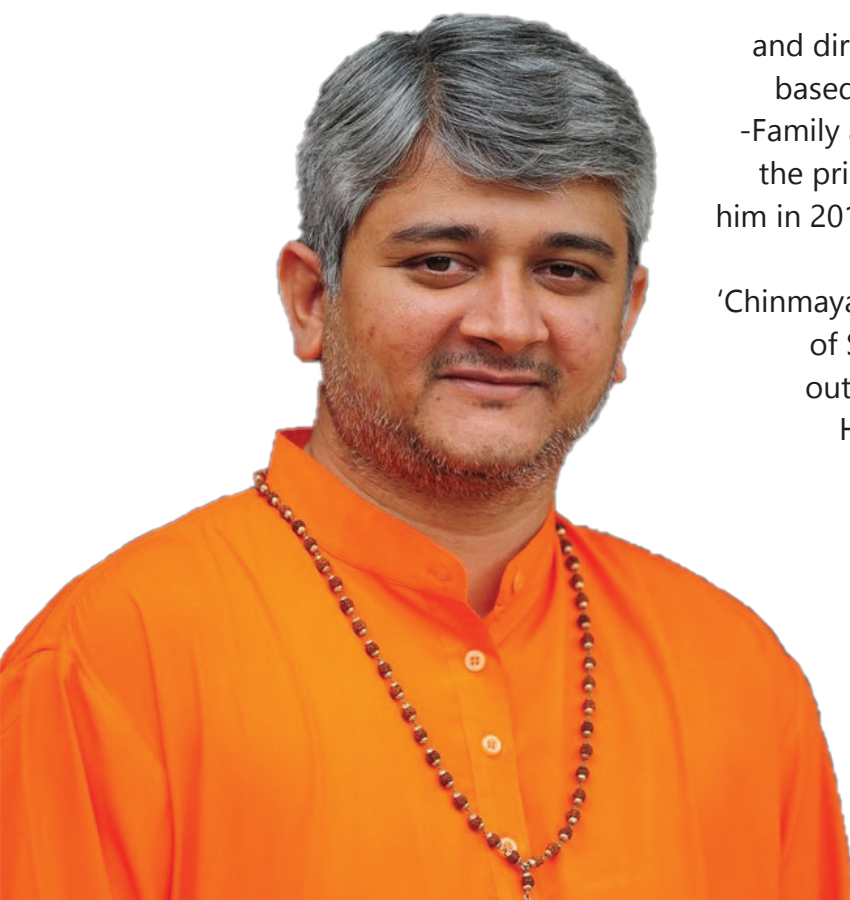
He inspires the youth with dynamic spirituality, encourages them to think & question. Various mediums like theatre plays, treks, outdoor experiential learning programmes, music etc. are used by him.

He has also taken the Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) which is a value-based leadership programme for youth who want to serve the Nation & Culture, where the youth were trained for 3 months and the youth served the country for 9 months.

Several corporates like Piramals, Reliance, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Motors, Toyota, PwC etc. have been addressed by him. He holds weekly discussion groups on the Bhagavad Geeta for some of the top industrialists of India.

He is also a playwright and has written and directed two theatrical performances. 'Adrshya – Quest for the Unseen' based on Saraswati Civilization & Developed India was written

and directed by him in 2009. 'Just Like That'- A play based on the Bhagavad Geeta in the life of Anand-Family and how they discover harmony by applying the principles of Geeta was written and directed by him in 2015. He also has conceptualised and executed the first outdoor vedantic vision park called 'Chinmaya Pradeep' based on the life, vision and work of Swami Chinmayananda. It is a one of its kind outdoor park which also exhibits the essence of Hindu culture, Geeta, Upanishads in a unique and innovative way.



SWAMI ADVAITANANDA SARASWATI

Pujya Swamiji was born in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh. He was graduated in Mechanical Engineering from Bilaspur Engineering College. Inspired by Swami Chinmayanandaji and Swami Tejomayanandaji, he joined the Sandeepany Himalayas in Sidhbari, Himachal Pradesh to study Vedantic Scriptures from 1989 to 1991 under the tutelage of Swami Subodhanandaji. He received Sannyasa Diksha in 2002.

Swamiji has delivered lectures on Vedanta in many countries in Hindi, Marathi and English. As an Acharya, he also guided the students of Vedanta courses. His discourses on the Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads and other Vedantic texts unveil the inner intricacies of the subject, through simple explanation. His masterly exposition of Shri Ramacharitmanas, embellished with its melodious recitation, transports listeners to a state of bliss.

Swami Advaitananda has served Mission Centres like Indore, Allahabad, Kolkata, Durban, Mumbai and Chinmaya Vibhooti. Being an outstanding teacher with a depth beneath his simplicity and humility, Swamiji has taught two batches of students in Vedanta Course in Hindi at Sidhabari and one batch in English at Sandeepany Sadhanalaya, Mumbai as the Acharya-in-charge. Currently he is the Acharya of Chinmay Mission, Nashik.

Endowed with a saintly heart overflowing with love and compassion for all and a pleasing personality, he is open to all those who seek his advice. He lives the philosophy he preaches, ever devoted to His Master and the knowledge of the ancient scriptures.



GALLERY

GLIMPSSES OF GLORY

From the previous editions of
Advaita Awakening Youth Retreats



1ST RETREAT — MOUNT ABU
NOVEMBER 05 TO 10, 2020



2ND RETREAT — RAJKOT
SEPTEMBER 12 TO 18, 2021



**3RD RETREAT — RAJKOT
FEBRUARY 21 TO 28, 2022**



**4TH RETREAT — AHMEDABAD
AUGUST 14 TO 21, 2022**



**5TH RETREAT — CHINMAYA
INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION,
VELIYANAD KERALA
OCTOBER 09 TO 18, 2022**



**1ST CONVOCATION
BHARAT BHAWAN, BHOPAL
OCTOBER 21, 2022**



**6TH RETREAT - AHMEDABAD
MARCH 06 TO 15, 2023**

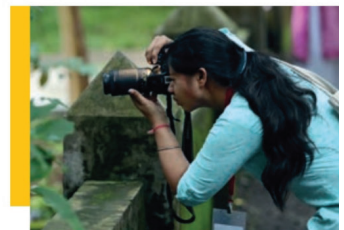




**7TH RETREAT - SIDHBARI, HIMACHAL PRADESH
MARCH 21 TO 30, 2023**



**2ND CONVOCATION
KUSHABHAU THAKARE CONVENTION CENTER,
BHOPAL APRIL 25, 2023**



**8TH RETREAT - CHINMAYA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, VELIYANAD, KERALA
JUNE 15 TO 25, 2023**



9TH RETREAT - ARSHA VIDYA GURUKULAM, RISHIKESH, UTTARAKHAND JULY 11 TO 21 , 2023



10TH RETREAT - CHINMAYA GARDENS, COIMBATORE, TAMIL NADU AUGUST 01 TO 10, 2023



**11TH RETREAT - CHINMAYA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, VELIYANAD, KERALA
DECEMBER 06 TO 15, 2023**

ONGOING PROJECTS: EKATMA DHAM

STATUE OF ONENESS

Omkareshwar is the home to a towering monument of spiritual enlightenment — the 108-foot-tall Statue of Oneness. This multi-metal statue, a tribute to the timeless wisdom of the sage Acharya Shankar and his philosophy of Advaita Vedanta, stands tall atop a 54-foot pedestal, supported by a 27-foot lotus petal base. The conceptual sketch for the statue was painted by renowned Indian artist Shri Vasudeo Kamath. Accomplished sculptor Shri Bhagwan Rampure has sculpted the statue. The Statue of Oneness was unveiled by Hon'ble Former Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan on 21st September 2023.

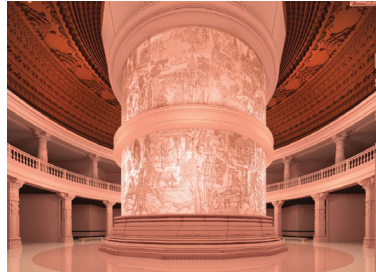
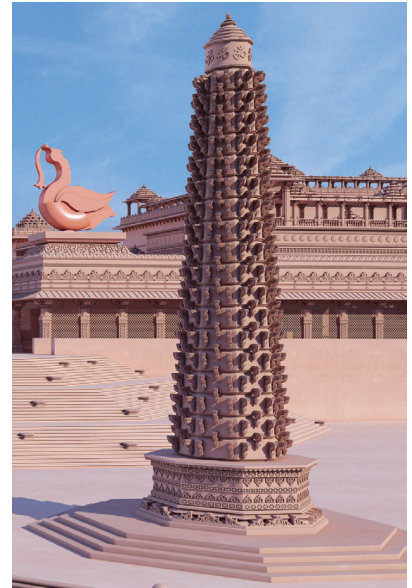


Advaita Lok

The Advaita Lok museum will showcase the life and philosophy of Acharya Shankar through exhibits reflecting the message of Advaita Vedanta. The museum will include a laser-light-water-sound show on the stories and dialogues of Upanishads,

a Panchayatana Temple, Annakshetra 3D hologram projection gallery, nine exhibition galleries, an indoor wide-screen theater, and a cultural boat ride called Advaita Narmada Vihaar, which will take visitors on an audio-visual journey through the teachings of Acharya Shankar and other Indian philosophers.

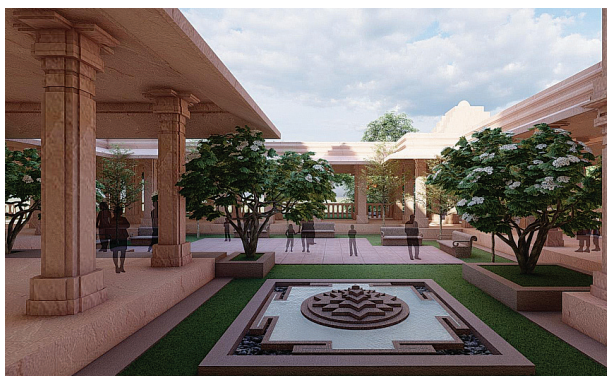




Acharya Shankar International Institute of Vedanta

The Acharya Shankar International Institute of Advaita Vedanta promotes the study and understanding of Advaita Vedanta. It will have seven centres — four for research, a library, an extension centre, and a gurukul. The research centres include the Acharya Padmapada Centre for Advaita Philosophy, the Acharya Hastamalaka Centre for Science, the Acharya Sureshwara Advaita Centre for Social Science, and the Acharya Totaka

Advaita Centre for Literature, Music and Arts. The library, called the Acharya Govinda Bhagvatpada Advaita Library, will be a comprehensive resource center and reference library for scholars working in fields related to Advaita Vedanta philosophy. The Acharya Gaudapada Advaita Extension Centre will work to popularize the content developed by the institute's various centres based on Advaita Vedanta. The Maharshi Vedavyasa Advaita Gurukul will offer residential training in Indian spirituality and Advaita Vedanta.



ACTIVITIES OF NYAS

- 1 **Shankar Vyakhyanmala:** A monthly lecture series
- 2 **Advaita Awakening Youth Retreat**
- 3 **Advaita Utsav:** International Conference on Advaita Vedanta
- 4 **Shankar Sangeet:** Classical dance and singing on Acharya's Strotras
- 5 **Painting Workshops and Exhibitions**



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