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Statue of Peace of Swami Ramanujacharya

Why in Newspapers?

Recently, Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the Statue of Peace of Swami Ramanujacharya in Srinagar.

Quick Issue?

- The establishment of the Statue of Peace will bring the blessings and message of Ramanujacharya to Kashmiris of all religions so that Kashmir can be taken on the path of peace and progress.
- It will be helpful in the development of the people of Kashmir without any discrimination.

Historical Background?

- Ramanujacharya was born in the year 1017 in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.
- Ramanujacharya was a Vedic philosopher and social reformer.
- He travelled across India, advocating equality and social justice.
- He revived the Bhakti movement and his teachings inspired many Bhakti ideologies.
- Vishishtadvaita is a monistic tradition of Vedanta philosophy.
- He became the preacher of the Bhakti movement and the source of all other Bhakti ideologies.
- He was an inspiration for Kabir, Mirabai, Annamacharya, Bhakta Ramdas, Tyagaraja and many other mystic poets.
- He introduced the concept that nature and its resources like water, air, soil, trees, etc. are sacred and should be protected from pollution.

Other Key Facts?

- Sant Ramanuja's relation to Kashmir
- Ramanujacharya went to Kashmir in the 11th century to obtain an important manuscript called Bodhayana Vritti, a treatise on the Brahma Sutras.
- The Bodhayana Vritti had the reputation of being the most authoritative interpretation of the Brahma Sutras.
- His disciple Quresha accompanied him and assimilated the entire text into his memory as the local scholars did not allow Ramanujacharya to take the manuscript out of Kashmir.
- After returning to Srirangam, Ramanujacharya directed Sri Bhasyam, a commentary on the Brahma Sutras and his most notable work to Quresha, who wrote it.
- Ramanujacharya returned to Kashmir after 2 years to dedicate this area to Shri Bhasyam.

Likely Question Asked In Preliminary Exam

Que. 'Brahma is the truth and the world is false (illusion)' - whose statement is this?

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| (a) Shankaracharya | (b) Ramanujacharya |
| (c) Vallabhbharcha | (d) Chaitanya |

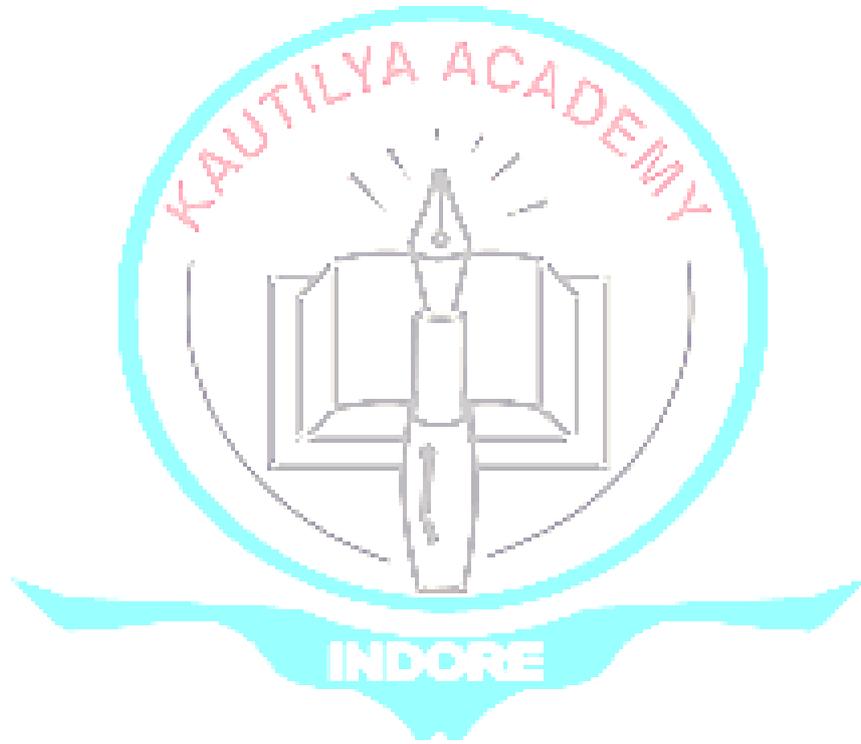
Answer: (a) Shankaracharya



Que. Who was the saint of South India who spent most of his life in Vrindavan in North India?

- (a) Ramanujacharya (b) Nimbarka Acharya
(c) Madhvacharya (d) Vishnu Swami

Answer: (b) Nimbark Acharya





Answer: (d) January 26, 1950

Que. The Raj Emblem of India is taken from the Lion Pillar established by Ashok the Great at Sarnath. How many lions are there in the original pillar of this royal symbol?

- (a) two (b) three
(c) four (d) five

Answer: (c) Four

