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ADI SHANKARACHARYA JAYANTI

Government of Madhya Pradesh has initiated Narmada Seva Yatra – “Namami Devi Narmade” from December 15 2016 to May 15 2017. It is one of the biggest comprehensive movement for protection of river Narmada with public participation. Acharya Maha Mandaleshwar H.H. Swami Avadheshanandaji had flagged off this movement along with the Chief Minister of MP Shri Shivrajsinh Chauhan.

With the blessings and inspiration of His Holiness, the Chief Minister announced to undertake a monumental project in the honour of Adi Shankaracharyaji at Omkareshwar. The project includes :-

1. Development of the pilgrim site.
2. Huge metallic statue of Adi Shankaracharyaji.
3. Research center on the works and life of Adi Shankaracharyaji.

At the behest of the suggestion from Acharya Maha Mandaleshwarji, State Government, for the FIRST TIME celebrated Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti at seven major cities (Jabalpur, Indore, Sagar, Gwalior, Ujjain, Reva, Omkareshwar) on 1st May 2017. The celebrations included :-

1. Lectures – Talks by learned Swamijis and Scholars on the theme “Contribution of Adi Shankaracharyaji on cultural unification of Bharat”.
2. Cultural programmes :
 - a. Chanting and Musical presentation of compositions of Adi Shankaracharyaji by renowned singers.
 - b. Hindustani dances (Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali, etc.) based on compositions of Adi Shankaracharyaji by renowned dancers from all over India.

All these programmes were very well organized.

I am happy to inform that Acharya Mahamandaleswar H.H. Avadheshanandaji himself is pursuing this project. We expect bureaucratic hurdles. However, we are hopeful that the project will go through and we will have befitting monument for Adi Shankaracharyaji at Omkareshwar.

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