



Information on the Aims & Activities of

OMKARANANDA ASHRAM HIMALAYAS

*An Institution dedicated to the Dissemination
of Timeless Human & Divine Values.*



H.D. Paramahansa Omkarananda Saraswati is a born Sage, Mystic and Genius.

Already at the age of thirteen and fourteen his life was flooded with numerous spiritual experiences of the omnipresent and omniscient God. Under the dictates of these experiences, he left his home city in

South India for the Himalayas, where the world-renowned Sage Sri Swami Sivananda recognised in him an embodiment of the high spirit of renunciation, profound divine wisdom, touching purity of heart, made him known as Bala Yogi, Bala Jnani, titled him as Adhyatma Kavita-Bhaskara and crowned him with Sannyasa-Diksha at the age of seventeen.

In the shortest biography in the world Swami Omkarananda Saraswati writes:

“Purity is the soul of my Strength. Truth is the source of my Power. God is my Life, and I have no existence apart from Him. His Consciousness is my Light. His all-sustaining and all-creative Beauty constitutes my Joy. Prayer is my Breath and meditation forms the Bread of my life.

“All Humanity is my family. The Forces of Nature are my Friends. The Godhead in all of you is the object of my adoration.”



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The Activities of the Great Mystic, Sage, Philosopher and Writer Shri Paramahansa Omkarananda Saraswati embrace spiritual, cultural, educational, scientific and social fields. One of the significant achievements in these fields is the unique work he has done for the upliftment of the backward regions in the hills of the Himalayan Garhwal area. In recognition of his extraordinary services he has received several prestigious honours like Mother India Award, Bharat Nirman Award and Hind Rattan Award.

Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas is located

in the most sacred place near the bank of the holy river Ganga and in the proximity of both Rishikesh, the ancient place of pilgrimage, the neighbouring Sivanandanagar and the famous Lakshman Jhula. Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas carries its multiple activities through its registered Trusts and Societies – Swami Omkarananda Dharma Samsthan, Swami Omkarananda Saraswati Charitable Trust, Omkarananda Educational Society, Omkarananda Saraswati Natya Kala Academy and other educational, spiritual and cultural Institutions.

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Every speck of dust, every rock, every tree of the actual dwellings of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas and beyond are vibrant with the glow of Swami Omkarananda's spiritual realizations and bear silent witness to this incomparable Sage, his Wisdom and Purity and his uninterrupted experience and adoration of the Divine Presence in all beings and in all things.

Activities of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas

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TEMPLES



Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas maintains 18 very beautiful Temples in the Himalayan area of Rishikesh and its near surroundings, Muni-ki-reti, Lakshman Jhula, etc. Most of these Temples are in the unique and attractive South Indian Style, like the Omkarananda-Kamakshi-Devi Mandir.

EDUCATION



Since the year 1983 Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas began establishing and running prestigious Schools and Colleges, starting from Rishikesh – Muni-ki-reti, and extending up to very far and remote Himalayan Mountain areas in Uttarakhand. Presently there are 44 such Educational Institutions, supported by Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas.

CULTURAL



In the year 1984 the Omkarananda Saraswati Natya Kala Academy was founded, where not only the practical but also the theoretical aspect of Indian Classical Temple Dance is being taught.

SOCIAL



Among the many Social Services by Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas are the Omkarananda Govt. Homoeopathic Hospital, a Public Library, a Student's Sanskrit Library, the Omkarananda Public Ganga Ghat, and two Guesthouses / Dharmashalas.

The **Omkarananda-Kamakshi-Devi Mandir** was built in the original South Indian Style, directly at the Headquarters of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas. It is a land mark in the whole State of Uttarakhand.





TEMPLES

1. Omkarananda-Shanta-Durga Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
2. Omkarananda-Kamakshi-Devi Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
3. Omkara-Mahaganapati Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
4. Omkarananda-Radha-Krishna Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
5. Omkarananda-Hanuman Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
6. Shri Mahakala-Bhairava Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
7. Omkarananda-Dakshinamurti Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
8. Shri Maha-Meru Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
9. Shri Tulsi Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
10. Shri Shivalingam Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti*
11. Omkarananda Dipeshwar Mandir, *Lakshman Jhula*
12. Omkarananda Ram Mandir, *Ghughtyani*
13. Omkarananda Satyanarayana Mandir, *Lakshman Jhula*
14. Omkarananda Radha-Krishna Mandir, *Rishikesh*
15. Omkarananda Gayatri Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti, at the Ganga*
16. Shri Ganga Devi Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti, at the Ganga*
17. Shri Hanuman Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti, at the Ganga*
18. Shri Shiva Parivar Mandir, *Muni-ki-reti, at the Ganga*



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Omkarananda Ashram first came into existence in March 1965, with the construction of the Yajna-Shala in the premises adjoining the now Omkarananda Ashram's Main Building **Omkarananda-Shanta-Durga Mandir**, built in the year 1967.









Omkarananda Saraswati Nilayam is an English-Medium Inter-College, situated in Muni-ki-reti, via Rishikesh. This prestigious School was founded in the year 1983. It is affiliated to ICSE, New Delhi and has a strength of 2500 students.





Omkarananda Institute of Management & Technology (OIMT)

was founded in the year 1999 with a vision to impart professional education to students all over the country. It was started with MBA, BBA and BCA Courses. Later on many more Courses were added, including B.Ed. All Courses of OIMT are duly approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, or National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi, as applicable, and affiliated to the Uttarakhand Technical University, HNB Garhwal University Shrinagar (Uttarakhand) and Dev Suman Uttarakhand University.





OIMT is situated in a beautiful campus of about 7 acres of land, near the Headquarters of Omkaranda Ashram Himalayas. The green forests and hills, surrounding OIMT, add to the grandeur and beauty of this Institute.



Omkanananda Saraswati Govt. Degree College Deoprayag

By the Grace of Paramahansa Omkanananda Saraswati this Degree College came into existence in the year 1984. With tremendous effort and hard work, the College was finally recognized and affiliated to the H.N.B. Garhwal University, Shrinagar, Garhwal. After handing over the well-established Degree College to the Government, it was finally named as “Omkanananda Saraswati Govt. Degree College, Deoprayag”.

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Omkarananda Hill Schools

The Omkaranda Educational Society is supporting 40 Omkaranda Hill Schools. Among them are 37 Basic and Junior High Schools, 2 High Schools and 1 Inter-College. Many of these Omkaranda Hill Schools are situated in very remote Himalayan areas of Uttarakhand.



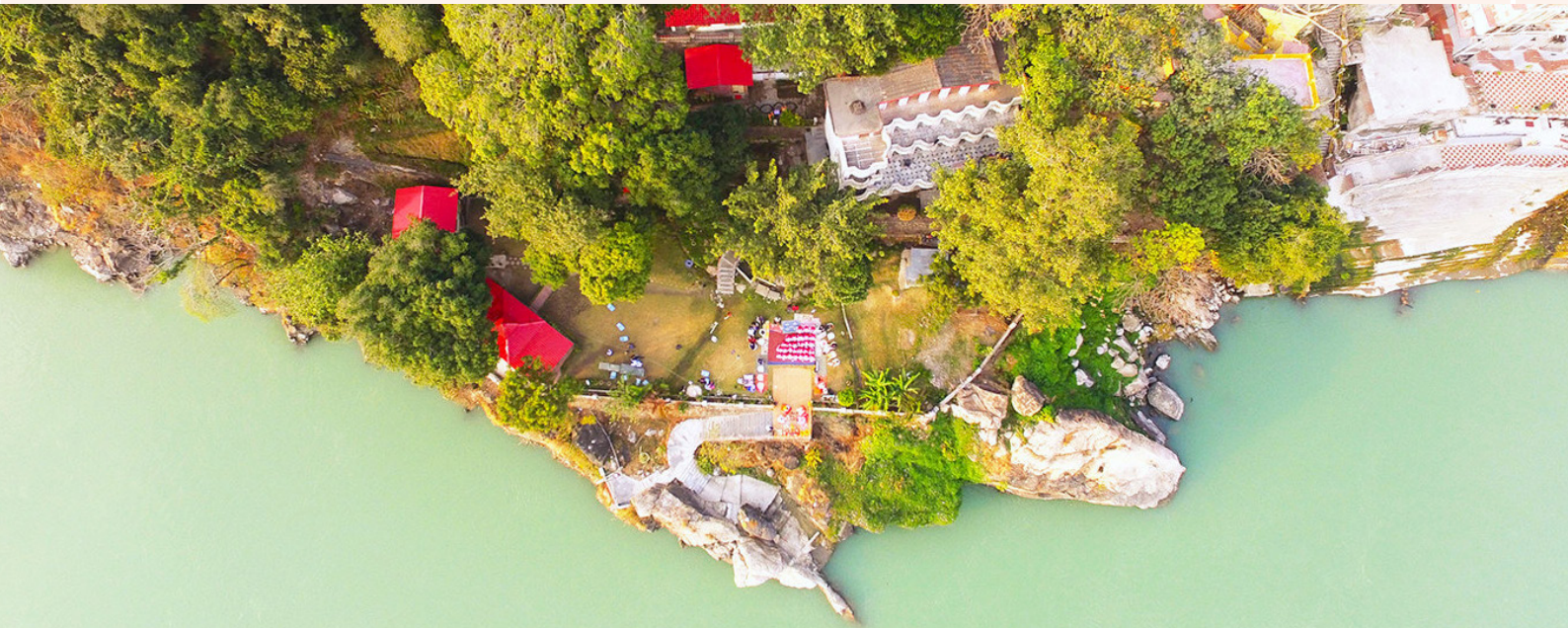


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The Gurukul of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas, **Omkarananda Gayatri Ved Vidyalaya**, is situated right at the banks of Mother Ganga. In this breathtakingly beautiful and divine environment, over 30 young Brahmacharis are given the golden opportunity to peacefully live and study a 7-year Course on the Vedas, Sanskrit Grammar, Sanskrit Literature and other related subjects. Besides that, the students perform daily Trikaal Sandhya, Hawana, Ganga Arati, etc. They also receive basic training in English language and Computer Science. A beautiful big Yajñashala and a few cows add to the picturesque environment.











View of the holy river Ganga from
the Guesthouse Omkarananda Ganga Sadan



A real spiritual Teacher or Sad-Guru is absolutely divine and selfless and an Embodiment of immaculate supreme Purity, Divine Wisdom and Power in every respect. Such a real Sad-Guru we have in **His Divinity Shri Paramahansa Omkarananda Saraswati**, a born Sage, Mystic, Genius, Philosopher and Writer.

His Divinity Shri Paramahansa Omkarananda Saraswati is the most important Treasure and greatest Inspiration in the lives of His three direct



Sannyasi-Disciples in India, namely the President of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas, Mahant Shri Swami Vishveshwarananda Saraswati, who was appointed by Swami Omkarananda as His Successor, Guru-Bhakti-Ratna Kumari Somashekhari, the General Secretary of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas, who is also an Indian Classical Dancer and Musician, and Shri Swami Satchidananda Saraswati, the Treasurer of Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas.



**Mahant Shri Swami
Vishveshwarananda Saraswati**

is a true Karma-Yogi, extremely kind and humble, and a very inspiring divine Speaker. He received many Awards for his immense contribution to Education for the children in Uttarakhand.



**Guru-Bhakti-Ratna
Kumari Somashekhari**

is a great spiritual Scholar and highly devoted to Gurudev. She is deeply involved in the Sadhana of Indian Classical Temple-Dance and Music and regularly performing this divine Art.



**Shri Swami
Satchidananda Saraswati**

is a very efficient all-round Genius. He manages different Ashram works, from regular day to day works, legal and account matters, up to designing and printing of Ashram literature.



Think like a Genius.

Work like a Giant.

Live like a Saint.



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