



Statue of Peace of Swami Ramanujacharya

Why in News?

Recently, in Srinagar, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah unveiled Swami Ramanujacharya's **Statue of Peace**.



Who was Ramanujacharya?

- **Ramanujacharya** was Born in 1017 in **Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu**.
- Ramanujacharya is revered as a **Vedic philosopher and social reformer**.
- He travelled across India, advocating **equality and social justice**.
- **He Brought** the treasure of Vedic literature **to the doorsteps of the common man**.
- **Advocated the** philosophy of Visistadvaita, qualified monism.
- **Dispelled the Mayavada concept, the world is illusionary**.
- **Became the preceptor of the [Bhakti movement](#) and the source for all other Bhakti Schools of thought**.
- **He was an** inspiration for mystic poets like Kabir, Meerabai, Annamacharya, Bhakta Ramdas, Thyagaraja, and many others.
- **Initiated the** concept that Nature and her resources like Water, Air, Soil, Trees, etc., are sacred and should be protected from pollution.

Why it's Called Statue of Peace?

- The installation of this peace statue will bring the **blessings and message of Ramanujacharya to Kashmiris of all religions and will take Kashmir further on the path of peace and progress.**
- It would **further enhance the development of the people of Kashmir without any discrimination.**

What is the Saint Ramanuj's Connection with kashmir?

- Ramanujacharya **visited Kashmir in the 11th Century to get an important manuscript called Bodhayana Vritti, a treatise on the Brahma Sutras.**
 - The Bodhayana Vritti had the reputation of being the most **authoritative explanation of the Brahma Sutras.**
- His disciple **Kuresha accompanied him and committed the entire text to memory** as local scholars did not permit Ramanujacharya to carry the manuscript out of Kashmir.
- After returning to Srirangam, Ramanujacharya dictated the Sri Bhashyam, the commentary on Brahma Sutra and the Acharya's most notable work, to Kuresha, who wrote it down.
- Ramanujacharya again returned to Kashmir after 2 years to dedicate Sri Bhashyam to the region.

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