Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira Inauguration

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Why in News?

Recently, Prime Minister inaugurated the Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira, dedicated to the late seer Sri Sri Dr. Balagangadharanatha Maha Swamiji.

Sri Guru Bhairavaikya Mandira

- **Dedication –** Memorial honouring Balagangadharanatha Swamiji, noted for expanding the Math's contributions in education, healthcare, and social service.
- **Venue –** Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, Mandya District, Karnataka.
- Located within the historic Adichunchanagiri Math, alongside Jwala Peetha and Sri Kalabhairaveshwara Temple.
- **Architecture –** Constructed in *traditional Dravidian style.*

Balagangadharanatha Swamiji

- Balagangadharanatha Swamiji was *the 71st pontiff of the Math.*
- Posthumously awarded the *Padma Bhushan in 2013* for his distinguished service to society.
- **Key Contributions**
- **Educational Expansion –** Established 500+ institutions (primary to professional) to provide for rural and underprivileged children.
- Referred to as "Vidya Samrat" for his role in establishing one of India's largest educational networks
- **Healthcare Initiatives –** Founded modern hospitals and rural health centres to democratize access to quality medical care.
- **Social Reform –** Empowered rural communities by blending spiritual devotion with practical social responsibility.
- **Environmental Protection –** Launched conservation movements, notably for *peacock protection*, linking ecology with cultural values.

- **Institutional Legacy –** Transformed the Adichunchanagiri Math into a global hub for spirituality and humanitarian service.

Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math
• Adichunchanagiri Math is a prominent socio-spiritual centre and the spiritual headquarters of the *Natha Parampare* (Nath tradition) historically associated with Shaiva tradition.
• It is a significant pilgrimage site with a reported history spanning over 1,500 to 2,000 years
• Math guides society through nine principles – *Anna, Akshara, Aarogya, Adhyatma, Aashraya, Aranya, Aakalu, Anukampa, Anubandha*.
• **Guru Tradition –** Continuity of spiritual leadership from *Balagangadharanatha Swamiji to Jagadguru Nirmalanandanatha Maha Swamiji.*

Reference

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