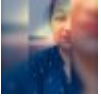


Twitter Thread by [Jaya Upadhyaya](#)



[Jaya Upadhyaya](#)

[@Jayalko1](#)



SRI SHARADAMBA, SHRINGERI (KAR)

#bharatmandir #navratri2021

The Sharadamba kshetram in Shringeri was established by Adi Shankaracharya. The word Sringeri is derived from a Sanskrit word 'Shrunnga giri' where Shrunnga means the Peak or Summit.

@GunduHuDuGa



Once Adi Shankaracharya came to Shringa Giri having the ashram of Rishi Vibhandaka and his son Rishyashringa. He saw a strange scene – a cobra was providing shade from the hot sun to a pregnant toad by spreading its hood. A sculpture called Kappe Shankara denotes this event here.



Saraswathi Devi who was with him in the form of Ubhaya Bharathi, decided to stay here. Adi Shankaracharya, then, built a shrine here and installed a sandalwood murti of her as Sharada Devi, in a standing posture. It is said that the murti was destroyed when Malik Kafur came.



Later, Sri Vidyanaya installed a seated gold murti of Sri Sharadamba. The ritual of Aksharabhyasa is performed here. The kids in the age of 2-5 are given a slate and chalk or a plate of rice on which they pray to Devi Saraswati and the Guru to impart knowledge to them.

