



## **PARAMAHAMSA** **OMKARANANDA SARASWATI**

H.D. Paramahansa Omkaranda Saraswati is a God-realised saint, mystic, sage, philosopher and writer.

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 his shortest autobiography in the world Swami Omkaranda 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.”*

## **Omkarananda Ashram Himalayas**

The activities of Sage and Philosopher Swami Omkaranda 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 already received several prestigious honours like Mother India Award, Bharat Nirman Award and Hind Rattan Award.

The Ashram at Rishikesh set on one of the foot-hills of the Himalayas, is one of the main branches of his international Institution. It aims at the realisation of educational, social, cultural and spiritual projects. Omkaranda Ashram Himalayas carries on its activities through its registered Trusts – Omkaranda Dharma Samsthan, Omkaranda Charitable Trust, Omkaranda Educational Society, Omkaranda Natya Kala Academy and other educational and cultural Institutions.

### ***Branches of*** ***Omkarananda Asbram in India***

1. ***Omkarananda Asbram Himalayas,***  
*Muni-ki-Reti, Rishikesh*
2. ***Omkarananda Dharma Samsthan,*** *Mumbai*
3. ***Omkarananda Shanti Bhawan,*** *Mussoorie*
4. ***Omkarananda Dharma Samsthan,*** *Kanchipuram*
5. ***Omkarananda Dharma Samsthan,*** *New Delhi*

### **Omkarananda Dharma Samsthan**

1. ***Omkarananda Shanta Durga Mandir***  
*the original Temple-cum-Asbram complex in Muni-ki-Reti*
2. ***Omkarananda Dipeshwar Mandir***  
*a beautiful Temple-cum-Asbram complex, in Lakshman-Jhula, by the holy river Ganga.*

3. ***Omkarananda Ram Mandir*** *situated in upper Tapovan, where the Asbram is maintaining its own farm.*
4. ***Omkarananda Satyanarayana Mandir***  
*another beautiful Temple-cum-Asbram complex right on the other bank of Ganga.*
5. ***Omkarananda Gayatri Sadan***  
*The Omkaranda Gayatri Sadan is situated at the holy spring of Sheshbhara, directly on the bank of the holy river Ganga, between Lakshmanjhula and Muni-ki-Reti. This building is completely isolated; the only sounds, which can be heard, are the waves of the Ganga. Therefore this place is ideally suited for spiritual aspirants and their Sadhana. The same building houses also the **Omkarananda Vedanta Centre**, which provides lectures and publications on Upanishads, Vedanta Sutras, etc.*

### **Omkarananda Charitable Trust**

1. ***Omkarananda Institute of Management and Technology***  
*has been established to expand management and technical education in this area of Garhwal Himalayas. This institute benefits the students of this area, which was lacking in the field of vocational and technical education. The institute is approved by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, to run M.B.A. courses. The institute is also affiliated with Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut. Courses offered are: B.B.A. (Bachelor of Business Administration), B.C.A. (Bachelor of Computer Application) and M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration). The institute, which is situated in **Omkarananda Bhawan**, Muni-ki-Reti, has a well furnished computer laboratory and a good library. Even Hostel-facilities are provided to accommodate students from remote towns and stations. Experienced faculty members for teaching and administration look after the smooth running of the institute which is unique in this area.*

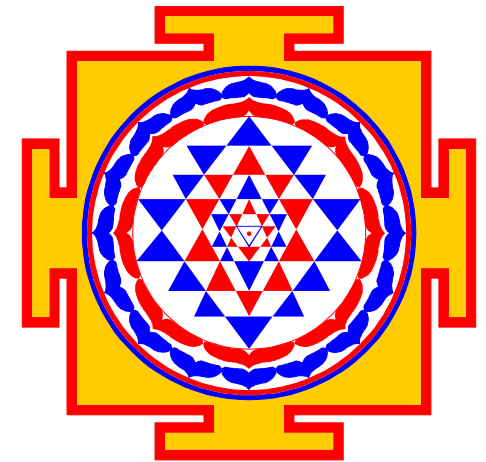
# Information on the Aims and Activities of

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# OMKARANANDA ASHRAM HIMALAYAS and its Institutions

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**AIM: Dissemination** of Educational, Scientific, Cultural, Social, Spiritual Values



Omkaranda Shanta Durga Mandir,  
Omkarananda Saraswati Marg, Muni-ki-Reti,  
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11. **Omkaranda Social Palace** is the trust's beautiful Dharmashala, situated right in the centre of Rishikesh, behind the Roadways Busstand. Pilgrims to the holy shrines of Garhwal can get neat and clean rooms to stay. The newly opened vegetarian restaurant provides food and refreshments. The Omkaranda Social Palace houses the second **Omkaranda Yoga Centre**.

### Omkaranda Educational Society

1. **Omkaranda Saraswati Degree College Deoprayag**  
Affiliated to H.N. Babuguna Garhwal University, Shrinagar, this is the only privately managed Degree College in the whole of Garhwal and Kumaon.
2. **Omkaranda Saraswati Nilayam** is a co-educational English Medium Senior Secondary School, affiliated to I.C.S.E., New Delhi. Situated in Muni-ki-Reti, the school is having a strength of more than 1100 students.
3. **Omkaranda Saraswati Nilayam Preparatory School**  
is centrally located in Rishikesh and gives education to children of Classes Nursery and KG. It also prepares pre-Nursery children for the higher classes.
4. **Omkaranda Boys' Hostel**  
is situated in Omkaranda Niwas, Muni-ki-Reti. It provides boarding and lodging facilities to the students of Omkaranda Saraswati Nilayam.
5. **Omkaranda Saraswati Natya Kala Academy**  
is affiliated to Prayag Sangit Samiti, Allahabad. It is conducting courses in Indian classical dance and music.
6. **Vani Educational Society**  
maintains in the remote villages of the Garhwal Himalayas 42 schools, out of which there are **32 Basic Schools and 10 Junior High Schools**. Situated in the districts Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal and Rudraprayag, these schools provide education to students of the most backward areas of Garhwal, where education is needed most.
7. **Omkaranda Educational Foundation, Mumbai**  
was established on Vijay Dashami 1994. Its aims and objects are to provide educational aid and scholarships to needy and deserving students.

2. **Omkaranda Centre for Computer Education and Software Development** is a unit of Omkaranda Institute of Management and Technology, situated in Omkaranda Bhawan, Muni-ki-Reti. The computer centre is recognized by the Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC), Government of India, and provides the latest in computer education.
3. **Omkaranda Ganga Sthal Apartments** provide residential quarters for Professors and the teaching Staff of Omkaranda Institute of Management and Technology
4. **Omkaranda Shivalaya** provides boarding and lodging to the students of the Omkaranda Institute of Management and Technology
5. **Omkaranda Public Library** is the first public library in the area of Muni-ki-Reti.
6. **Omkaranda Ram-Ashram Library** situated on the bank of the holy river Ganga, has accommodation possibilities for scholars and visitors.
7. **Omkaranda Govt. Homoeopathic Hospital**  
In the heart of Muni-ki-Reti the Trust has sponsored a building for the charitable Govt. Homoeopathic Hospital, which was named accordingly.
8. **Red-Cross Maternity and Child Welfare Department** too is provided with free rooms for running a Hospital at Omkaranda Niwas, Muni-ki-Reti.
9. **Omkaranda Ganga Sadan** is the Trust's beautiful guest house, in Muni-ki-Reti, directly by the Ganga. Satsang and Yoga-classes are conducted here at the Patanjala Yoga Kendra. The view from the lobby and the rooms is breathtakingly beautiful and soothing the mind.
10. **Omkaranda Public Ghat** adjacent to Omkaranda Ganga Sadan provides easy approach to the holy Ganga.