

125th Anniversary celebrations of 'Prabuddha Bharata'

TAGS: GS-1: History, Art and Culture, Literature

CONTEXT:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 125th anniversary celebrations of the 'Prabuddha Bharata' journal on Sunday, according to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) which also said that the event was being organised by the Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati in Uttarakhand.

ABOUT PRABUDDHA BHARATA'

"Prabuddha Bharata' is a special journal, closely associated with Swami Vivekananda himself.

'Prabuddha Bharata' is a monthly journal of the Ramakrishna Order which was started by Swami Vivekananda.

Publication since: It has been in publication since 1896 and carries articles on social sciences and humanities comprising

- Historical,
- Psychological,
- Cultural and
- Social sciences themes.

Started by: It was started by none other than Swami Vivekananda back in 1896. That too, at the young age of thirty three. It is among the longest running English journals of the country.

Message of India's ancient spiritual wisdom: Prabuddha Bharata' is regarded as a significant medium for spreading the message of India's ancient spiritual wisdom.

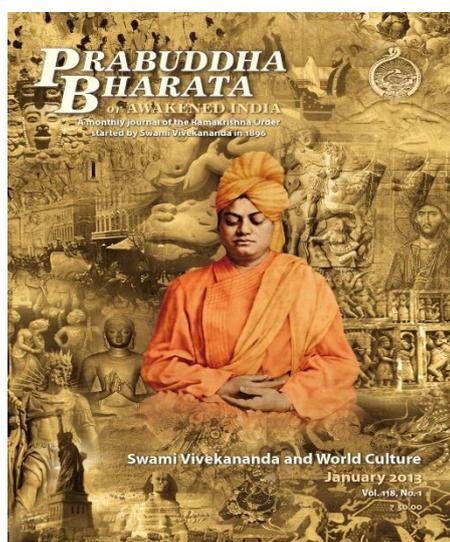
Publication Location: It was initially published in Chennai for two years after which the publication operation was shifted to Almora town of Uttarakhand.

- The place of publication was again moved in April 1899 to the Advaita Ashrama and the journal has been publishing from there ever since.

Associated Prominent People: Several prominent people such as following have contributed their writings towards the journal in the fields of history, psychology, social issues, Indian culture etc.

- Bal Gangadhar Tilak,
- Sri Aurobindo,
- Netaji Subhas Chandra
- Sister Nivedita and
- Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Archives availability: A release from the PMO stated that the Advaita Ashrama was working towards making the entire 'Prabuddha Bharata' archives available online on its website.



ADVAITA ASHRAMA:

Advaita Ashrama, Mayavati, is a branch of the Ramakrishna Math.

Established: Founded on 19 March 1899 at the behest of Vivekananda,

By: His disciples James Henry Sevier, and Charlotte Sevier.

Function: Today it publishes the original writings of Vivekananda.

No Idol Worship: As an ashram dedicated to the study and practice of Advaita Vedanta, no images or idols are worshipped there, not even of Ramakrishna; and no images were kept in the premises according to the Ashram ideals set by Vivekananda.



Source: PIB

MCQs:

Q. Recently 'Prabuddha Bharata' was in news. It is:

- a) Start up Scheme of Union Government
- b) A monthly journal of the Ramakrishna Order**
- c) Awaken India programme of Government of India
- d) Scheme for Education of Girls

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