



Siddharudha Swami

Sadguru Siddharudha Maharaj lived in the style of an [ascetic](#) throughout his life. Considered to be an incarnation of [Shiva](#), one of the Trinity deities of Hinduism, Siddharudha renounced his home and his family ties at the very young age of 6 years, and set himself the goal of finding his [Satguru](#) or spiritual master. Siddharudha later surrendered himself, as a student, to the realized soul Shri Gajadandaswami, and served at his [Ashram](#).

According to the book *Siddharoodh Charitra* by Shivadas, Siddharudha was blessed by his guru and was asked to undertake a pilgrimage with the purpose of helping those in need, dispelling ignorance, and revealing the right path to spiritual enlightenment to those who were seeking. Henceforth, Siddharudha traveled from [Kashmir](#) to [Kanyakumari](#), delivering the right wisdom for spiritual awakening and methodical liberation to all those who were cognizant of his exemplary standards of spiritual practice before setting down at [Hubli](#), where he was quickly recognized for his spiritual knowledge & immaculate sainthood. People sought him out from neighbouring states for solace, satisfaction of desires and spiritual enlightenment.

He died at [Hubballi](#) in the year of 1929 and was entombed at his ashram. He was believed to be working miracles for his devotees.^{[[who?](#)]} A proverb runs by in a native Indian Language [kannada](#):

Siddharudhara Jolige Jagakkella holige

which signifies the food that is served at his ashram and the miracles that occur of it.

Followers

- He served the people without any discrimination, having a [Muslim](#) disciple named Kabirdas (not his original name) who was known for his dedication to him.
- Parampoojya Shri Kalavati Devi (alias *Aai* meaning mother in [Marathi](#)), was his supreme disciple. Formerly known as [Rukmabai Mallapur](#), she herself is well known as a supreme saint, whose [samadhi](#) is found at Shri Harimandir at Angol, Belagavi.
- He had a devoted disciple, Gurunatharudha. His samadhi is just beside the samadhi of Sri Siddharudha Swami in Hubli Matha.
- He gave [sannyasa](#) to Swami [Muktananda](#), who studied at his ashram in Hubli until Siddharudha's death in 1929, he then left to study with a disciple of Siddharudha called [Muppinarya Swami](#) at his [Sri Airani Holematt](#) in Ranebennur [Haveri](#) District
- Shri Guru also had a disciple, Shri Shivaputra Appaji whose samadhi is situated at 20 metres distance from siddharoodh math. At present Shri Abhinav Shivaputra Swamiji is head of that math.
- Sri Iychanda Bolliappa from Devanageri village was his supreme disciple. Swami Bolliappa was a regular visitor to Siddharudha Matha located in Cherambane village, [Kodagu](#) district, Karnataka.

Teachings

Siddharudha Maharaj is an acknowledged [Hindu](#) master of the Saivite Advaita stream of Vedic thought and has many followers throughout India, especially in the villages of [Karnataka](#), [Maharashtra](#) and Telugu states.