132nd Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago Speech

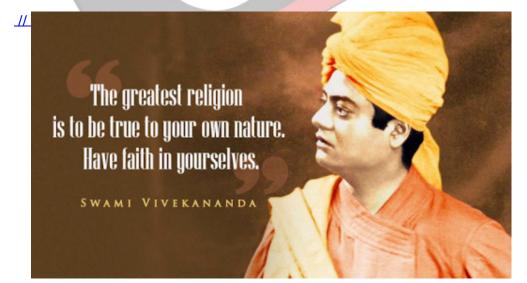
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Recently, on the **132nd anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago speech,** the Prime Minister of India highlighted its enduring message of unity, peace, and brotherhood, emphasising its continued inspiration for generations.

- <u>Swami Vivekananda</u>, a key figure in introducing Hinduism, <u>Yoga</u>, and <u>Vedanta</u> to the West, spoke at the Parliament of the World's Religions (PWR) in Chicago in 1893, advocating for religious tolerance.
 - He condemned sectarianism, bigotry (complete intolerance of any belief), and fanaticism, highlighted Hinduism's inclusivity with its sheltering of <u>Jews and</u> <u>Zoroastrians</u> and aligned his message with the <u>Bhagavad Gita's</u> teaching of universal unity.
- PWR originating from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, it serves as a global platform for interfaith dialogue. Based in Chicago, it is an international NGO affiliated with the United Nations Department of Public Information.
- Swami Vivekananda was born as Narendranath Datta in Calcutta on 12th January, 1863. He was the chief disciple of <u>Ramakrishna Paramhansa</u> and advocated the doctrine of service, education, and spiritual upliftment.

 He founded the <u>Ramakrishna Mission</u> in 1897 to propagate the ideals of Advaita Vedanta. He died in 1902 at Belur Math, the headquarters of Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission.

• <u>National Youth Day</u> is celebrated every year to observe the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.



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