

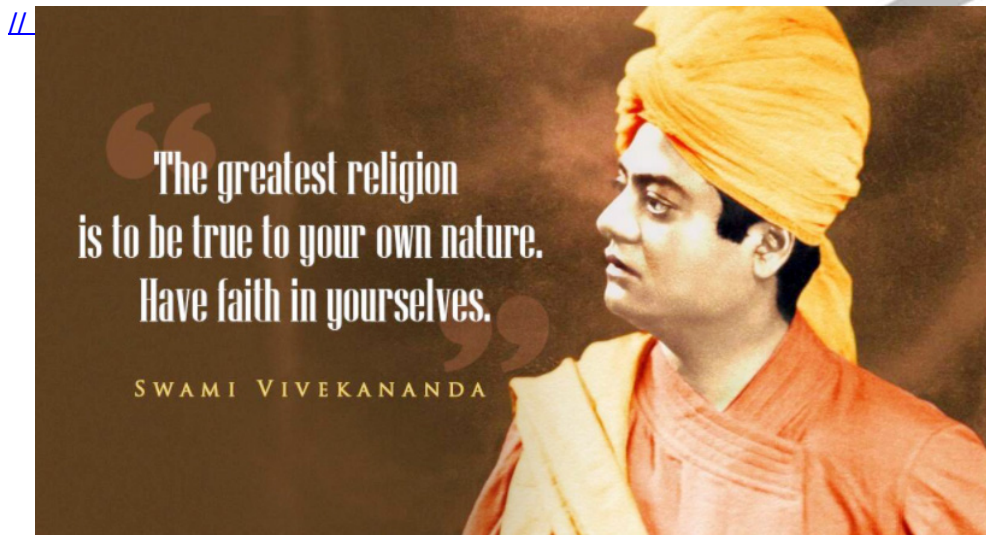


National Youth Day 2022

Why in News

National Youth Day (NYD) is held every year on **12th January** to observe the birth anniversary of [Swami Vivekananda](#).

- In 1999, the United Nations decided to commemorate [International Youth Day](#) every year on 12th August.



Key Points

- **About NYD:**
 - In **1984**, the Indian Government first declared to **celebrate the birthday of Swami Vivekananda** as National Youth Day. Since then the day has been celebrated as **National Youth Day all over the country**.
 - The day is celebrated to **highlight the youths who are the future of our country and to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda** who always motivated the youth of the country and spoke about the right use of the youth in the development of the country.
- **Theme 2022:** It's all in the mind.
- **25th National Youth Festival:**
 - The Prime Minister inaugurated the 25th National Youth Festival **which is a five-day festival**.
 - The main purpose to celebrate the festival is **to increase bonding between the diverse cultures of the country to strengthen the unity** of the nation.
 - The festival is organized by **National Service Scheme (NSS)** and **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)** under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

▪ Related Initiatives:

- National Youth Policy-2014
- [Generation Unlimited in India \(YuWaah\)](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana](#)
- [YUVA: Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors](#)
- [World Programme of Action for Youth](#)
- [Global Youth Summit](#)
- [Global youth skills day](#)

Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)

- He was born as **Narendranath Datta on 12th January, 1863.**
- Introduced the world to the Indian philosophies of [Vedanta and Yoga.](#)
- He was the chief disciple of the **19th-century mystic Ramakrishna Paramhansa.**
- Laid the greatest **emphasis on education for the regeneration of our motherland.** He advocated a man-making character-building education.
- Established the **Ramakrishna Mission in 1897.** It is an organization which works in the area of value-based education, culture, health, women's empowerment, youth and tribal welfare and relief and rehabilitation.
- He died at **Belur Math in 1902. Belur Math, located in West Bengal,** is the headquarters of Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission.

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