



## 200th Jayanti Celebrations of Swami Dayanand Saraswati

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Recently, the Prime Minister of India addressed a programme on the **200<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Dayananda Saraswati.**

- Swami Dayanand Saraswati was born as Mool Shankar Tiwari on **12<sup>th</sup> February 1824** in **Tankara, Gujarat.**
- He wandered as an ascetic for **fifteen years (1845-60)** in search of truth.
  - The **DAV (Dayanand Anglo Vedic) schools** came into existence in **1886** to realise the vision of **Swami Dayanand Saraswati.**
- The first **Arya Samaj Unit** was formally set up by **Swami Dayanand Saraswati** at Mumbai in **1875** and later the headquarters of the **Samaj** were established at **Lahore.**
- He took inspiration from the Vedas and considered them to be **'India's Rock of Ages'**, the infallible and the true original seed of Hinduism.
  - He gave the slogan **"Back to the Vedas"**.

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