



## National Youth Day

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### Introduction

National youth day also known as Vivekananda Jayanti is celebrated on 12 January, being the birthday of swami Vivekananda. Swami Vivekananda is considered as role model for the younger generation. He is known all over the world for his high thoughts and his ideals. He believed that the future of any country depends on the youth of that country. He believed that youth are foundation of country they are of energy, enthusiasm and innovative ideas.

### Purpose

One of the purpose behind celebrating is to spread awareness among the youth about his vision, his ideals and way in which they can contribute towards of our country. The government of India quoted that the philosophy of Swami Ji and the ideals for which he lived and worked could be great source of inspiration for Indian youth.

### History

In 1984 the government of India declared this day as national youth day and since 1985 the event is celebrated in India every year. On 12 January 2013 former Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh told in his address at the inauguration of four year long celebration of swami Vivekananda's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary "what Gandhiji said captures the great importance of spreading swami Vivekananda's ideas and ideals among the youth in our country today. He personified the eternal energy of the youth and their restless quest for truth. It is entirely fitting that the government of

India has declared 12<sup>th</sup> January the birthday of swami Vivekananda as national youth day, we must work to rekindle the eternal message of this great patriot and son of India”.

### Importance

The importance of celebrating national youth day is to encourage the youth of today to move ahead in the future and make them dutiful and aware of their country. Most of the population of India is from the youth groups. The future of any country depends on the youth of that country, because only a youth can represent the country, for the development of the country it is very important for the youth to be educated and aware. The government encourages the youth to come up with their new ideas and new schemes. Deserving talented candidates are also honored by government of India. Swami Vivekananda’s mission was to see India and its people rise and reclaim its past glory.

### Theme

2023: Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat

2022: It’s all in the mind

2021: Yuvaah – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka

2020: Channelizing youth power for nation building

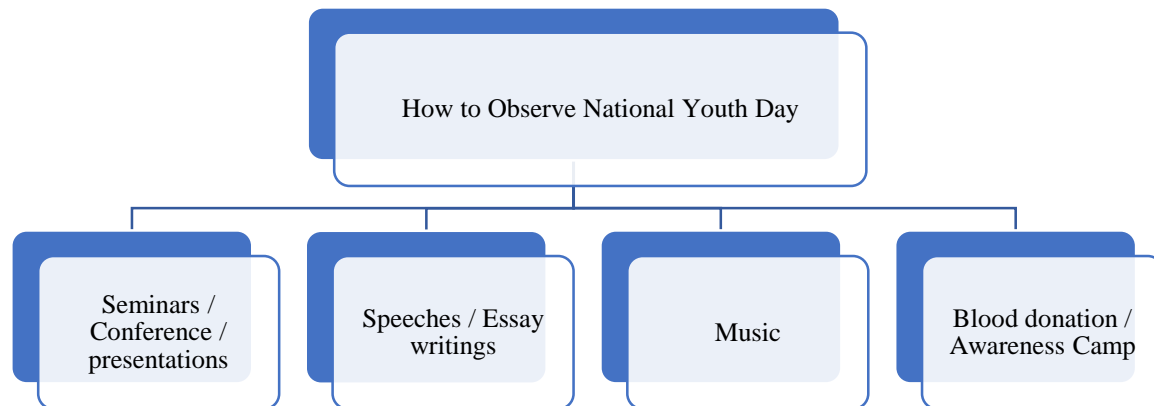
### Some valuable thoughts of Swami Vivekananda for the youth

- You cannot believe in god until you believe in yourself
- Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is achieved
- The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph
- Keep learning as long as there is life, because experience is the best teacher.
- My faith is in younger generation, the modern generation will work out the whole problem like lions
- We are what our thoughts have made us, so take care about what you think. Words are secondary thoughts live, they travel far.
- The greater religion is to be true to your own nature. Have faith in yourselves.
- All power is within you, you can do anything and everything

- You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but you your own soul

### How is National Youth Day Celebrated?

Various programs are organized on this day in all schools, colleges, government offices, government organizations and non-government organization of the country. Vivekananda literature is organized. The thoughts and instructions of swami Ji are shared with youth so that people of the youth can get inspiration from him.



It is also observed in all over India at school and colleges. Swami Vivekananda's lectures and writings deriving their inspiration from Indian spiritual tradition and outlook of his master Sriramakrishna Paramahansa. These were the source of inspiration and have motivated numerous youth organizations, study circles and service project involving the youth.

### Conclusion

Swami Vivekananda is the ideal representative of the youth. National youth day encourages the spirit in younger generation to do something new which helps in personal also in countries development by taking inspiration from high thoughts of swami Vivekananda.

## FAQ

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