



## National Youth Day

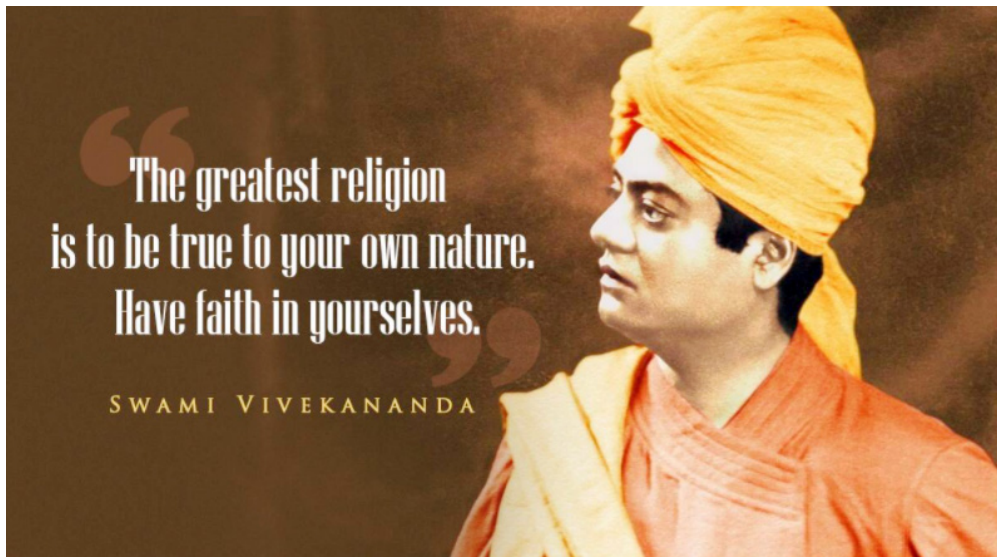
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### Why in News

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National Youth Day is held every year on 12<sup>th</sup> January to observe the **birth anniversary** of **Swami Vivekananda**.



### Key Points

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- The day is also referred to as **Swami Vivekanand Jayanti** and was designated as the **National Youth Day** in 1984.

- **24<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival:**
  - Celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**, the **National Youth Festival** is an annual gathering of youth with various **activities including competitive ones.**
  - Theme of **2021 Festival:** ‘**YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka**’.
  - It will be celebrated from **12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January**
  - It is organized by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India in collaboration with one of the State Governments.**
  - As part of the **National Youth Festival**, the **National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF)** has also been organized **since 2019.**
- **National Youth Parliament Festival:**
  - **Objective:**
    - To hear the voice of youth in this age bracket of **18-25** who are **allowed to vote but cannot contest in elections.**
    - To encourage the youth to engage with public issues, understand the common man’s point of view, form their opinion and express these in an articulate manner.
  - **Organized by:**  
**National Service Scheme (NSS)** and **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)** under the aegis of **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**
  - The **first festival** of the NYPF was organised from **12<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**, with the theme **"Be the Voice of New India and Find solutions and Contribute to Policy"**.
  - This is the **second NYPF festival** started in **December 2020.**

### **Swami Vivekananda (1863-1902)**

- He was born as **Narendranath Datta on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 1863.**
- Introduced the world to the Indian philosophies of **Vedanta and Yoga.**
- He was the chief disciple of the 19<sup>th</sup>-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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