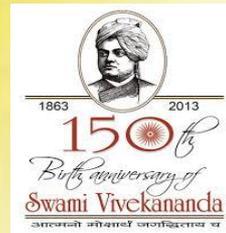


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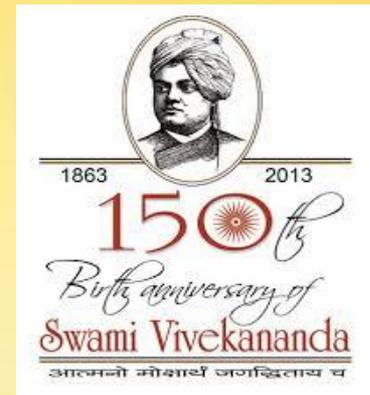


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# From Secretary's Desk

I really appreciate that 'Swami Vivekananda Centre for Positive Thinking' has taken up an initiative to publish the e-version of 'Renaissance' published previously. My best wishes to all the members associated with this centre for taking up such a good initiative.

Arijit Sarkar,  
Asst.Prof, IT Dept, MCKVIE.

**We are responsible for what we are, and whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves. If what we are now has been the result of our own past actions, it certainly follows that whatever we wish to be in future can be produced by our present actions; so we have to know how to act.**

*-Swami Vivekananda*





## From Joint Editor's Desk

We really feel blessed enough that we are a part of 'Swami Vivekananda Center For Positive Thinking'. Hope that we will be able to inculcate the values of Swamiji in us and in each and every reader through this magazine. We honour your support and it's our pleasure to share the work of so many dedicated and thoughtful personalities. Wish you all a very Happy New Year 2015!

Ananya Sinha Roy,  
Mrityika Chakraborty,  
IT Dept , 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, MCKVIE.

We are grateful to our Director Sir and Principle Sir along with all the active members of our Centre , Swami Vivekananda Centre For Positive Thinking, including some of our teachers Soma Bandhopadhyay, Rachita Ghosh Hajra, Aditi Basu, Uday Bhanu Dutta, Arindam Das and students including Sayantonee Maitra, Ishita Biswas, Jyoti Verma , Chaitri Dhar, Ananya Pal, Debdeep Khan and Sayan Bhattacharya. Lastly we would like to thank our Secretary Sir, Arijit Sarkar without whom this initiative would not be successful.



# Vivekananda- The Unexplainable Personality

Love cannot be seen, we can feel it. Wind cannot be seen, but we can feel it too. Likewise God cannot be seen by our normal bare eyes. But the pure heart can feel him. When our loved ones are in danger, we realize how much we love them. Our each and every breath tells us that air is all around us. Just like that whenever we are helpless, whenever we need help, we can realize that God is omnipresent. He is always there to help us. Because we are His beloved children whom He has sent to this beautiful earth to spend some days, to complete some tasks. Sometimes He himself comes in disguise to help His children. 12<sup>th</sup> January 1863 He came to this earth once again as Narendranath Dutta who later became Swami Vivekananda. He was a great personality with infinite amount of concentration, perseverance and

amazing intellect. He was the greatest motivator among all, who made people think twice before giving up. He was the person who made people realize their real inner strength, their willpower. His life is a great lesson for all. Whatever be the situation, his words are always helpful to get out of any weakness any bondage as he says “all weakness, all bondage is imagination”. He always taught to serve man as God and to be the servants of of servants. And then we should be grateful to the people whom we are serving as they are the people who are giving us the privilege to practice charity. There are people who think that they cannot help a person for his lifetime then why for a day? For them Swamiji says, “If in this hell of a world one can bring a little joy



and peace even for a day into the heart of a single person, that much alone is true; this I have learnt after suffering all my life: all else is mere moonshine. “Swami Vivekananda was a monk to whom religion was “the manifestation of the divinity already within us”. God was “unselfishness” Function of religion was to raise “the brute unto man, and man unto god”. He said, “If you are really pure, how do you see the impure? For what is within, is without. We cannot see impurity without having it inside ourselves. This is one of the practical sides of Vedanta”. According to him man is the maker of his destiny. “All power is within you, you can do, anything and everything”. “Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached.” To explain him completely we can say, ‘He was someone just unexplainable.’

Chaitri Dhar.  
ECE, 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR.

**“You cannot believe in God until you believe in yourself.”**



# Inspiring The Youths In The Light Of Swami Vivekananda

***“My Faith is in the Younger Generation, the Modern Generation, out of them will come my workers. They will work out the whole problem, like Lions.”***

Swami Vivekananda expressed this confidence in the youth of this country exactly 50 years before the end of Colonial Rule while speaking to a mammoth gathering of youngsters in Madras. Swamiji himself was the embodiment of youth, dynamism and vibrancy. The life and ideals of Swamiji are the greatest inspiration for the youth of our nation. In a short life of 39 years, this great man conquered the entire world with his message. Many great personalities both in India and across the world became deeply inspired by Swamiji. The writings of Swamiji can ignite the minds of the

reader. Today, the youth of this country faces various challenges and I am certain that the message of Swami Vivekananda has the power to wonderfully guide them into the future. Swamiji always held that the real birth of the individual takes place when the purpose of his life germinates. He believed that he who does not have a purpose is nothing but a walking-talking corpse. Till the purpose is not recognized, life is absolutely useless.

Our youngsters should decide what they want to do in this life. Right from our childhood, we are constantly chained by the thought of careers, or what we want to be and in that process forget some of the finer aspects that life has to offer. It is extremely important not to decide the purpose of life with the



narrow objective to be something or the other. Think of doing not becoming and in this process you will certainly become something. Once the purpose of life is clear, all actions of life become driven by that purpose. A precursor to do anything in life is to have confidence in the self. Swami Vivekananda attached more importance to self-confidence than even faith in God! “He is an atheist who does not believe in himself. A precursor to do anything in life is to have confidence in the self. Swami Vivekananda attached more importance to self-confidence than even faith in God! “He is an atheist who does not believe in himself. The old religions said that he was an atheist who did not believe in God. The new religion says that he is an atheist who does not believe in himself,” he famously stated. Unfortunately, we have

limited ourselves without knowing our capabilities. Many times we feel that we can do ‘only this much’ despite being blessed with tremendous capabilities. If our youth is determined, there can be nothing impossible for them to achieve in the world! But, for this we must regain our self-confidence. Swamiji always believed that everything that is happening around us be it small, big, positive or negative gives us the opportunity to manifest the potential within. For any endeavour to attain the pinnacle of success, dedication to the cause is absolutely essential. Swami Vivekananda once said,” To succeed, you must have tremendous perseverance ,tremendous will.’I will drink the ocean’, says the persevering soul; ‘at my will mountains will crumble up’. Have that sort of energy, that sort of will; work hard, and you will reach the goal.” This era belongs to



organization and teamwork. Be it any sector from science, technology to business, teamwork constitutes a major cornerstone to attaining the desired results. So Friends, if the present youth walks on the path of Swamiji's ideals and beliefs it will merely be a matter of time before India adorns the mantle as the leader of the World.. In any case, we are the most youthful nation in the world but simply that is not enough. It is necessary to arm our youth with the relevant knowledge and skill that will convert this mammoth potential to desired results. So let us not only try but inculcate in us the spirit of Swami Vivekananda who inspires us by his lines " Arise, Awake and stop not till the goal is reached."

**"The powers of the mind are like the rays of the sun when they are concentrated they illuminate."**

**Ananya Sinha Roy.  
IT, 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR.**



# Relationship between Swami Vivekananda and Science



Swami Vivekananda was a great & the most adorable son of our beloved motherland. He realized the absolute truth of our society. Being a monk he is an encyclopedia, an esteemed spiritual teacher, a patriot saint, a scientist with an honest mind and an incredible memory with a musical voice and a smart appearance. These are some of the impressions we do possess about him. But, do we ever recognize him as ‘a scientific visionary’ or ‘a genius scholar of science’. Swamiji was well-acquainted with the thought process and consequent development in the field of science. This often enabled him to draw remarkably accurate conclusions from various scientific

theories. He did defined the goal for the science. Swami Vivekananda astonishingly could predict newer scientific ideas, which have attracted the attention of scientists. This, unique and significant aspect of his personality has not been explored adequately yet. Let us now make an attempt to explore it. Swami Vivekananda gave an account of India’s contribution to the World in the field of Science and Technology. Swami Vivekananda has spoken about ‘unity’ at many occasions. Swamiji proclaimed about the goal of science and also predicted what was going to get unfolded in the long run of science in future. Now we can easily see that



his proclamations are coming true and science is approaching a goal as hinted by him. For example subject named cosmology another branch of astronomy that deals with the general structure and evolution of the universe. Swami Vivekananda has explained the process of the 'origin of the universe' based on his knowledge of the Vedanta philosophy and has convincingly correlated it with modern scientific theories. In later time scientists found that there is similarity between the big bang theory and the theory of cosmology what Swamiji says long time before. The Big Bang theory is an effort to explain what happened at the very beginning of our universe. Discoveries in astronomy and physics have shown beyond a

reasonable doubt that our universe did in fact have a beginning. Prior to that moment there was nothing; during and after that moment there was something called our universe. This big bang theory is an effort to explain what happened during and after that moment. The comparative study of both the expositions given at the different points of time, shows beyond any doubt how that Swamiji was having detailed and accurate knowledge of scientific ideas discovered till his times. We can also observe that Swamiji's scientific explanations carry hints which may work as probable solutions to many unresolved mysteries or problems of Big Bang Theory. Nikola Tesla, the great scientist who specialized in the



field of electricity, was much impressed to hear from Swamiji his explanation of the Cosmology and the theory of cycles given by the Hindus. Swamiji's views and his deep knowledge of Darwin's theory of Evolution can be understood by his elucidation as given in the conversation between Rambrahma Babu, Swamiji and one Disciple. Swami Vivekananda also has a very good relation with Jamshedji Tata. Tata said that he recall Swamiji's ideas in connection with his scheme of Research Institute of Science for India. Also Swami Vivekananda was having close contact with Acharya Dr. Jagadish Chandra Bose through Sister Nivedita and he was very proud of Bose's accomplishments in the field of science. With the help of Sister Nivedita Dr. Jagadish Chandra Bose participated in the International congress of Physicists at Paris in 1900 and presented his

famous research work to the world community of physicists. Following the footsteps of Jamshedji Tata, Dr. Jagadish Chandra thought of establishing a research institute after his retirement as a professor. Foundation day ceremony of this, Basu Vigyan Mandir (Bose Research Institute) took place on 23rd November 1917. At this inauguration function Acharya expressed his mind in spirited words, which shows the influence of Vivekananda.

**Syantonee Maitra.**  
**IT, 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR.**

**“To be good and to do good is that is what the whole religion .”**



# Value Education

Swami Vivekananda once said "Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man". For manifestation of this perfection, value education plays the most important role for man making education and two basic pillars on which we should depend upon are Moral education and Character education:

**Moral Education:** Morals as socio-legal-religious norms are supposed to help people behave responsibly. However not all morals lead to responsible behavior. Values education can show which morals are "bad" morals and which are "good". The change in behavior comes from wrestling with questions about right and wrong.

**Character Education:** Character education is an umbrella term

generally used to describe the teaching of children in a manner that will help them develop as personal and social beings. However, this definition requires research to explain what is meant by "personal and social being". The following are some of the reasons why value education is very much essential in the society we live in:

(1) The progress in science and technology without simultaneous development of moral values could have serious repercussion in many areas of life. It is very essential that moral awareness is promoted to orient the progress in science and technology towards the welfare of mankind. (2) With the general decline of traditional values, some common values should be



rediscovered to unite human beings.(3) Schools can remain hardly neutral so far value education is concerned. Teachers are always passing on some values to their students whether they are conscious of it or not through their conduct in and out of classrooms, through their selection of books to be read, through choice of instructional strategy and so on. The need for a consciously planned value education programme is therefore obvious.(4)There is an increasing moral complexity in the contemporary world, and pupils are expected to face more complicated decision-making situations about issues involving values. They should be helped in developing the ability to make proper choices in such situations. (5)It cannot be ignored that the rate of juvenile delinquency is increasing everywhere. It is a definite symptom of crisis which today's youth undergoes in the process of his personal growth. In

such a situation value education assumes a special significance. In today's world our human values are being discarded. In such a situation it is very important for someone to lay down basic principles for us so that we may lead a brightened life.No matter the stepping stones of success hit us hard but on the basis of these of these principles we can guide our life. Thus value education completes this need very easily with an impact on the young minds making the world a better place to live in.

Ishita Biswas.  
IT, 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR.

**“Everything that is excellent will come when this sleeping soul is aroused to self conscious activity.”**



# Swami Vivekananda As A Role Model



The technological developments of recent times have propelled the human race on a fast track of material progress. People face tough competition to excel at every stage and in every sphere of human life. Our lives are marked by daily frustrating commutes to the work place and because of this people are under constant stress to achieve social status and material prosperity. Problems are further compounded by the usual human traits of greed, anger, jealousy, hatred, lust and so on. To understand how important it is to manage our life effectively we need to look at in a holistic manner. We are all engaged in unceasing work, all through our lives from birth to death but none of us pause to think “why we do all this work?” just for defeat someone in any kind

of competition we all aimlessly run towards the victory. Although we are not confirm what actually we want in our life. In this situation what do we do? We have to find someone who will help us to get out from this situation. Who is the someone? Someone is the “IDOL”, or “THE ROLE MODEL OF LIFE “. Regarding to the definition the meaning of “IDOL” IS “AN IMAGE USED AS AN OBJECT OF WORSHIP”. The big question is that – Where do we get a Role Model from? How do we get a Role Model in our life? Whether we are aware of or not from childhood onwards, through various phases of life, we adopt Role Models. When we are growing up, say till the age of fifteen, the best Role Model if I am not wrong must be our “parents” and



our teachers .The development of a child comes from these great people.One of the most famous among them is “Swami Vivekananda”.Swami Vivekananda is an embodiment of Intuitive power made magnificent contributions in various disciplines such as arts, social science, physical science , and spiritual science providing a holistic vision of a human. The great man always told us about three things which are

necessary to make every man great, every nation greater.

(1)Conviction of the powers of goodness.

(2)Absence of jealousy and suspicion.

(3)Helping all who are trying to be and do good. He always told us not be afraid of a small beginning , great things came afterwards. Be courageous.

(4)His great lines –“HOLINESS IS

THE HIGHEST AND DIVINEST POWER IN EARTH AND IN HEAVEN ”.Everything that makes for oneness is truth, Love is truth.If we make “ Swami Vivekananda” as a Role Model our Sole will be jealous free, hatred free and we will feel a “satisfaction ” and “ peace” which are very important to be a good “human being” ”.

Jyoti Verma.  
IT,3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR.

**“Purity ,patience and perseverance are the three essentials to success ,and above all,love.”**



# Golden Days Of My Life

Life is a collage of joy-sorrow which help us to learn, to be experienced and take us forward in the stony path of life smoothly. School days are golden era of building golden moments and memories. While studying in Srerampore Girls' High School in class nine a compulsory camp was arranged. First of all I was not prepared as I had to live without my parents for that three days but I was helpless and had to go. Though it wasn't easy for me but that camp changed my life, way of thinking, perceptions entirely. The camp was arranged in Vivekananda Nidhi, Srerampore on 'Value enhancement in human mind'. During camp I and my friend adopted a completely different new lifestyle which includes waking up early in 4 am by hearing morning prayer, meditation, flag hosting and mind soothing

classes on values, human minds, how to fordge a heat in life which tried to enhance our positivity. In classes I learnt that every human mind is like a mine where there is lots of precious stones and gems, only we've to enhance and extract it out by dedication. I, being a late riser discovered the hidden beauty of nature after seeing sunrise of the Ganga from window of my room. To enhance leadership quality within us leaders were also elected, by votes and I got the department of time management for which I also started to work in time. No foods or gadgets or luxury commodities were allowed from outside as we were living together like a family. The camp wasn't only educative but entertaining and adventurous also. My friends of upper floor was very much afraid as they heard some spine



chilling, blood curdling sound assuming it to be ghost. But at the suspense was disclosed and it was found to be sound of some insect which converted the entire trembling thing into a funny incident. Last day a closing ceremony was arranged by students and they were felicitated by giving inspiring books of Ramakrishna and Swamiji. Though we were detached from outside world, we tasted all the flavours of learning, enjoyment and positive vibes which will remain like treasure trove in my bottom of heart and mind as golden days and it still brings fresh air of oxygen in life.

Indrani Bhattacharya.  
ECE, 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR.

**“Take risks in your life if you win, you can lead ! If you lose you can guide.”**



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