



SWAMI VIVEKANAND ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



12 January 1863–4 July 1902
Swami Vivekananda

*“Take risks in your life”
If you Win, You can
Lead!
If you Loose, You can
Guide!*

-Swami Vivekananda

Born into an aristocratic Bengali family of Calcutta, Vivekananda showed an inclination towards spirituality. He was a key figure in the introduction of Indian philosophies of *Vedanta* and *Yoga* to the western world and was credited with raising interfaith awareness, bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion in the late 19th century. He was a major force in the revival of Hinduism in India and contributed to the notion of nationalism in colonial India. Vivekananda toured the Indian subcontinent extensively and acquired a first-hand knowledge of the conditions that prevailed in British India. He later travelled to the United States to represent India as a delegate in the 1893 Parliament of World Religions. He conducted hundreds of public and private lectures and classes, disseminating tenets of Hindu philosophy in the United States, England and Europe. In India, Vivekananda is regarded as a patriotic saint and his birthday is celebrated as the National Youth Day.