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National Youth Day

SDG1 – SWAMI VIVEKANADA JAYATHI

State level seminar report

Date : 21st and 22nd January 2025

Venue: Dr B.R. Ambedkar seminar hall

Organised by : NSS Unit of Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University Ballary

Time : 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

OVERVIEW :

The Youth Day Celebration 2025 at Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University was a two-day event focused on the teachings and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda. The program featured insightful lectures, paper presentations, and discussions on education, culture, and modernity. The event concluded with a valedictory program, certificate distribution, and a closing ceremony led by Vice-Chancellor M. Muniraju, inspiring participants to embrace Swami Vivekananda's vision of self-growth and youth empowerment.

Objectives of Swami Vivekananda

- **Raise awareness:** Educate the youth about Swami Vivekananda's life and message
- **Encourage participation:** Involve the youth in activities that promote service and volunteerism
- **Foster development:** Encourage the youth to embrace their potential and work towards a better future
- **Promote values:** Inspire the youth to have a strong moral compass and pursue knowledge

- **Celebrate youth:** Honor Vivekananda's ideals and celebrate the spirit of youth

Sustainable Development Goal(SDG)

SDG 1:No Poverty

In an electrifying analysis, the article draws vivid parallels between Vivekananda's clarion call for selfless service and the audacious goals of SDG 1 – annihilating poverty. It unravels how the commitment to serve the underprivileged aligns seamlessly with the audacious global initiative to obliterate poverty and pave the way for a more equitable society.

SDG 3:Good Health and Well-being

The article thrusts into the nexus between Vivekananda's visionary service ideals and the urgency embodied in SDG 3 – ensuring good health and well-being for all. It underscores the shared commitment to champion the cause of universal well-being and facilitate equitable access to indispensable healthcare services.

SDG 4:Quality Education

The exploration intensifies as it uncovers the symbiosis between Vivekananda's emphasis on education and the transformative objectives of SDG 4. The narrative unfolds, accentuating the shared vision of leveraging education as a potent force for societal development, propelling us towards enlightenment and progress.

Event Details and Process

Colleges involved

- REVA UNIVERSITY
- CHANAKY UNIVERSITY
- SRI KRISHNADEVARAYA UNIVERSITY
- JAIN UNIVERSITY
- PRISEGENCY UNIVERSITY

Day 1:

- **Opening ceremony**
The opening ceremony was started by lighting up of lamp and with a welcome song

Seminar session 1: Swami Vivekananda and young minds and elements of Swami Vivekananda

- **H.T Krishnamurthy and Vivekananda H.K** gave introduction about Swami Vivekananda and his thoughts on young minds
- helping others is the path to true happiness
- people can develop their potential and make a positive impact on the world by working hard and having faith in themselves.
- education should help people develop critical thinking and independent thinking.
- young people should focus on service and character-building.
- young people should harness their inner strength to work towards realizing their full potential.
- **Vivekananda H.K and V Anuradha** gave us the information about how Swami Vivekananda encouraged young people
- **Arise, awake, and stop not until the goal is reached**-Vivekananda encouraged young people to harness their inner strength and work towards realizing their full potential.
- **Build a strong character**-Vivekananda advocated for an educational system that would help build a strong character among the youth.
- **Develop critical thinking** -Vivekananda believed that education should help develop critical thinking and independent thinking.
- **S.M Girish and T Prasanna** gave information about the elements of Swami Vivekananda
- Swami Vivekananda's teachings included nationalism, Practical Vedanta, and education. He also believed in the importance of morality, unselfishness, and faith.
- **Nationalism and practical Vedanta** - Vivekananda's nationalism was based on religion, freedom, and equality . He believed that the Indian people's life blood was religion.
- Vivekananda's Practical Vedanta was a guideline for living a divine and human life.
- He believed that the central ideal of Vedanta was oneness.
- **Education and Morality** -Vivekananda believed that education should prepare people for both worldly and spiritual lives. He wanted to teach people the ideals of tolerance, synthesis, and universal harmony.
- Vivekananda believed that morality was linked to controlling the mind.
- He believed that truth, purity, and unselfishness strengthened morality.

Seminar session 2: social and spiritual thoughts of Swami Vivekananda

- **Pooja mathe** gave information about Swami Vivekananda delivered a speech at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago on September 11, 1893. This speech introduced Hinduism and Indian spirituality to the Western world. On September 11, 1893 Swami Vivekananda delivered one of the most powerful speeches of all the time. The content of the speech delivered by him in Chicago at the first World's Parliament of Religions remains germane to this day. The speech is one of the most talked about and referred to speeches worldwide.

Gowri manasa Swami Vivekananda's social and spiritual thoughts included the importance of individual development, the elimination of casteism, and the upliftment of the poor. He believed that spirituality should be a part of everyday life, not just in monasteries

Seminar session 3:

- **Amulya raj** gave us the information about Social thoughts and Spiritual thoughts
- **Social thoughts** -Social issues Vivekananda addressed social issues such as poverty, colonialism, and the caste system.
- **Social service** He founded the Ramakrishna Mission, an institution dedicated to social service.
- **Spiritual thoughts**-Purity He believed that purity was our true nature and that we should love and serve others because we are all one in the Supreme Spirit. Karma He believed that good and bad actions have consequences and that people continue to exist after death.

Seminar session 4: swami vivekananda in chicago and columbus

- **Chicago** Vivekananda spoke against sectarianism and fanaticism, and called for a harmonious coexistence of different faiths. Swami Vivekananda's iconic speech on Hinduism was delivered at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago on September 11, 1893.
- **Colmbus** Swami Vivekananda's speech at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 was part of the World's Columbian Exposition, which celebrated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas.

Culturals – evening they entertained the audience by bharatnatayam dance and song and a drama at 08:30

Later followed by the dinner at 08:40

The food

DAY : two

The second day of the Youth Day Celebration at Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University was filled with insightful lectures, engaging discussions, and thought-provoking paper presentations, all centered around Swami Vivekananda's philosophy and its relevance in modern education and culture. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and faculty of various institutions, including Reva University, Jain University, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Presidency University, and Chanakya University. Experts and scholars provided valuable perspectives on Swami Vivekananda's contributions to education, culture, and modernity, making the day an enriching experience for all attendees.

Schedule of Events:

8:30 AM – Breakfast

Participants gathered for a hearty breakfast before heading to the seminar hall.

10:00 AM – Assembly at Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University Seminar Hall

Attendees assembled in the seminar hall, where organizers welcomed everyone and set the tone for the day's sessions.

10:30 AM – Lecture on Swami Vivekananda's Educational Thoughts

Speaker: Prof. Jagadish

The session focused on Vivekananda's vision for education, emphasizing character-building, self-discipline, and spiritual upliftment.

Discussions included how his principles can be integrated into modern educational systems to shape well-rounded individuals.

12:30 PM – Lecture on Swami Vivekananda and Culture

This session highlighted Vivekananda's impact on Indian culture, addressing his teachings on spirituality, nationalism, and social reform.

The talk emphasized his role in reviving India's rich heritage while promoting inclusivity and global harmony.

1:30 PM – Tea Break

A short break for refreshments and networking among participants.

1:45 PM – Paper Presentation

Scholars and students from Reva University, Jain University, Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Presidency University, and Chanakya University presented their research papers on Swami Vivekananda's ideology.

Topics covered included his contributions to education, philosophy, self-reliance, and youth empowerment.

Participants engaged in intellectual discussions, exchanging diverse perspectives on how his teachings remain relevant today.

2:45 PM – Lecture on Swami Vivekananda's Thoughts and Modernity

Speaker: Prof. Robert Jose

The session focused on how Vivekananda's thoughts align with contemporary challenges, such as technological advancements, globalization, and ethical leadership.

Discussions revolved around his vision for a progressive and spiritually enlightened society.

4:00 PM – Valedictory Program

Representatives from participating universities shared their experiences, discussing key learnings from the event.

The session reflected on how Vivekananda's teachings can guide today's youth in their personal and professional lives.

4:45 PM – Feedback Session

Attendees shared their insights, appreciation, and suggestions for future events.

5:15 PM – Closing Ceremony

Presided by: Vice-Chancellor M. Muniraju

The Vice-Chancellor addressed the gathering, appreciating the contributions of all speakers, participants, and organizers.

He emphasized the importance of Swami Vivekananda's teachings in shaping future leaders.

5:40 PM – Certificate Distribution and Photo Session

Certificates were awarded to participants and speakers.

A group photo was taken to mark the successful completion of the event.

6:00 PM – Back to Rooms

Participants returned to their accommodations, reflecting on the day's learnings.

6:30 PM – Departure from the University Site

The event concluded with participants departing, carrying forward the inspiration and wisdom of Swami Vivekananda to implement in their personal and academic journeys.

The two-day **Youth Day Celebration** served as a platform for intellectual and spiritual growth, fostering discussions on how Swami Vivekananda's thoughts continue to shape modern society and education. The event successfully instilled his vision of self-development, service, and nation-building among the youth.

Conclusion

The Youth Day Celebration 2025 at Vijayanagar Sri Krishnadevaraya University successfully highlighted the timeless wisdom of Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing the importance of

education, culture, and modernity in shaping today's youth. Through engaging lectures, paper presentations, and discussions, participants gained a deeper understanding of his vision for self-development, leadership, and nation-building. The event not only encouraged intellectual growth but also inspired attendees to apply Vivekananda's teachings in their personal and academic lives. As the celebration concluded, it left a lasting Impact, motivating the youth to embrace knowledge, strength, and service as guiding principles for the future.

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