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**Swami Vivekananda Biography : Early Life, Education, Works, Teachings and Famous Quotes**

**Swami Vivekananda is also known as Narendra. He was a great thinker, great orator, and passionate patriot. National Youth Day is observed on 12 January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Let us have a look at Swami Vivekananda's early life, education, works, teachings, philosophy books, etc.**

Swami Vivekananda a name that does not require any sort of introduction. He is an influential personality who is credited with enlightening the western world about Hinduism. He represented Hinduism in the Parliament of Religions in 1893 in Chicago and due to this an unknown monk of India suddenly leaped into fame. National Youth Day is observed on 12 January to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

Swami Vivekananda founded Ramakrishna Mission on 1 May 1897 for one's own salvation and for the welfare of the world. Do you know his lectures, writings, letters, and poems are published as The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda? He always focuses on teaching universal principles rather than personalities. He had tremendous intellect. His unique contributions always enlighten and awaken us. He was a spiritual leader and social reformer.

"All the powers in the universe are already our. It is we who have put our hands before our eyes and cry that it is dark."- Swami Vivekananda

If anyone wants to study the origin of the Vedanta movement in America then study Swami Vivekananda travels across the US. He was a great thinker, great orator, and passionate patriot. It is not wrong to say that he was more than just a spiritual mind.

***Born:*** 12 January, 1863

***Place of Birth:*** Kolkata, India

***Childhood Name:*** Narendranath Dutta

***Father:***Vishwanath Dutta

***Mother:***Bhuvaneshwari Devi

***Education:***Calcutta Metropolitan School; Presidency College, Calcutta

***Religion:***Hinduism

***Guru:*** Ramakrishna

***Founder of***: Ramakrishna Mission (1897), Ramakrishna Math, Vedanta Society of New York

***Philosophy:*** Advaita Vedanta

***Literary works:*** Raja Yoga (1896), Karma Yoga (1896), Bhakti Yoga (1896), Jnana Yoga, My Master (1901), Lectures from Colombo to Almora (1897)

***Death:***4 July, 1902

***Place of Death:*** Belur Math, Belur, Bengal

***Memorial:*** Belur Math. Belur, West Bengal

Swami Vivekananda was born on 12 January, 1863, Kolkata (earlier Calcutta). He was a spiritual leader and social reformer. His lectures, writings, letters, poems, ideas motivated not only the youth of India but also the whole world. He is the founder of Ramakrishna Mission and Belur Math in Calcutta, which are still working towards helping the needy. He was a man of wisdom and a very simple human being.

"Arise, awake and stop not until the goal is achieved" - Swami Vivekananda

**Swami Vivekananda: Life History and Education**



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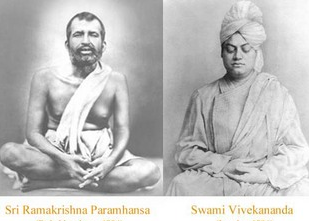
Vivekananda childhood name was Narendranath Dutta, belonged to an affluent Bengali family in Calcutta. He was one of the eight children of Vishwanath Dutta and Bhuvneshwari Devi. On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, he was born on **12 January, 1863**. His father was an attorney and an influential personality in society. Vivekananda's mother was a woman who has faith in God and has a great impact on his son.

At the age of eight in **1871,** Vivekananda was enrolled at Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's Institution and later at the Presidency College in Calcutta. He was exposed to Western philosophy, Christianity, and science. He had an interest in music both instrumental as well as vocal. He was active in sports, gymnastics, wrestling, and bodybuilding. He was also fond of reading and till the time he had completed his graduation from the college he had acquired a vast knowledge of various subjects. Do you know on the one hand he read Hindu scriptures like Bhagavad Gita and the Upanishads and on the other hand western philosophies and spirituality by David Hume, Herbert Spencer etc?

“Be an atheist if you want, but do not believe in anything unquestioningly.”- Swami Vivekananda

[**Why is Swami Vivekananda's birthday celebrated as National Youth Day?**](https://www.jagranjosh.com/general-knowledge/national-youth-day-1547193681-1?ref=list_gk)

**Spiritual Crisis and met with Ramakrishna Paramhansa**



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He had grown up in a religious family but studied several religious books and knowledge led him to question the existence of God and sometimes he believed in Agnosticism. But he could not completely deny the fact about the supremacy of God. In **1880**, he joined Keshab Chandra Sen's Nava Vidhan and also became a member of Sadharan Brahmo Samaj led by Keshab Chandra Sen and Debendranath Tagore.

Brahmo Samaj recognized one God, unlike idol-worship. Several questions were running in the mind of Vivekananda and during his spiritual crisis, he first heard about Shri Ramakrishna from William Hastie, the Principal of the Scottish Church College. He finally met Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa at Dakshineshwar Kali Temple and Vivekananda asked him a question, "Have you seen God?" which he had asked so many spiritual leaders but was not satisfied. But when he asked Ramakrishna, he gave such a simple answer that "Yes, I have. I see God as clearly as I see you, only in a much deeper sense". After this Vivekananda started visiting Dakshineshwar and got several answers to the questions that were in his mind.

When Vivekananda's father died, the whole family faced a financial crisis. He went to Ramakrishna and asked him to pray for his family but Ramakrishna refused and told Vivekananda to pray himself in front of Goddess Kali. He could not ask for wealth, money but instead of it, he asked for conscience and reclusion. That day he was marked with spiritual awakening and a way of ascetic life was started. This was the turning point in his life and accepted Ramakrishna as his Guru.

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

In **1885**, Ramakrishna developed throat cancer and was transferred to Calcutta and then later to a garden house in Cossipore. Vivekananda and other disciples of Ramakrishna took care of him. On **16 August, 1886**, Shri Ramakrishna gave up his mortal body. Narendra was taught that the service to men was the most effective worship of God. After the demise of Ramakrishna, fifteen of his disciples including Narendranath began to live together at Baranagar in North Calcutta, which was named Ramakrishna Math. In **1887**, all the disciples took vows of monkhood and Narendranath emerged as Vivekananda that is "the bliss of discerning wisdom." All of them performed yoga and meditation. Further, Vivekananda left the math and decided to tour the whole of India on foot which came to be known as 'Parivrajak'. He saw several social, cultural, and religious aspects of the people and also saw what common people faced in their daily life, their sufferings, etc.

**Swami Vivekananda attended the World Parliament of Religions**

  
Source: www. indiatvnews.com

When he came to know about the World Parliament that was organised in Chicago, America. He was keen to attend the meeting, to represent India and his Guru's philosophies. After various troubles, he attended the Religious meeting. On **11 September, 1893**, he came upon the stage and stunned everyone while saying "My brothers and sisters of America". For this, he received a standing ovation from the audience. He described the principles of Vedanta, their spiritual significance, etc.  
He stayed around two and a half years in America itself and founded the Vedanta Society of New York. He also travelled to the United Kingdom to preach the philosophies, spiritualism, and principles of Vedanta.

“Learn everything that is good from others but bring it in, and in your own way absorb it; do not become others.” Swami Vivekananda

[**Ramakrishna Mission and Vivekananda: Contribution to Social Reform**](https://www.jagranjosh.com/general-knowledge/ramakrishna-mission-and-vivekananda-contribution-in-social-reform-1444210250-1)

**He founded Ramakrishna Mission**

Around **1897**, he returned to India and reached Calcutta where he founded Ramakrishna Mission on 1 May, 1897 at Belur Math. The goals of the mission were based on Karma Yoga and its main objective was to serve the poor and suffering or disturbed population of the country. Several social services are also performed under this mission like establishing schools, colleges, and hospitals. Teachings of Vedanta were also provided through conferences, seminars, and workshops, rehabilitation work across the country.

Let us tell you that Vivekananda's teachings were mostly based on Ramakrishna's spiritual teachings of Divine manifestations and his personal internalisation of the Advaita Vedanta Philosophy. According to him, the ultimate goal of life is to achieve the freedom of the soul and that encompasses the entirety of one's religion.

**Death**

He predicted that he will not live till the age of 40. Therefore, on 4 July, 1902, he died while doing meditation. He is said to have attained 'Mahasamadhi' and was cremated on the Banks of the river Ganga.

“A man is not poor without a rupee but a man is really poor without a dream and ambition.” Swami Vivekananda

**Key Works of Swami Vivekananda**

- The Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda

- Swami Vivekananda’s Speeches at the Parliament of Religions, Chicago, 1893

- Letters of Swami Vivekananda

- Jnana Yoga: The Yoga of Knowledge

- Yoga: The Yoga of Love and Devotion

- Yoga: The Yoga of Action

- Raja Yoga: The Yoga of Meditation

**Key Works on Swami Vivekananda**

- Vivekananda A Biography, by Swami Nikhilananda

- Swami Vivekananda by Eastern and Western Disciples

- The Master As I Saw Him, by Sister Nivedita

- Reminiscences of Swami Vivekananda

- The Life of Vivekananda, by Romain Rolland

No doubt Swami Vivekananda's teachings not only motivated the youth but also the whole world. He laid the true foundations of India's unity as a nation. He taught us how to live together with so many diversities. He was successful in constructing a virtual bridge between the culture of the East and the West. He played a key role in isolating India's culture from the rest of the World.

“Take up one idea, make that one idea your life, think of it, dream of it, let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.” Swami Vivekananda

### **Movies :-**

Reference-IMDB.COM

### [**Swami Vivekananda**](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3145068/?ref_=nmbio_bio_nm)

# Biography

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| Died | [July 4](https://www.imdb.com/search/name?death_monthday=7-4&refine=death_monthday&ref_=nmbio_ov_4_monthday), [1902](https://www.imdb.com/search/name?death_date=1902&ref_=nmbio_ov_4_year) in [Belur, Howrah, Bengal Presidency, British India](https://www.imdb.com/search/name?death_place=Belur,%20Howrah,%20Bengal%20Presidency,%20British%20India&ref_=nmbio_ov_6)  (natural causes) |
| Birth Name | Narendranath Datta |
| Nickname | Naren |
| Height | 5' 9" (1.75 m) |

Swami Vivekananda was a great social reformer and a very inspiring personality of India. Vivekananda was called by the name Narendranath Datta.. He was born in Kolkata on 12 January 1863 to Vishwanath Datta and Bhuvaneshwari Devi. His father was a successful attorney. He used to practice meditation even from his boyhood, and was associated with Brahmo Movement for some time.  
  
At the threshold of youth Narendra had to pass through a period of spiritual crisis when he was assailed by doubts about the existence of God. In November 1881, Narendra went to meet Sri Ramakrishna who was staying at the Kali Temple in Dakshineshwar. Narendra became a frequent visitor to Dakshineshwar and under the guidance of the Sri Ramakrishna, he made rapid strides on the spiritual path.  
  
After a few years two events took place which caused Narendra considerable distress, sudden death of his father in 1884 and Sri Ramakrishna in 1886. In the middle of 1890, Vivekananda left Baranagar Math and embarked on a long journey to explore and discover India. He went on a pilgrimage all over the country, studying the conditions of the people. Wherever he went, his magnetic personality created a great impression.  
  
He decided to attend the World Parliament of Religions in order to spread his message in the West which was schedule to be held in Chicago in 1893. On the eve of his departure, he adopted the name of Swami Vivekananda. His speeches at the World's Parliament of Religions held in September 1893 made him famous as an 'orator by divine right' and as a 'Messenger of Indian wisdom to the Western world'. For three years he spread the Vedanta philosophy and religion in America and England and then returned to India. He found the Ramakrishna Math and Mission on 1 May 1897. In 1898, he established Belur Math.  
  
In June 1899 he leaves India for second visit to the West. He returned to Belur Math in December 1900. The rest of his life was spent in India, inspiring and guiding people. He has dedicated his life to guiding others for pure and true spiritual path. His health deteriorated and Swami Vivekananda breathed his last on 4 July 1902 at the Belur Math, leaving behind an immortal legacy not just in the hearts of his contemporaries, but for all generations to come.

# The Light: Swami Vivekananda ([2013](https://www.imdb.com/year/2013/?ref_=tt_ov_inf))

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#### Writers:

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#### Stars:

[Deep Bhattacharya](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm11113272/?ref_=tt_ov_st_sm), [Gargi Roy Chowdhury](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3437910/?ref_=tt_ov_st_sm), [Premankur Chakraborty](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm9285242/?ref_=tt_ov_st_sm) | [See full cast & crew](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11244414/fullcredits/?ref_=tt_ov_st_sm) »

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| [Courtney Stephens](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm11113273/?ref_=tt_cl_i5) | [Courtney Stephens](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm11113273/?ref_=tt_cl_t5) | ... | [Sister Nivedita](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11244414/characters/nm11113273?ref_=tt_cl_t5) |

## Storyline

Life history of Swami Vivekananda with some told and untold stories and his journey in search of god. The film shows the transformation of the young restless child to a matured individual who sacrificed the worldly Pleasures for the sake of god. The film starts with the childhood days of the swami how his life changes after he meets lord Ramakrishna Paramhans. The film also shows how lord Ramakrishna plays a pivotal role in the life of Swami Vivekananda to transform him into a great Hindu guru. Simultaneously, the film also shows his travels across the world and discussing the rich spiritual heritage of India. The famous speech of Swami Vivekananda at the world religion council at Chicago has also been highlighted in this biopic. The film concludes with swami Vivekananda discussing the foundation of 'Ramkrishna Math' and his subsequent submission to Mahasamadhi.

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# *Swami Vivekananda* (1998 film)

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| ***Swami Vivekananda*** | |
| Promotional posted of the film | |
| **Directed by** | [G. V. Iyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._V._Iyer) |
| **Produced by** | [T. Subbarami Reddy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T._Subbarami_Reddy) |
| **Written by** | [G. V. Iyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._V._Iyer) |
| **Screenplay by** | [G. V. Iyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._V._Iyer) |
| **Story by** | [G. V. Iyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._V._Iyer) |
| **Based on** | Life of [Swami Vivekananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Vivekananda) |
| **Starring** | * [Sarvadaman D. Banerjee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarvadaman_D._Banerjee) * [Mithun Chakraborty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mithun_Chakraborty) * [Debashree Roy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debashree_Roy) * [Jayaprada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jayaprada) * [Shammi Kapoor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shammi_Kapoor) * [Shashi Kapoor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shashi_Kapoor) * [Raakhee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raakhee) |
| **Narrated by** | [Sarvadaman D. Banerjee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarvadaman_D._Banerjee) |
| **Music by** | [Salil Chowdhury](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salil_Chowdhury) |
| **Cinematography** | [Madhu Ambat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhu_Ambat) |
| **Edited by** | * [B. Lenin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B._Lenin) * [V. T. Vijayan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V._T._Vijayan) |
| **Production company** | Anantha Lakshmi Films |
| **Distributed by** | Anantha Lakshmi Films |
| **Release date** | * 12 June 1998 (India) |
| **Running time** | 240 minutes |
| **Country** | India |
| **Languages** | Hindi English |
| **Budget** | ₹30 million (US$420,000)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Vivekananda_(1998_film)#cite_note-India_Today_June_1998-1) |
| **Box office** | ₹60 million (US$840,000)[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Vivekananda_(1998_film)#cite_note-India_Today_June_1998-1) |

***Swami Vivekananda*** is a 1998 Indian [biographical film](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biographical_film) directed by [G. V. Iyer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._V._Iyer) and produced by [T. Subbarami Reddy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T._Subbarami_Reddy).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Vivekananda_(1998_film)#cite_note-Four-Hour_Vivekananda_Film_Is_a_Fleet-Footed_Turkey-2) It took Iyer 11 years to finish the research work required for the film and to write the screenplay.

The film starred [Sarvadaman D. Banerjee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarvadaman_D._Banerjee" \o "Sarvadaman D. Banerjee) as [Swami Vivekananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Vivekananda), the 19th-century [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) monk, and [Mithun Chakraborty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mithun_Chakraborty" \o "Mithun Chakraborty) as [Ramakrishna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramakrishna), his guru. Even though the film was completed, ready to release in 1994 and was considered for 1995 national awards, the film got released on 12 June 1998. The film was premiered on India's [public service broadcaster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_broadcasting) *[Doordarshan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doordarshan" \o "Doordarshan)* on 15 August 1998, the country's [Independence Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence_Day_(India)).

The film received mainly negative reviews from critics. [Mithun Chakraborty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mithun_Chakraborty" \o "Mithun Chakraborty)'s acting in this film was widely appreciated and he won his third [National Film Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Film_Award_(India)).



**Plot**

The film mainly captures the events of Vivekananda's life from his birth to 1897, when he returned to India from the West. The film begins with the birth of [Narendranath Datta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narendranath_Datta" \o "Narendranath Datta) (pre-monastic name of Swami Vivekananda) and shows the neighbours and relatives of Datta family celebrating the event. It immediately moves to the scene where Narendranath sees his father [Vishwanath Datta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishwanath_Datta) is donating money, clothes, food to poor and distressed people. Seeing this, young Narendranath asks his father to give him something too, and his father tells him to go and look at mirror and find what he had already given him. Following his father's suggestion, Narendranath goes to the room, sees his image in the mirror.

Different events of child Narendranath are shown one by one, such as his mother is melodiously reciting religious scriptures which leaves an impression on his young mind, Narendranath practising meditation, his mother is teaching him that experience is true knowledge, and his interest in studying a wide range of subjects.

Young Narendranath attends college where he gets acquainted with European literature and contemporary social and religious movements. He also joins [*Brahmo Samaj*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahmo_Samaj). But there he finds that the leader who is suggesting others to resist child marriage, is himself organising his minor daughter's marriage with a wealthy person. Narendranath goes to [Debendranath Tagore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debendranath_Tagore" \o "Debendranath Tagore) and asks him if he has seen God. Tagore confesses that he did not have that experience and also tells Narendranath that he had *Yogi'*s eyes.

Narendranath meets Ramakrishna in a friend's house where Narendranath sings a devotional song *Bina Prem Dhiraj Nahi*. Narendranath's song impresses Ramakrishna who asks him to visit [Dakshineswar Kali Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dakshineswar_Kali_Temple" \o "Dakshineswar Kali Temple), where Ramakrishna was based. Following Ramakrishna's invitation, Narendranath visits Dakshinewsar. The relation between Ramakrishna and Narendranath have been shown with great details. Narendranath initially rejects Ramakrishna but gradually accepts him as his master. Ramakrishna teaches him the true meaning of religion and how one can find God.

After the death of Ramakrishna, Narendranath takes formal monastic vow, becomes a [*Sannyasi*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sannyasi) and a wandering monk. In [Alwar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alwar), he meets Raja Mangal Singh whom he tells Hindu's idol-worship is actually a symbolic form of worship.

In 1893, Vivekananda goes to Chicago to attend the [Parliament of the World's Religions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliament_of_the_World%27s_Religions). There he gets tremendous success. The story of the film quickly moves to 1897, when Vivekananda returns to India. The film ends with a long English speech of Vivekananda in which he describes his ideals, objectives of Hinduism and prays for world-peace and fraternity.

## **Credits**

### Cast

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Mithun Chakraborty as [Ramakrishna Paramahamsa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramakrishna). Chakraborty's portrayal of Ramakrishna was widely appreciated and he won his third [National Film Award](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Film_Award_(India)).

* [Sarvadaman D. Banerjee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarvadaman_D._Banerjee) as [Swami Vivekananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Vivekananda)
* [Pradeep Kumar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pradeep_Kumar) as [Vishwanath Datta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishwanath_Datta), father of Vivekananda
* [Tanuja](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanuja) as Bhuvaneswari Devi, mother of Vivekananda
* [Mithun Chakraborty](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mithun_Chakraborty) as [Ramakrishna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramakrishna)
* [Debashree Roy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Debashree_Roy) as [Sarada Devi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarada_Devi)
* [Meenakshi Sheshadri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meenakshi_Sheshadri) as the young woman who desires to marry Narendranath Datta and later becomes *Sannyasini*
* [Vijay Raghavendra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vijay_Raghavendra) as Shivarama
* [Shobhana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shobhana) as Dancer