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National Youth Day

India celebrates National Youth Day on January 12. This date was chosen to honor the birthday of Swami Vivekananda, one of India's greatest spiritual and social leaders. The teachings of Swami Vivekananda are the greatest philosophical asset of the country. The main aim to celebrate the National Youth Day is to encourage the youths to learn the ideas and teachings of Vivekananda and implement them in their lives. The power of youth is common wealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in the society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of young people. He was the chief disciple of Ramakrishna Paramahansa and the founder of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission. Vivekananda was the first known Hindu Swami to go to the west, where he introduced Eastern thought at the World Parliament of Religions.

Vivekananda's advice to Youth:

Supreme value of youth is incalculable and indescribable. This wonderful period of the first state of your life is related to you as the soft wet clay in the hands of a potter. The way in which you utilize this period will decide the nature of coming years that lie ahead of you. Your happiness, success, honor and good name all depend upon the way in which you live now, in the period.

Everything is easy, when you are busy
But nothing is easy, when you are lazy.
- Swami Vivekananda