

National Youth Day: Notes for Civil Services Examination

National Youth Day is celebrated every year on January 12 to mark the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. It was declared by the Government of India in 1985 in order to honour the contribution made by Swami Vivekananda towards the betterment of Indian Society.

This article will elaborate on the purpose and importance of the National Youth Day within the context of the Civil Services Examination.

Importance of National Youth Day

The main purpose of the National Youth Day is to propagate the ideals and philosophies of Swami Vivekananda in today's youth, chief among them is rational thinking. As the youth is the future of the country, they are expected to live by such ideals and rise to the occasion should their nation require them to do so. Thus it can be said that they are indispensable assets to the overall growth and development of the nation.

How is National Youth Day celebrated?

The National Youth Day is organised every year by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The 23rd edition of National Youth Day which took place in 2020 was organised in collaboration with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

The National Youth Day is observed all over India at schools and colleges, with processions, speeches, music, youth conventions, seminars, presentations, competitions in essay-writing, recitations and sports on 12 January every year. Swami Vivekananda's lectures and writings, deriving their inspiration from Indian spiritual tradition and the broad outlook of his Master Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa. These were the source of inspiration and have motivated numerous youth organizations, study circles and service projects involving the youth.

The National Youth Day is the perfect platform to bring the youth of the country together in an attempt to provide them with the opportunity to showcase their talents through a wide variety of activities.

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Themes of National Youth Day

The following are the themes of National Youth Day since 2011 (The themes were first introduced by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affair at the beginning of 2011)

Themes of National Youth Day	
Year	Theme
2011	<i>'Sabse Pehle Bharat'</i>
2012	'Celebrating Diversity in Unity'
2013	'Awakening the Youth Power'
2014	'Youth for Drugs Free World'
2015	'Youngman" and 'Youth for Clean, Green and Progressive India'
2016	'Indian Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony'
2017	'Youth for Digital India'
2018	<i>'Sankalp ke Siddhi'</i>
2019	'Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building'
2020	'Fit Youth Fit India'