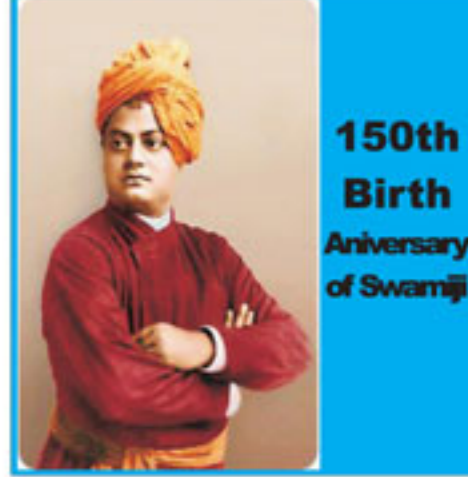




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## Swami Vivekananda : Life and Teachings

Swami Vivekananda, known in his pre-monastic life as Narendra Nath Datta, was born in an affluent family in Kolkata on 12 January 1863. His father, Vishwanath Datta, mother, Bhuvaneshwari Devi. A precocious boy, Narendra excelled in music, gymnastics and studies. By the time he graduated from Calcutta University, he had acquired a vast knowledge of different subjects, especially Western philosophy and history. Born with a yogic temperament, he used to practise meditation from his boyhood, and was associated with Brahma Movement for some time.

Shreyashree Banerjee

## Tagore-The Spiritually Enlightened Poet

Rabindranath Tagore's most famous collection of poems, 'Gitanjali' evokes joy and wonder even hundred years after it was written. The book was written in the first decade of the twentieth century when Tagore experienced a series of punishing losses. He lost his wife Mrinalini Devi in 1902, followed by his eldest daughter Renuka in 1903. In 1905, the poet's father, Maharshi Deben dranath Tagore, breathed his last and in 1907 his youngest child, Shamindranath, passed away. But Tagore never let his grief usurp his wisdom. Rather he distilled it to a touching realisation: "Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."

The poet who experience true inspiration is also an enlightened soul. He does not shut his doors to the outside world but

refines it through his imaginative capacity and offers the world an antidote for its maladies through his artistic works. The plea of a mourning father is buffeted by poet's attempt to drown his inner self in a pool of spiritual thinking to a c c c e p t death, the inevitable. "I am ready to accept more grief, and even if it is more than that, I must obey your command with respect....," he said. But the anguish that wrenched the father's heart could not be ignored altogether. "I feel a deep howling in my heart. I know I cannot give my attention to anything until I can quieten it down; he brooded. yet soon after, the deep anguish in him disappeared magically as he later wrote, "The n i g h t

Shami (Shamindranath) left for heaven, while travelling in a train, I saw the sky awash with

the beam of a full moon and nothing was conspicuous by its absence. I felt a prompt within: "Amidst all, everything is present, I too belong to this vastness. My duties are yet to be finished; I have to continue till I exist..."

As poet W.B Yeats wrote appropriately in his introduction to "Song Offerings", Tagore's book of English prose translations of his own verses: "These verses... as the generations pass, travellers will hum them in the highway and men rowing upon the rivers. Lovers, while they await one another shall find, in murmuring them, this love of God, a magic gulf where in their own more bitter passion may bathe and renew its youth..."

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His Excellency Shri M. K. Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal is glad to learn that Vivekananda College is bringing out a newspaper "Samsad Pratidhwani" to commemorate 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

The Governor extends his felicitations and best wishes to all those associated with the college and congratulates them on the occasion.

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