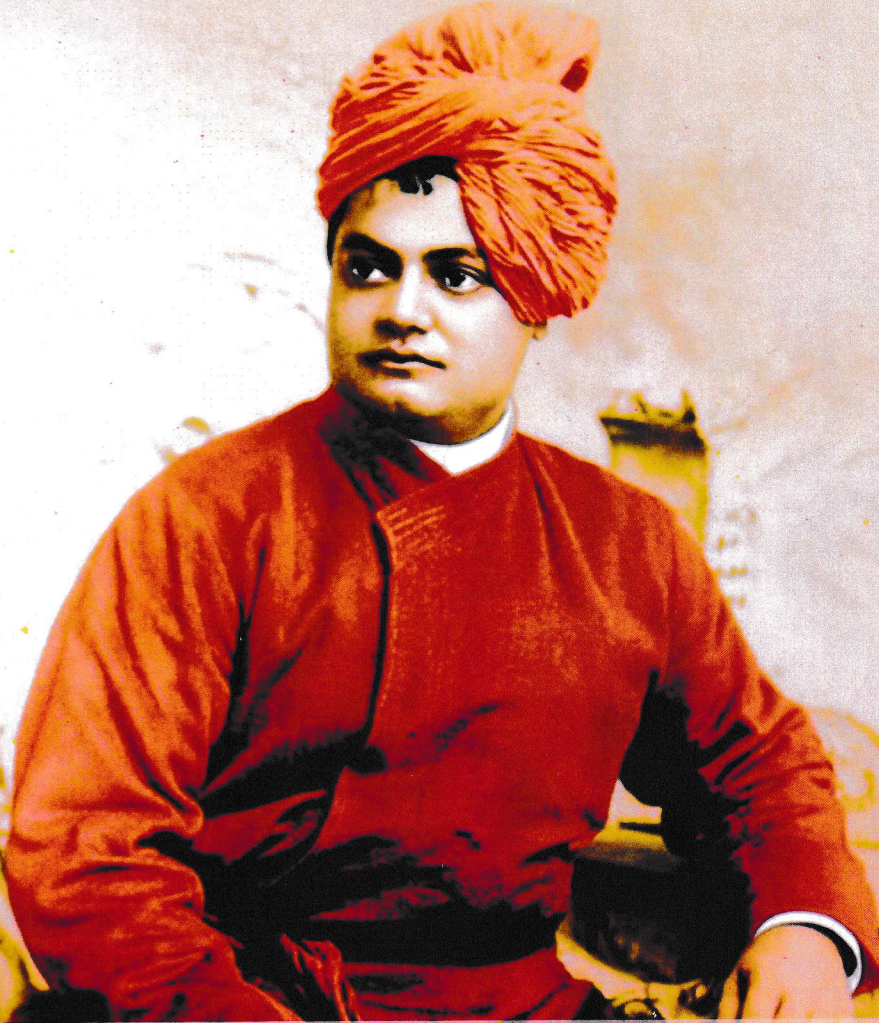


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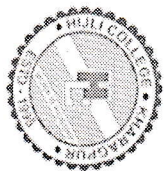
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THE RENAISSANCE CATALYST: SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S ROLE IN INDIA'S REVIVAL

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Abstract:

The Renaissance period in India, marked by a resurgence of cultural, intellectual, and spiritual awakening, owes much to the catalytic influence of Swami Vivekananda. Emerging as a pivotal figure in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Vivekananda's profound teachings, dynamic personality, and visionary outlook revitalized the nation's ethos and inspired a transformative movement towards self-discovery and empowerment. Central to Vivekananda's philosophy was the concept of Vedanta, which he presented as a universal spiritual truth transcending sectarian boundaries. His famous address at the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893 in Chicago catapulted him onto the global stage, where he eloquently espoused the ideals of religious tolerance, universal brotherhood, and the harmony of religions. This landmark speech not only introduced the world to the depth of Indian spirituality but also ignited a sense of pride and resurgence among Indians, rekindling a sense of identity and purpose. Vivekananda's emphasis on self-reliance, self-confidence, and service to humanity struck a chord with the masses, particularly the youth. Through his teachings and lectures, he sought to awaken the dormant potential within individuals and society at large, urging them to transcend limitations and strive for excellence. His establishment of the Ramkrishna Mission and the Vedanta Society provided organizational frameworks for the dissemination of his teachings and the implementation of social welfare programs, thereby bridging the gap between spirituality and social reform.

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