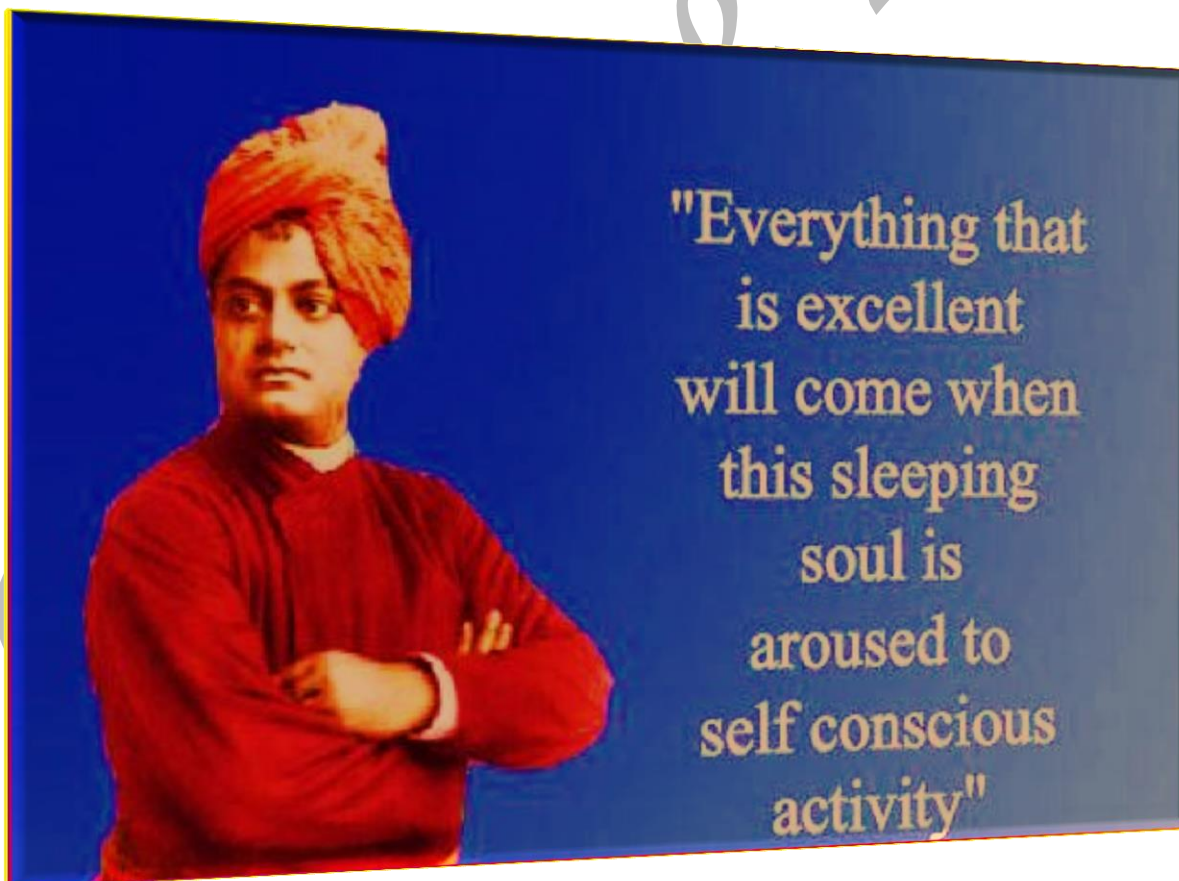




Happy New Year

National Youth Day



People of India celebrated 12th January as "National Youth Day" from 1984. Because, on this day in the year of 1863, a one man industry was born. He was known as the great philosopher, an inspiration to the youth, the embodiment of Indian culture and intelligence "Sri Swami Vivekananda, the great spiritual guru" of India. He stands as a role model for generations in various respects. The path laid by saintly philosophers, for leading a truthful and purified life is hardly followed by the materialistic society of today. Swami Vivekananda inspired many young people including great leaders like Nethaji Subash Chandra Bose through his works. His works and knowledge is an ideal and inspiration for the youth to achieve greater things in life.

Normally we can say that the age group in between 16 to 35 is called as the youth stage of life. This is known as the most productive stage of life. Indian youth has a special quality for popularize our culture and traditional values not only in India but also through out the world. With popular culture becoming more youthful and more accessible through TV, technology and global consumer brands, today's youth think that the traditional demographic terms are not able to spread longer benefit to them. So to teach and aware them about the essentialities of moral, cultural, and spiritual values in a human life, national youth day is observed every year on the eve of Swami Vivekananda's Jayanti on 12th January every year through out India.

The main objective of National Youth day is required for us to spread knowledge and the literature of Swami Vivekananda to the society, to build good characters and true citizens of the Nation. A responsible Youth must be taking the responsibility for the development of Individuals, villages and cities. Let us all put our efforts together to make a better society, inspired from the ideals of Swami Vivekananda is into: -

- Inspiring youth to channelize their powers towards the development of the Nation
- Working for fulfillment of basic needs of people
- Creating awareness in the people in various aspects of Health, Education, Technology.
- Develop the quality of Spiritualism among the Youth .



N. R. Narayana Murthy founder:Infosys Technologies

NagavaraRamaraoNarayana Murthy better known as N. R. Narayana Murthy, is an Indian businessman, software engineer and the founder of Infosys Technologies, a consulting and IT services company based in India. He is currently the non-executive Chairman and Chief Mentor of Infosys. He was the CEO of the company for 21 years, from 1981 to 2002. After stepping down as CEO in 2002, he has broadened his scope of activities to social services as well as promoting India globally. His estimated net worth is \$1.6 billion as of 2010.

Early life:

Born into a KannadaMadhwa Brahmin family in Mysore, India on August 20, 1946, Murthy graduated with a degree in electrical engineering from the National Institute of Engineering, University of Mysore in 1967 after attending government school, and received his master's degree from IIT Kanpur in 1969.

Personal life:

His wife, Sudha Murthy née Kulkarni, is an Indian social worker and accomplished author. She is known for her philanthropic work through the Infosys Foundation. Her sister, JayashreeDespande is wife of entrepreneur and founder of US-based Sycamore Networks, GururajDeshpande. They have two children - Rohan and Akshata. Rohan is engaged to VenuSrinivasan's (of TVS motors) daughter Lakshmi Venu. Akshata Murthy is married to Rishi Sunak.

Corporate profile:

Murthy served as the founder CEO of Infosys for 21 years, and was succeeded by co-founder NandanNilekani in March 2002. At Infosys he articulated, designed and implemented the Global Delivery Model which has

become the foundation for the huge success in IT services outsourcing from India.

He serves on the boards of various companies and universities across the world. Murthy serves as an independent director on the board of the DBS Bank of Singapore. This is the largest government-owned bank in Singapore. He also serves as a director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India, as the co-chairman of the plc. and as a member of the Board of NDTV, India.

Awards:

- Padma Shri - Government of India
- Padma Vibhushan - Government of India
- Officer of the Legion of Honor - Government of France
- Order of the British Empire- Government of United Kingdom.

Written Books:

- A Better India, A Better World.

Quotes:

- “Our assets walk out of the door each evening. We have to make sure that they come back the next morning.”
- “Performance leads to recognition. Recognition brings respect. Respect enhances power. Humility and grace in one's moments of power enhances dignity of an organisation,”
- “Progress is often equal to the difference between mind and mindset.”
- “I want Infosys to be a place where people of different genders, nationalities, races and religious beliefs work together in an environment of intense competition but utmost harmony, courtesy and dignity to add more and more value to our customers day after day.”
- “A clear conscience is the softest pillow in the world.”
- “When in doubt, disclose.”

Indian Sports Today



- **Leander Adrian Paes**, (born 17 June 1973) is an Indian professional tennis player who currently features in the doubles events in the ATP tour and the Davis Cup tournament. Having won 6 Doubles and 6 Mixed Doubles Tennis Grand Slam titles and finishing runners up in numerous other Grand Slam finals, he is considered to be one of the greatest and most respected contemporary doubles and mixed doubles players in the world. After winning the Mixed Doubles title with Cara Black at The Championships, Wimbledon in 2010, he became the first male tennis player since Rod Laver to win any Wimbledon title in three different decades.
- **Viswanathan Anand**, (born 11 December 1969) is an Indian chess Grandmaster and the current World Chess Champion. He held the FIDE World Chess Championship from 2000 to 2002, at a time when the world title was split. He became the undisputed World Champion in 2007 and defended his title against Vladimir Kramnik in 2008. He then successfully defended his title in the World Chess Championship 2010 against Veselin Topalov. As the reigning champion, he will face the winner of the Candidates Tournament for the World Chess Championship 2012.



Great Indians

Aryabhata (476–550 CE) was the first in the line of great mathematician-astronomers from the classical age of Indian mathematics and Indian astronomy. Aryabhata is the author of several treatises on mathematics and astronomy, some of which are lost. His major work, *Aryabhatiya*, a compendium of mathematics and astronomy, was extensively referred to in the Indian mathematical literature and has survived to modern times. The mathematical part of the *Aryabhatiya* covers arithmetic, algebra, plane trigonometry, and spherical trigonometry. It also contains continued fractions, quadratic equations, sums-of-power series, and a table of sines.

The *Arya-siddhanta*, a lost work on astronomical computations, is known through the writings of Aryabhata's contemporary, Varahamihira, and later mathematicians and commentators, including Brahmagupta and Bhaskara I. This work appears to be based on the older *Surya Siddhanta* and uses the midnight-day reckoning, as opposed to sunrise in *Aryabhatiya*. It also contained a description of several astronomical instruments: the gnomon (*shanku-yantra*), a shadow instrument (*chhaya-yantra*), possibly angle-measuring devices, semicircular and circular (*dhanur-yantra* / *chakra-yantra*), a cylindrical stick *yasti-yantra*, an umbrella-shaped device called the *chhatra-yantra*, and water clocks of at least two types, bow-shaped and cylindrical.

QUIZ #52

- 1 What is the name of our galaxy?
- 2 Who is chief justice of India?
- 3 Who is India's first woman grand master in chess?

ANSWER #51

- 1 Which monument in India has the longest corridor? → Rameshwaram Temple
- 2 Which is our National Science Day? → 28th Feb.
- 3 Where is Fort William located in India? → Calcutta

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