

Swami Vivekananda's Ideas and Philosophy of Education to Development of the Nation

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Abstract: *India is a country with varied and rich cultural heritage. Numerous great educationists came with their individual ideas and philosophy of education to place education system in a perfect frame in the 19th century. Among all, Swami Vivekananda (12th January, 1863 -4th July, 1902) was the most influential and renowned theorist, educationist and reformer of India with his ideas and philosophy of education which is the efflorescence of moral and spiritual culture. Vivekananda was not only a great supporter of Vedanta but also he had given Vedanta a practical form. Vivekananda had foreseen the emergence of various social evils due to imperfect education system in India. Modern India has put tremendous emphasis on the scientific and mechanical ways of life which is fast reducing man to the status of a machine. Moral and religious values are being diluted. The fundamental principles of civilization are being disregarded. According to Swami ji man is a compound of animality, humanity and divinity. The aim of education should be to help him grow from the animal to the divine state, through self effort, self realization and proper training. If modern India has failed in any domain, it is undoubtedly in the arena of producing genuine human beings, the key component of developed society, through a perfect education system. The present thematic paper attempts to highlight Swami ji's ideas and philosophy of education. It tries to analyze the relevance and need of his educational ideas and philosophy in the light of the twenty first century education system in India. Finally it attempts to explain education as a competent instrument to promote Imperishable development of the nation.*

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