

## **150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary Celebration of Swami Vivekananda (1863 – 2013)**

A Day Seminar on January 29, 2013

Organized by

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### **Swami Vivekananda: Eternal Journey Towards Truth**

Perhaps rarest of rare occasions do produce rarest phenomenon in a form of personality par-excellence overshadowing movement of ages beyond time and space. The birth of Swami Vivekananda was one such exceptional phenomenon and India, particularly the soil of Bengal, was certainly graced by his birth and eventful course of life which epitomized his eternal journey towards unquenchable quest for Truth, branded him as the 'Hindu Napoleon' in world history. Year 2012 to 2013 is celebrating across the world as 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) is going to organize a day seminar on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and memorize major rationale behind the development of the philosophical foundations of Vivekananda's social and political thought at Azad Bhavan, Salt Lake. Two academic sessions under the seminar theme of '**Swami Vivekananda: Eternal Journey towards Truth**' followed by a special lecture. First academic session will be focusing on '**The making of Swami Vivekananda**' – which includes Spiritual Realization, Universal Religion, Science of Religion, Political Thoughts, etc. Second academic session will be concentrating on '**Swami Vivekananda and Globalization**' – which includes Development, Youth Culture, Education, Women Empowerment, etc.

Inaugural lecture will be presiding by Swami Suparnananda, Secretary of Narendrapur Ramkrishna Mission. Three speakers will deliver their lectures in first academic session of the seminar. First speaker, Professor Hemandri Chatterjee, Ramkrishna Mission, Shilpapiitha is going to talk on the Journey of Narendranath Datta to Swami Vivekananda and his universal outlook. Second speaker, Professor Mousumi Chakraborty, Department of Philosophy, Fakir Chand College will deliver her lecture on Philosophy and Universal Religion. Third Speaker, Dr. Manas Dutta, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Maldha College will be focusing on Science and Vivekananda. This session will be chaired by Swami Suparnananda.

In the second academic session, we will have again another three speakers to contribute their ideas on Swami Vivekananda. First speaker, Professor Somnath Bhattacharya, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University will concentrate on Development, Civil Society and Vivekananda. Second speaker, Swami Muktesananda, Sisu Mangal Hospital will deliver his impression on Women Empowerment and Swami Vivekananda. Last speaker of this session Srimanti Sarker, Fellow, MAKAIAS is going to present her lecture on Education and Swami Vivekananda. This session will be chaired by Professor Amartya Mukhopadhyay, Department of Political Science, Calcutta University.

The academic session will end up with a special lecture by Professor Amartya Mukhopadhyay. The seminar will conclude with closing ceremony.

PROGRAMME  
**Swami Vivekananda: Eternal Journey Towards Truth**  
29 JANUARY 2013 (TUESDAY)

9.30 am – 10.00 am            REGISTRATION

10.00 am - Welcome Address by the Director, MAKAIAS

INAUGURAL LECTURE by Swami Suparnananda.

10.45 am – 11.00 am        TEA

11.00 am to 1.00 pm Session I: **The Making of Swami Vivekananda – Spiritual Realization, Universal Religion, Science of Religion, Political Thoughts.**

Chair: Swami Suparnananda

1. Prof. Hemandri Chatterjee – The Making of Swami Vivekananda
2. Prof. Mousumi Chakraborty – ‘Religion is Realization’.
3. Dr. Manas Dutta – Swami Vivekananda and Science.

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm    LUNCH

2.30 pm to 4.30 pm Session II: **Swami Vivekananda and Globalization – Development, Civil Society, Youth Culture, Education, Women Empowerment.**

Chair: Prof. Amartya Mukhopadhyay

4. Prof. Somnath Bhattacharya – Development, Globalization and Civil Society – Message from Swami Vivekananda.
5. Swami Muktesananda – Swami Vivekananda and Women empowerment.
6. Srimanti Sarker – Youth Culture, Education and Swami Vivekananda.

4.30 pm to 5.00 pm    TEA

5.00 pm to 5.45 pm

7. SPECIAL LECTURE by Prof. Amartya Mukhopadhyay