



# National Seminar on Nationalism in India and the Vision of Swami Vivekananda भारतीय राष्ट्रवाद और स्वामी विवेकानंद की अंतर्दृष्टि

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Organized by  
**Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Muzaffarpur**  
*In collaboration with*  
**Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University,  
Muzaffarpur**

## Introduction

The concept of nationalism in India has been dynamic and multifaceted, shaped by its long civilisational history, colonial experiences, and post-independence developments. Unlike the narrow and often exclusionary nationalism seen in many parts of the world, Indian nationalism-especially as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda-was rooted in spiritual unity, cultural diversity, and social inclusiveness. Vivekananda offered a model of nationalism that sought to unite the country through shared values, moral awakening, and service to humanity.

At a time when India was reeling under the weight of colonial subjugation, Swami Vivekananda emerged as a powerful voice of cultural resurgence and national pride. His stirring speeches in India and abroad, particularly at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago (1893), redefined India's image as a land of profound spirituality and ethical vision. For Swami Vivekananda, nationalism was not merely a political idea, it was a spiritual call to awaken the latent strength of the nation through self-discipline, education, and collective upliftment.

Vivekananda's message emphasized the strength of the common people, the importance of character over caste, and the essential unity underlying all religions. He believed that a strong nation is built not on military power or economic prowess alone, but on the foundation of fearless individuals, vibrant youth, and a compassionate society. He saw the divine in every individual and called for national reconstruction through the empowerment of the marginalized, the education of the youth, and the revival of India's moral and spiritual heritage.

In the current era marked by ideological polarization, identity conflicts and global uncertainties Vivekananda's inclusive and morally grounded vision of nationalism is more relevant than ever. His thoughts challenge us to go beyond superficial patriotism and engage in deeper self-transformation for the greater good of society.

This seminar, therefore, aims to bring together scholars, students and thinkers to reflect on the enduring legacy of Swami Vivekananda and to explore how his vision can inform and enrich contemporary understandings of Indian nationalism. It is an invitation to revisit the roots of our national identity and rediscover the spiritual and cultural strength that can guide India toward a more unified, ethical and resilient future.

**Papers are invited from academicians, researchers and Post Graduate students revolving around but not restricted to the following Sub-themes of the Seminar.**

**1. Philosophical and Cultural Roots of Indian Nationalism**

- a) The Vedic and Upanishadic basis of Indian identity
- b) Advaita Vedanta in Indian tradition.
- c) National unity through spiritual pluralism
- d) Ancient India's contributions to civilisational nationalism

**2. Swami Vivekananda's Vision of Nationalism**

- a) Philosophical bases of Vivekananda's thought
- b) Concept of 'Spiritual Nationalism'
- c) National regeneration through education, service, and character-building
- d) Religion as a tool for unity, not division
- e) The role of youth and monks in awakening India

**3. Historical Trajectories of Indian Nationalism**

- a) Indian Renaissance and reform movements
- b) Influence of Swami Vivekananda on Indian freedom fighters
- c) Comparative perspectives: Vivekananda, Gandhi, Tagore, Nehru

- d) Reconciling regional and pan-Indian nationalism

**4. Contemporary Discourses and Challenges.**

- a) Cultural nationalism vs. secular nationalism
- b) Nationalism, secularism, and inclusiveness in modern India
- c) Youth, digital media, and evolving patriotic consciousness
- d) Institutions and value-based nation-building today

**5. Reimagining Vivekananda's Vision in the 21st Century**

- a) Nation-building through education and spiritual values
- b) Social equity, women's empowerment, and ethical citizenship
- c) Vivekananda's ideals as a guiding force for policy and governance
- d) Developing a spiritually awakened, morally resilient, and inclusive India

**Submission Guidelines**

Plagiarized submission will not be accepted.

Time allowed to each speaker: 20 mins following which discussion, QA will be held.

(Preference to presentations made on the basis of written paper)

Hindi	English
Abstract: Word- Maximum 250-300	Abstract: Word- Maximum 250-300
Full Paper: Word- 3000-5000	Full Paper: Word- 3000-5000
Hindi font – Mangal	English font – Time New Roman
Size of Hindi font: 10	Size of English font: 12

### 1. Rules for Participation

Registration is Free, but it must be by way of filling in online Registration Form.

### 2. Query and Correspondence

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### 3. Important Dates

Registration to be done by: 10th September, 2025.

Last date of Submission of Abstract : 5th Sept., 2025

Full paper by : 10th September, 2025.

*It is compulsory to submit full research paper before 10th September, 2025.*

### 4. Accommodation

Accommodation available for outstation Resource Persons only.

### 5. Travel

The Ashrama will defray travel expenses for invited speakers.

### 6. Certificate

Participation Certificates will be issued to all participants.

### 7. Seminar Details

Complete seminar details can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.rkmsmuzaffarpur.org/>

### 8. Venue

Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama Swami

Vivekananda Path, Bela, Muzaffarpur – 842002.

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Respected Sir/Madam,

Subject: Invitation to Participate and Contribute a Research Paper in National Seminar on  
**“Nationalism in India and the Vision of Swami Vivekananda”**

We are pleased to inform you that Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Muzaffarpur, in collaboration with Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur, is organizing a three-day National Seminar on the theme “Nationalism in India and the vision of Swami Vivekananda” **from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

We are honoured to share that **Hon’ble Chancellor, Shri Arif Mohammad Khan** has kindly consented to inaugurate the seminar on **24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 11:00 AM**. Prof. D.C. Rai, Vice-chancellor, B.R.A. Bihar University will be the Chief Guest on the occasion.

We cordially invite you to participate in the seminar and contribute a research paper on the above theme. The seminar is open to the following categories:

- **Professors and academic faculty**
- **Ph.D. scholars, research students**
- **Postgraduate students**
- **Undergraduate students (as attendees only)**

Please note that all the abstracts will be published in the Seminar Souvenir which will be released in inaugural session of seminar. The invited research papers and selected papers, as determined by our Academic Review Committee will be published as conference proceedings.

We earnestly request you to encourage your colleagues, fellow researchers, and students to actively participate in the seminar and contribute to the rich intellectual and cultural discourse centered on **Nationalism in India and the Vision of Swami Vivekananda**.

We look forward to your esteemed presence and valuable contribution to this important academic event.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
Yours in service,  
Swami Bhavatmananda  
Secretary