

Swami Vivekananda's ideas have greatly influenced national leaders and gave a strong foundation for nation building. Justify

"Arise, awake. Stop not until the goal is reached". These are the words of Swami Vivekananda, national youth icon. His principles of VEDANTA provided a combined knowledge of spiritualism and reforms that shaped the process of nation building.

### 1) Secularism and Indian constitution

Swami Vivekananda followed his path of his guru Ramakrishna to explain the philosophy of 'Sarva dharma sama bhava'. Indian secularism has accepted these principles enshrined exclusively in Articles 25-28 (Fundamental rights)

### 2) Tradition and Toleration

The Chicago lectures (1893) earned him great respect and showed to the world about facets of Hindu life of toleration of all religions, amalgamation of all religions principles. This reduced the tensions between Muslim League and Indian National Congress moving towards religion based separation. Instrumental in refuting '2 nation theory' by Jawaharlal Nehru, SC Bose and Mahatma Gandhi

### 3) Scientific modernisation

→ Vivekananda supported Jagdish Chandra Bose's scientific projects to get patent rights, laying foundation stone for scientific development in India

→ He also inspired Jamssetji Tata to establish Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) opening a new chapter in economic upliftment

→ These gave a boost to 'atma shakti' concept, later propagated by nationalists.

### 4) Social reforms

→ His social reforms through VEDANTA society had impact on national leaders. He adopted the term 'Durdra Narayan', which was later used by Mahatma Gandhi in his 'Harijan' movement

→ He fought for upliftment of Indian women by rechristening Mistress Wiedika and opening Girls school in Calcutta

→ His special message towards India's millennials on youth helped instil values, quest for knowledge, mental strength, service to society. This inspired radical nationalist reformation and propounded Youth as pillar of future India.