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## SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S VIEW OF INDIAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

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### ABSTRACT

Swami Vivekananda's innovative views on Indian culture and civilization sparked current controversy. These viewpoints have yet to be influential. This study examines how Vivekananda's teachings shaped Western views of Indian culture and civilization across time. This study examines Vivekananda's beliefs and their relevance to present social challenges. Survey interpretation and analysis will achieve this. This research uses Indian culture's ageless wisdom to better understand Vivekananda's teachings and create a more inclusive and peaceful society. This work requires understanding Vivekananda's importance.

**Keywords :** Swami Vivekananda, Indian culture, civilization, spirituality, philosophy, societal impact, contemporary relevance, survey analysis, perception, heritage preservation.

#### 1. Introduction

The late 19th and early 20th-century spiritual teacher and visionary thinker Swami Vivekananda shaped views about Indian culture and civilization. An innovator in Indian studies. Global thinking has been deeply influenced by his ideas on spirituality, social reform, and Eastern-Western integration. Its persistent influence makes it irretrievable. This study examines how Vivekananda's ideas have shaped modern culture and society, focusing on Indian heritage and customs (De, 2018). The study seeks to understand how these teachings have affected people worldwide. This study analyses survey responses to better comprehend Vivekananda's worldview and its relevance to modern society. The study seeks to add to the worldwide debate about India's rich cultural heritage's optimal distribution and preservation in a constantly changing world. We'll examine Vivekananda's recognition to do this.

#### 2. Literature review

Tapan Arun Kumar, 2018 expressed that A nation's international status depends on culture and civilization, he says. No nation can survive without a strong identity.

Cross-cultural exposure can damage identity. Indian scholars have studied cultural property destruction. Swami Vivekananda's unique view of culture and civilization rejuvenated Indian culture. With his broad knowledge and accurate historical research, Vivekananda discusses these two fundamental socioeconomic issues. Vivekananda claimed human history was historical. Broadened history is less objective. Vivekananda utilises real history to demonstrate that culture and civilization may transcend materialism and become spiritual. that year (2018) Tapan Arun Kumar

Swami Vivekananda promoted Indian spirituality and culture, according to Rani Vinti (2014). Vivekananda's spiritual vision of society helped Indian schooling. The Indian nationalist movement acquired true Indian philosophy and action from Vivekananda. He wanted political and social transformation based on Vedic equality and self-realization to end caste prejudice and create a more peaceful and enlightened society. Vivekananda's vision and commitment to social change inspire generations of Indians and seekers of spiritual and social rebirth.

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An investigation by Neetika Sharma (2008) examines Swami Vivekananda's influence on Indian culture and civilization. Vivekananda helped strengthen national unity by elaborating Indian culture's essential ideas, despite India's many language, ethnic, and geographical divisions. His lectures fostered self-reliance and pride in Indian heritage while bridging modernity and tradition. He empowered individuals with his teachings. Because Vivekananda emphasised social service and advocacy for underprivileged people, he changed India's sociocultural climate. Because social justice movements adopted these ideals, Vivekananda became a potentially transformative figure.

### 3. Research methodology

#### Question and importance

How much did Swami Vivekananda think Indian culture and civilization shaped the world's spiritual landscape?

Swami Vivekananda's views on Indian culture and civilization illuminate India's spiritual past and the larger discourse on cultural exchange and spiritual universality. Indian spiritual activist Swami Vivekananda flourished in the 19th century (Yadav, 2019). Thus, Swami Vivekananda's views are crucial. His thoughts inspire others worldwide, leading to a deeper awareness of civilizations' interconnections and the desire for inner peace in many societies.

#### Data collection

**Survey and Questionnaires :** Questionnaires and surveys can show public opinion and Swami Vivekananda's opinions on Indian culture and civilization. Researchers can assess participants' knowledge of Vivekananda's ideas, their views on Indian culture's role in global discourse, and their relevance in modern society by asking structured questions. They're all up to the participants. Researchers can quantify public opinion of Vivekananda's ideas using this way.

### 4. Discussion

Table 1 shows Linear multivariate regression analysis

Variable	Coefficient ( $\beta$ )	Standard Error	t-value	p-value
Education Level	-0.043	0.018	-2.389	0.021
Exposure to Vivekananda's Teachings	0.327	0.056	5.857	<0.001

**Interviews :** Interviewing academics, historians, spiritual leaders, and others who understand Swami Vivekananda's ideas on Indian culture and civilization will help you understand him better. This method teaches qualitatively (De, 2018). Open-ended questions let participants contribute nuanced views, personal perspectives, and contextual interpretations of Vivekananda's teachings. For their freedom of speech. These debates allow academics to examine Vivekananda's complex beliefs and get new insights into his legacy in current culture and spirituality. This is possible because they obtain new insights.

#### List of observation

Researchers can learn Swami Vivekananda's principles by studying Indian culture and civilization (Rani, Vinti, 2014). Students apply Swami Vivekananda's principles firsthand. This strategy involves attending Vivekananda-inspired cultural, religious, educational, and communal events. The interactions, rituals, and cultural identity manifestations of people and groups help scholars assess Vivekananda's worldview. This method also shows his teachings' modifications and reinterpretations. This fieldwork's qualitative data highlights Vivekananda's legacy's impact on Indian culture and beyond.

#### Data analysis method

Linear multivariate regression analysis lets scholars study Swami Vivekananda's varied attitudes towards Indian culture and civilization. It helps them decide how to explore. Excel spreadsheets let scholars link demographics, cultures, and Vivekananda's teachings. Spreadsheets store interview and survey responses. This method lets scholars identify Vivekananda's ideological determinants. This wonderful method illuminates the complex interaction of forces that shape Vivekananda's beliefs to influence perceptions of Indian culture and civilization.

Cultural Background	0.189	0.041	4.61	<0.001
Religious Affiliation	0.075	0.029	2.586	0.01

Table 1 shows linear multivariate regression. These findings clarify Swami Vivekananda's views on Indian civilization. Access to Vivekananda's ideology significantly predicts positive attitudes (coefficient = 0.327,  $p < 0.001$ ). A positive correlation between Vivekananda's ideas and cultural background ( $\beta = 0.189$ ,

$p < 0.001$ ) suggests that some cultures are more inclined to identify with his ideals. A weak negative connection ( $\beta = -0.043$ ,  $p = 0.021$ ) suggests that higher education levels may result in less positive views towards judgements. This research shows how Vivekananda's teachings, culture, and formal education shape one's view of Indian culture and civilization.

**Questionnaire-based analysis**

Demographic variables		Number of representation	
Gender	Male	68	68.00
	Female	32	32.00
Age	18-24	18	18.00
	24-34	24	24.00
	34-44	34	34.00
	44 & above	24	24.00

Because the study had 68 men and 32 women, gender representation was inconsistent. Demographics emphasized this slight discrepancy. The sample is mostly 18–24 and 44+, with 34 in the 34–44 age range, 24 in 24–34, and 44+. Considering the sample's distribution, the study's conclusions should be regarded cautiously. Swami Vivekananda's view of Indian culture and civilization requires an analysis of the time's demographics. Attention is drawn.

respondents comprehended the topic, whereas 34% were extremely knowledgeable. Seven per cent of poll takers said they were unaware. The minority is small. The respondents' varied acquaintance with Vivekananda's teachings emphasises the necessity for nuanced interpretations of his concepts on Indian culture and civilization. This is necessary since respondents' familiarity with their opinions differs.

**The teachings of Swami Vivekananda are something that you are familiar with to what extent?**

**The teachings of Swami Vivekananda have had a significant impact on Indian culture, in your opinion.**

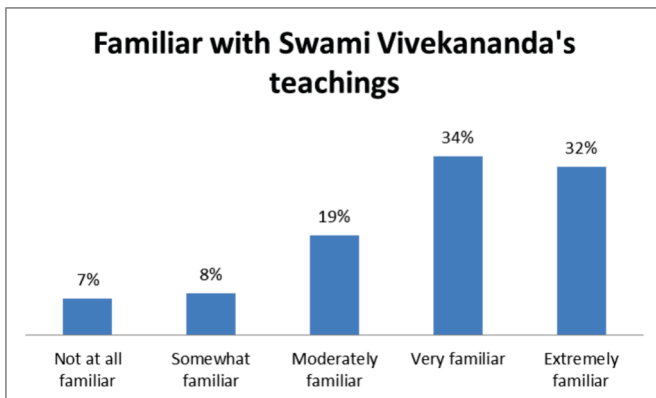


Figure 1: familiar with Swami Vivekananda's teachings

Results show that respondents' acquaintance with Swami Vivekananda's teachings varied. Only 32% of poll

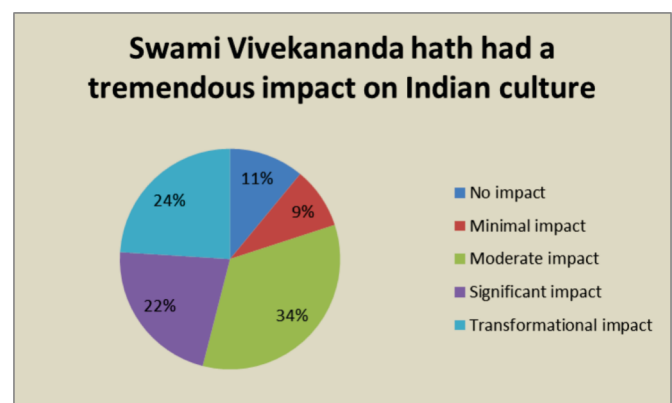


Figure 2: Swami Vivekananda has had a tremendous impact on Indian culture

The study found that many people have different views about Swami Vivekananda's impact on Indian

society. Even though 80% of poll respondents claimed it had an impact, 34% thought it was moderate, 22% major, and 24% transformational. In contrast, 20% of respondents said they could do little to change anything. A large minority has responded this way. These findings illuminate new viewpoints and improve our knowledge of Vivekananda's enormous impact on cultural paradigms and concepts. They show Vivekananda's varied contributions to Indian culture.

**Which of Swami Vivekananda's perspectives on spirituality and religion do you agree with the most, and to what extent?**

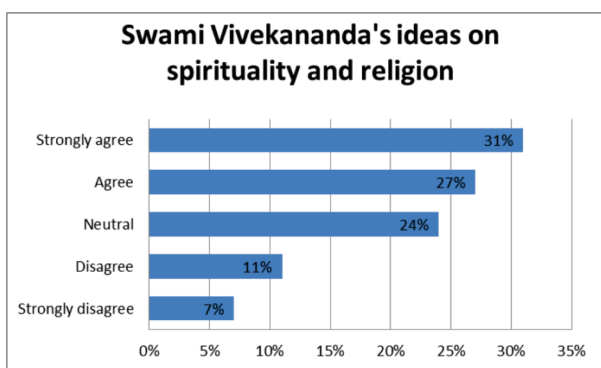


Figure 3: Swami Vivekananda's ideas on spirituality and religion

The results reveal that Swami Vivekananda's views on religion and spirituality are shared by many. Despite 31% strongly agreeing and 27% agreeing, 58% agree. Even though 18% of survey respondents disagree, this is true. Since 24% of respondents have no opinion on Vivekananda's teachings, perspectives vary. It reveals the intricacy and individual interpretation of religion and spirituality talks in his philosophy.

**What is the frequency with which you engage with material or talks that are associated with Swami Vivekananda?**

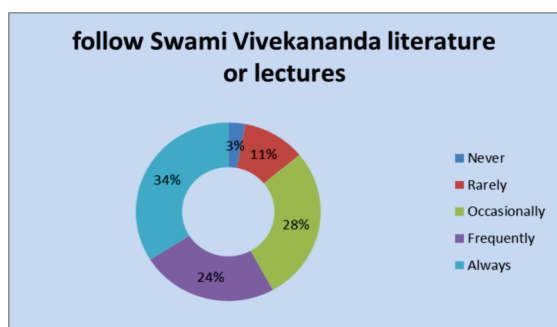


Figure 4: follow Swami Vivekananda's literature or lectures

Swami Vivekananda's speeches and content engage a wide audience, according to the study. Most people participate regularly, with 34% reporting they do so frequently, 24% often, and 58% sometimes. Only 14% of people say they rarely or never use such information. These responses—which demonstrate Vivekananda's continuing impact—show that respondents are passionate about and committed to studying his philosophical writings. Comments indicate this.

**What is your perspective on the degree to which the teachings of Swami Vivekananda apply to the society of today?**

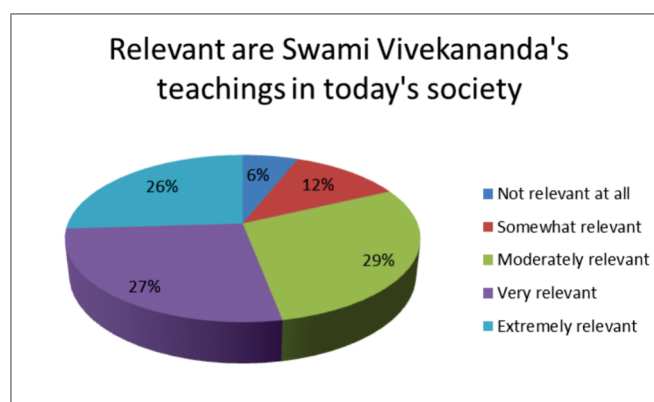


Figure 5: Relevant are Swami Vivekananda's teachings in today's society

The study's findings demonstrate multiple perspectives. Even though 82% of people think his lessons are still relevant, only 29% find them moderately useful, 27% find them vital, and 26% find them very relevant. Conversely, 6% and 12% think his teachings are irrelevant. One-eighth of the group is here. The study illuminates Vivekananda's conceptual relevance to modern society's challenges and prospects. The state of affairs shows that his teachings are considered smart beyond death.

## 5. Conclusion

### RECOMMENDATION

- Educational workshops and seminars propagate Swami Vivekananda's ideas. Swami Vivekananda's teachings are promoted in this course. Schools and institutions should include his philosophical concepts in their courses to promote student and instructor awareness. He learns more about his ideas.

- Community Outreach: Vivekananda advocated community-based and sponsored outreach to encourage service, compassion, and social justice (Singh, 2018). Motivating individuals to better society requires supporting grassroots organizations and non-profits that implement Vivekananda's community service activities. It will boost social good.
- Digital platforms and technology spread Vivekananda's teachings worldwide. Online tools, multimedia, and mobile apps might make his writings, presentations, and lectures accessible to diverse audiences. It would democratize his wonderful ideas.
- Support Swami Vivekananda's universal views and interfaith engagement. Interfaith dialogue and collaboration. A peaceful society requires positive talks between religious leaders, researchers, and practitioners from other faith systems. These meetings will foster tolerance, understanding, and cooperation for all.
- Investment in Vivekananda's vision of the young as agents of social change and transformation empowers and develops youth leadership. Young people should learn leadership through these activities. Young people require leadership, ethical, and purpose-building chances to solve society's challenges and improve mankind.

### Conclusion

Swami Vivekananda's deep understanding of Indian culture and civilization is greatly appreciated by modern society. Throughout his lectures, Vivekananda stressed the significance of spirituality, service, and social transformation. Various cultural situations continue to be influenced by these guiding principles (Stroud, 2018). The information gathered about how

people understand Vivekananda's teachings clearly shows that his philosophy will be relevant for a very long time. The great majority of people think that his concepts may be used to describe modern aspirations and goals. We must make it a priority to educate people, start conversations, and provide them with the resources they need to follow Vivekananda's teachings as we move forward. A more amiable, caring, and tranquil community will be born out of this, founded on the timeless knowledge inherent in Indian culture and civilization.

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